

Forår 2024 Projekt oversigt / Spring 2024 Project overview

IFS arbejder hele tiden på at skabe en tydelig sammenhæng mellem studerende og forskning. Som led i denne ambition tilbyder vi, at du som studerende kan skrive speciale eller en anden større opgave i tilknytning til et af instituttets forskningsprojekter.

Herunder finder du en samlet liste over forskningsprojekter, du kan tilknyttes. Hvordan samarbejdet konkret kan se ud, afhænger af mulighederne inden for hvert projekt, dine ønsker og din projekt/specialeidé. Du er derfor meget velkommen til at kontakte den associerede forsker med dine overvejelser, spørgsmål eller forslag til samarbejdet.

DPS works continuously to create a clear connection between teaching and research. As part of this ambition, we offer students the opportunity to write their MSc thesis or another substantial written assignment in association with one of the department's research projects.

Below you find a collected list of research projects that you can write in association with. How you collaborate will depend on the possibilities within each project, your wishes, and your project/thesis idea. For more details, you should contact the associated researcher with your thoughts, questions, or suggestions for the collaboration.

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<p>Governing climate change in shipping: the role of the International Maritime Organization.</p> <p>The shipping industry is a major emitter of greenhouse gas emissions, but the International Maritime Organization (IMO), shipping's major regulatory body, has so far failed to address the problem. This is surprising considering that the IMO has managed to address other environmental problems and that even major shipping companies such as Maersk want to reduce shipping's emissions. This project explains the politics of environmental protection at the IMO and why the organization has so far failed to develop effective climate mitigation policies. The project will be part of the ocean infrastructure research group.</p>	<p>Students working with us will participate in regular research meetings and present their papers at our research workshops. We intend to organize one workshop where students can discuss their research ideas/proposal and one where they can discuss their research results. S</p>	<p>Please contact: Jan Stockbruegger jbs@ifs.ku.dk</p> <p>Further information: https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/projects/ocinfra/</p>

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<p>Private actors in climate change: the case of Maersk and the maritime industry</p> <p>The shipping industry is a major emitter of greenhouse gas emissions. It is therefore conventionally believed that shipping companies oppose climate policies that would increase their business costs. Yet private companies are at the forefront of addressing climate change in shipping. Maersk, for example, leads a global initiative aimed at developing clean infrastructures on selected shipping corridors. This project explains why and how some private shipping actors address climate change. The project will be part of the ocean infrastructure research group.</p>	<p>Students working with us will participate in regular research meetings and present their papers at our research workshops. We intend to organize one workshop where students can discuss their research ideas/proposal and one where they can discuss their research results.</p>	<p>Please contact: Jan Stockbruegger jbs@ifs.ku.dk</p> <p>Further information: https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/projects/ocinfra/</p>
<p>Strategizing the maritime: The role and function of contemporary maritime security strategies.</p> <p>Since 2021 maritime security strategies have mushroomed across the globe. In 2022 the UK published a refreshed strategy, and also the EU is in the process of revisiting its strategy. This project investigates how political actors draft strategies, with what effect drawing on contemporary practice theory. The project will be part of the ocean infrastructure research group.</p>	<p>Students working with us will participate in regular research meetings and present their papers at our research workshops. We intend to organize one workshop where students can discuss their research ideas/proposal and one where they can discuss their research results.</p>	<p>Please contact: Jan Stockbruegger jbs@ifs.ku.dk</p> <p>Further information: https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/projects/ocinfra/</p>
<p>Small island states and the Indo-Pacific.</p> <p>How do small island states respond to the new pressures implied by new geopolitical thinking? How do they cope with the increasing militarization of the oceans. This project will investigate cases, such as Mauritius, Seychelles, Sri Lanka or Solomon Islands to identify the foreign policy repertoires that small states develop. The project will be part of the ocean infrastructure research group.</p>	<p>Students working with us will participate in regular research meetings and present their papers at our research workshops. We intend to organize one workshop where students can discuss their research ideas/proposal and one where they can discuss their research results.</p>	<p>Please contact: Jan Stockbruegger jbs@ifs.ku.dk</p> <p>Further information: https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/projects/ocinfra/</p>

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Port politics and the rise of geopolitical thinking. Why are states increasingly interpreting investments in port infrastructures as geopolitical instrument? This project investigates this question, by scrutinizing the port development strategies of China, UAE, and the European Union. The project will be part of the ocean infrastructure research group.	Students working with us will participate in regular research meetings and present their papers at our research workshops. We intend to organize one workshop where students can discuss their research ideas/proposal and one where they can discuss their research results.	Please contact: Jan Stockbruegger jbs@ifs.ku.dk Further information: https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/projects/ocinfra/
Kandidaternes kampagner ved kommunal og folketingsvalg Kandidaternes kampagner – spørgeskemaundersøgelser ved KV09, KV13, KV17, KV21, FV11, FV15, FV19 om kampagner i alle år. I senere år også om opstilling/politisk rekruttering, om omkostninger ved at være i politik og oplevelse af chikane.	Studerende tilbydes at anvende data, men kun offentliggøre resultater efter nærmere aftale. Mulighed for at deltage og præsentere i et seminar efter aftale.	Please contact: Karina Kosiara-Pedersen kp@ifs.ku.dk Further information: https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/centres/cvap/
Politisk deltagelse, politisk rekruttering og partimedlemskab Partimedlemmernes aktivitet, forhold til partiet, politiske ambitioner osv. (spørgeskemaundersøgelse blandt danske partimedlemmer fra 2019, evt. sammenligning med 2012 og fra december 2022 skulle der også være adgang til international sammenligning)	Studerende tilbydes at anvende data, men kun offentliggøre resultater efter nærmere aftale. Mulighed for at deltage og præsentere i et seminar efter aftale.	Please contact: Karina Kosiara-Pedersen kp@ifs.ku.dk Further information: https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/centres/cvap/

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Chikane i politik Hvad er chikane, hvem oplever chikane og hvilken betydning har chikane – i politik? Allerede tilgængeligt er spørgeskemaundersøgelse blandt kommunalbestyrelsesmedlemmer i 2020 og FV22 kandidater. I løbet af F23 kommer også interview.	Studerende tilbydes at anvende data – men ikke offentliggøre resultater. Studerende tilbydes at deltage i forskningsgruppemøder ca. hver anden uge i F24.	Please contact: Karina Kosiara-Pedersen kp@ifs.ku.dk Further information: https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/centres/cvap/
Democratic Innovations in a Green Transition This project focuses on the Danish national climate citizens' assembly but is also interested in democratic innovations more broadly as well as the relationship between democracy and climate change. The project collaborates with both public and semi-public institutions to develop new insights on how to empower and improve citizen engagement in the green transition. Relevant questions and research projects include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who participates (and who doesn't) in green transition politics? • Advantages and disadvantages of using citizens' assemblies • The relation between civil society and the formal political system in a green transition • The limits of deliberative democracy 	Please contact Lars Tønder for further information.	Please contact: Lars Tønder lt@ifs.ku.dk Further information: https://jura.ku.dk/cilg/research/democratic-innovations-in-a-green-transition-digt/

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<p>Policy making at the Court of Justice of the EU</p> <p>(comparative politics, judicial behavior, quantitative methods, R, social media, interest groups and litigation)</p> <p>The Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU/ECJ) has risen to power as the de facto supreme court of the EU and is undoubtedly the world's most powerful international court. Yet at its origin, it was an economic court set up to monitor the EU Commission and member states' compliance with their common agreements. How and why did this evolution come about?</p> <p>In our project on litigation before the ECJ, we study the strategies that the Court has adopted. In particular, we argue that it has sized the role as a protector of individual rights and successfully convinced the legal community about the legitimacy of its claim.</p> <p>Other topics include the individual behavior of judges and how they adjust to political signals and their own career concerns.</p> <p>There are several approaches to test empirical implications of this argument. If you are interested in investigating how the Court promotes cases and how they are received, this project may be for you. A relevant line of inquiry is the Court's presence on social media.</p>	<p>There is a global trend in which courts take on a political role. Yet research on the determinants and consequences of judicial policy making has remained timid outside of the US.</p> <p>Students working with us thus have the opportunity to break new ground in research on judicial politics. They will take part in reading groups and have the opportunity to present their own research on the topic.</p> <p>As a collaborator, you will draw on the project's unique data as well as contribute to our ongoing data collection. The project will give you hands-on experience with (quantitative) research and a deeper understanding of key topics in comparative politics, and specifically judicial politics.</p>	<p>Please contact: Silje Synnøve Lyder Hermansen silje.hermansen@ifs.ku.dk for reading tips and an informal chat.</p> <p>You can read more about the research at: https://siljehermansen.github.io</p>
<p>Lobbying on Corona Policies in Denmark and beyond</p> <p>InterCov Project on Interest Representation during the pandemic. There is data from two waves of a cross-country survey to assess the effects of lobbying during the pandemic.</p>	<p>The student can get access to survey data (two waves of a cross- country dataset) and, for instance, add observational data to the existing data for the thesis. Presenting/discussing the resulting paper to/with the rest of the InterCov team could be an option..</p>	<p>Please contact: Wiebke Junk Wiebke.junk@ifs.ku.dk</p> <p>Further information: InterCov Project Wiebke Marie Junk (wiebkejunk.com)</p>

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<p>Origins of Descriptive Representation (ODER) <i>Nøgleord: historisk politisk økonomi, politisk adfærd, kvantitative metoder, kausal inferens, data science</i></p> <p>Moderne demokrati hviler på repræsentation, men de folkevalgte ligner ikke den vælgerpopulation, som de repræsenterer. Selvom det er mere end 100 år siden, at danske kvinder og arbejdere opnåede politiske rettigheder, er de i dag fortsat politisk underrepræsenterede.</p> <p>Ved hjælp af maskinlæring digitaliserer ODER gamle valgresultater og undersøger, hvordan den første deskriptive repræsentation af kvinde- og arbejderkandidater påvirker vælgeropbakning, kandidatnomineringer, og retorik hos kandidaternes partier samt konkurrerende partier. Med det historiske fokus kan ODER belyse de tidligste hindringer for deskriptiv repræsentation for kvinder og arbejdere. Dette bidrager til at forstå kvinder og arbejderes underrepræsentation i moderne tid samt at forstå de hindringer der er for andre nutidigt underrepræsenterede grupper. Lyder kombinationen af (historisk) valgforskning, maskinlæring og kausal inferens som noget for dig? Så tag endelig kontakt!</p>	<p>Som specialestuderende på ODER, vil du få adgang til vores data, som for eksempel dækker de danske valgresultater siden grundloven i 1849 samt folketingstaler siden 1960.</p> <p>Omvendt forventer vi, at data som du selv måtte anskaffe ifm. specialet deles med ODER og kan blive anvendt i senere publikationer fra projektet.</p>	<p>Please contact: Frederik Hjorth fh@ifs.ku.dk</p> <p>Further information: https://www.carlsbergfondet.dk/en/Forskningsaktiviteter/Bevillingsstatistik/Bevillingsoversigt/CF22_0819_Frederik-Hjorth</p>

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<p>The Future of Humanitarian Design: <i>Dynamics of political violence in prisons, aid compounds, and refugee camps</i></p> <p>This project forms part of the Future of Humanitarian Design (HUD) research agenda (see https://www.humanitarian.design). HUD explores the future of using novel technologies, architectural designs, and aesthetic projects to transform humanitarian space. It partners with leading academic institutes, core practitioners at organizations such as the ICRC and Doctors Without Borders, as well as activist groups and others.</p> <p>In this sub-project, we are seeking students interested in focusing on analysing the material, technological, and aesthetic dynamics of political violence as they affect three spaces: prisons or detention centres, humanitarian aid compounds, and refugee camps. This may involve, for example, exploring how different technologies (e.g., tasers, architectural designs, tents, etc.) have increased or decreased the frequency of violence for different reasons. Projects can be theoretically-orientated or empirically-focused on concrete initiatives in this area. We also encourage the use of creative or non-traditional research approaches.</p>	<p>Students working with us will be given the opportunity to contribute to a cutting-edge research agenda that combines the insights of multiple academic disciplines, practitioner expertise, and activist-artistic interventions. They will be given the chance to participate in regular research meetings and possibly workshops as appropriate. They will also have the possibility to publish elements of their work as part of the project in different formats (academic, practitioner-focused, etc.).</p>	<p>Please contact Jonathan Luke Austin jl@ifs.ku.dk</p> <p>Further information: https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/projects/hud/</p> <p>https://humanitarian.design</p>

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<p>The Future of Humanitarian Design: Aesthetic and Speculative Interventions</p> <p>This project forms part of the Future of Humanitarian Design (HUD) research agenda (see https://www.humanitarian.design). HUD explores the future of using novel technologies, architectural designs, and aesthetic projects to transform humanitarian space. It partners with leading academic institutes, core practitioners at organizations such as the ICRC and Doctors Without Borders, as well as activist groups and others.</p> <p>In this sub-project, we are seeking students interested in exploring how ‘aesthetic’ approaches (e.g., artistic, creative, sensorial, architectural, etc.) to humanitarian design are being deployed to imagine novel alternatives to the current failures of humanitarian action. Projects can be theoretically-orientated or empirically-focused on concrete initiatives in this area. We also encourage the use of creative or non-traditional research approaches.</p>	<p>Students working with us will be given the opportunity to contribute to a cutting-edge research agenda that combines the insights of multiple academic disciplines, practitioner expertise, and activist-artistic interventions. They will be given the chance to participate in regular research meetings and possibly workshops as appropriate. They will also have the possibility to publish elements of their work as part of the project in different formats (academic, practitioner-focused, etc.).</p>	<p>Please contact Jonathan Luke Austin jla@ifs.ku.dk</p> <p>Further information: https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/projects/hud/</p> <p>https://humanitarian.design</p>

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<p>The Future of Humanitarian Design: Humanitarian presents and pasts in the Congo and Colombia</p> <p>This project forms part of the Future of Humanitarian Design (HUD) research agenda (see https://www.humanitarian.design). HUD explores the future of using novel technologies, architectural designs, and aesthetic projects to transform humanitarian space. It partners with leading academic institutes, core practitioners at organizations such as the ICRC and Doctors Without Borders, as well as activist groups and others.</p> <p>In this sub-project, we are seeking students interested in taking a ‘deep-dive’ into the contemporary and historical dynamics of humanitarian action in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and/or Colombia. This may involve an analysis of themes such as 1) contemporary dilemmas of humanitarianism in each region, 2) alternative, local, or indigenous practices of humanitarianism in each site, 3) the connections of present-day humanitarian dilemmas to past practices of colonialism, imperialism, and/or domination. Projects can be theoretically-orientated or empirically-focused on concrete initiatives in this area. We also encourage the use of creative or non-traditional research approaches.</p>	<p>Students working with us will be given the opportunity to contribute to a cutting-edge research agenda that combines the insights of multiple academic disciplines, practitioner expertise, and activist-artistic interventions. They will be given the chance to participate in regular research meetings and possibly workshops as appropriate. They will also have the possibility to publish elements of their work as part of the project in different formats (academic, practitioner-focused, etc.).</p>	<p>Please contact Jonathan Luke Austin jl@ifs.ku.dk</p> <p>Further information: https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/projects/hud/</p> <p>https://humanitarian.design</p>

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<p>Magtudredningen 2.0 <i>Hvordan fungerer samspillet mellem folkestyrets nationale institutioner i det 21. århundrede?</i></p> <p>Siden den første magtudredning har samspillet mellem folkestyrets institutioner været til debat. Dette tema analyserer samspillet mellem folkestyrets nationale institutioner forstået som Folketing, regering, ministerier, og domstole. Temaet belyser blandt andet forvaltnings- og embedsniveauets rolle og kompetencer både i forbindelse med lovgivningsprocesser og regulering i øvrigt. Temaet analyserer også centralisering og samspillet mellem forskellige ministerier såvel som mellem ministre og embedsmænd. Der vil også blive set nærmere på, om forvaltningen er blevet mere politiseret og om fagligheden er under pres. Temaet inddrager desuden offentlighedsloven og parlamentariske kontrolredskaber, herunder brugen af eksempelvis kommissioner og advokatundersøgelser.</p>	<p>Studerende skal selv skaffe adgang til data. Der vil være mulighed for at følge Magtudredningens arbejde med temaet i foråret 2024. Den første del af arbejdet er afholdelse af en række workshops. Hver workshop skal (1) konkretisere de vigtigste forskningsspørgsmål indenfor det pågældende tema, (2) afdække hvad vi allerede ved om disse forskningsspørgsmål og (3) afdække hvilke huller, der fortsat eksisterer i vores videnskabelige viden. Studerende vil kunne arbejde parallelt med dette forløb men forventes at arbejde selvstændigt.</p>	<p>Please contact Prof. Lene Holm Pedersen lh@ifs.ku.dk</p> <p>Further information: https://ps.au.dk/forskning/forskningsprojekter/magtudredningen2</p>

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<p>Magtudredningen 2.0 <i>Hvad er vilkårene for det lokale og regionale demokrati i det 21. århundrede?</i></p> <p>Siden den første magtudredning er der sket store ændringer i det lokale demokrati og der opstår i for mange tilfælde uklarhed i den offentlige debat om hvorvidt beslutninger træffes på kommunal, regionalt eller statsligt niveau. Dette tema fokuserer på strukturelle forskydninger og statens styring af kommunerne (eksempelvis i forbindelse med budgetloven), kommunernes implementering af vedtagne politikker, innovation i det lokale demokrati og nye rammer for den lokale velfærd, f.eks. gennem frikommuneforsøg og samarbejdsformer der går på tværs af sektorer og faggrænser. Desuden behandles de afledte konsekvenser for borgernes oplevelse af det lokale demokrati.</p>	<p>Studerende skal selv skaffe adgang til data. Der vil være mulighed for at følge Magtudredningens arbejde med temaet i foråret 2024. Den første del af arbejdet er afholdelse af en række workshops. Hver workshop skal (1) konkretisere de vigtigste forskningsspørgsmål indenfor det pågældende tema, (2) afdække hvad vi allerede ved om disse forskningsspørgsmål og (3) afdække hvilke huller, der fortsat eksisterer i vores videnskabelige viden. Studerende vil kunne arbejde parallelt med dette forløb men forventes at arbejde selvstændigt.</p>	<p>Please contact Prof. Lene Holm Pedersen lh@ifs.ku.dk</p> <p>Further information: https://ps.au.dk/forskning/forskningsprojekter/magtudredningen2</p>

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<p>Digital sovereignty: European visions for self-determination in a digital age (SOVEREIGN)</p> <p>'Digital sovereignty' is a call for action that we – as individuals or collectives – should take (back) control of our data. Telling a story of being hemmed in by US tech-capitalism and Chinese and Russian tech-authoritarianism, European actors now seek a 'third way' into the digital future. Yet 'digital sovereignty' remains enigmatic and contradictory. There is neither a shared sense of what 'digital sovereignty' means, nor why and how it might be achieved. At stake in the ongoing negotiations of policy and legislation, ultimately, is the relationship between political authority, corporate interests, and citizen rights and the roll-out of the doctrine cut to the very future of democratic governance and international order. SOVEREIGN (funded by the VELUX Foundation) combines political discourse analysis with multi-sited political ethnography to uncover the production, negotiation, and appropriation of the emerging 'digital sovereignty' doctrine. The project traces the discursive framing, justifications and practical uses of 'digital sovereignty' in the EU institutions, in the tech companies, and in EU member states.</p>	<p>We are looking for Master students interested in writing their thesis on themes related to the tech agenda, geopolitics and or international relations. We particularly focus on qualitative and ethnographic methods. We offer participation in relevant meetings and one dedicated meeting on the master project and its possible contributions to existing research.</p> <p>Students will be offered to participate in the tech policy reading group.</p>	<p>Please contact: Prof. Rebecca Adler-Nissen (principal investigator) ran@ifs.ku.dk</p>

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<p>Bodies as Battleground: Gender Images and International Security</p> <p>Images – photographs, cartoons, videos, posters, memes, and paintings – are crucial for how threats and insecurity are communicated. Photographs of suffering and crying illustrate that there are humans in need of protection. Paintings of soldiers fighting on the battlefield show bravery as well as violence and atrocities. State-created video adverts about national values and alien cultures may articulate a value system under threat. Whenever humans are featured in images, there are faces and bodies. How we read these faces and bodies is gendered. The research project “Bodies as Battleground: Gender Images and International Security” is devoted to furthering our knowledge of how gender, images, and security are connected. It provides theory and analysis of how images represent threats and danger by showing humans in specific and gendered ways. It studies if an increase in the level of violence has implications for gender roles. The BODIES research project is identifying and examining iconic representations of masculinity and femininity during times of war. "Bodies as Battleground" has principally focused on the connection between gender, images, and security, one of the project's members, Dean Cooper-Cunningham, also explores the connection between sexuality, queer politics, images, and security. This too links to questions about the body, particularly: (a) how powerful political actors attempt to control the types of (sexual) pleasure and desire bodies are able to engage in/receive/do; and (b) how state and state-adjacent actors target specific individuals/groups for annihilation on the basis of their (suspected) gender or sexuality.</p>	<p>Students who write their MSc thesis in connection to BODIES will be invited to a special workshop with the other members of the project for a discussion of their thesis.</p>	<p>Please contact: Dean Cooper-Cunningham dcc@ifs.ku.dk</p> <p>Further information: https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/projects/bodies-as-battleground/</p>