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## Short presentation

I am interested in why some countries are richer than others. In my search for the deeprooted casues, my research has brought me far back into history and into questions such as "Why are some societies more religious than others?".  
General research interests: Economic growth in the long run, cultural values, religion, institutions, geography

## Education

2013 Maternity leave (9 months)  
2011 PhD in Economics, University of Copenhagen (defended Nov, 2011).  
Thesis title: "Why are Some Countries Richer than Others?"  
Examiners: Sascha O. Becker (Warwick), Mark Gradstein (Ben-Gurion), David Dreyer Lassen (Copenhagen, chair).  
Supervisor: Carl-Johan Dalgaard.  
2010 Maternity leave (12 months)  
2008 Visiting PhD student, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona.  
2006 M.Sc. in Economics, University of Copenhagen.  
2003-04 Visiting Master student, University of Victoria, Canada.  
2002 B.Sc. in Economics, University of Copenhagen.

## Academic and Professional Positions

2013-17 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen  
2012-13 Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen  
2007-08 Head of Section, The Ministry of Finance  
2005-06 Research Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen

## Publications

### **Power and Persistence: The Indigenous Roots of Representative Democracy**

Sinding Bentzen, J., Hariri, J. G. & Robinson, J. A., 1 Feb 2019, In : The Economic Journal. 129, 618, p. 678-714

### **Irrigation and Autocracy**

Bentzen, J. S., Kaarsen, N. & Wingender, A. M., 2017, In : Journal of the European Economic Association. 15, 1, p. 1-53

### **Pre-Reformation Roots of the Protestant Ethic**

Andersen, T. B., Bentzen, J. S., Dalgaard, C-J. L. & Sharp, P., 2017, In : Economic Journal. 127, 604, p. 1756-1793

### **Lightning, IT diffusion and Economic Growth across US States**

Andersen, T. B., Bentzen, J. S., Dalgaard, C-J. L. & Selaya, P., Nov 2012, In : Review of Economics and Statistics. 94, 4, p. 903-24 22 p.

### **How Bad is Corruption? Cross-country Evidence of the Impact of Corruption on Economic Prosperity**

Bentzen, J. S., 16 Jan 2012, In : Review of Development Economics. 16, 1, p. 164-187

### **Does the Internet Reduce Corruption? Evidence from U.S. States and Across Countries**

Andersen, T. B., Bentzen, J. S., Dalgaard, C-J. L. & Selaya, P., 2011, In : World Bank Economic Review. 25, 3, p. 387-417 31 p.

**Credit demand in Mozambican manufacturing**

Byiers, B., Rand, J., Tarp, F. & Bentzen, J., 2010, In : Journal of International Development. 22, 1, p. 37-55 19 p.

**Trade and Development: Lessons from Vietnam's Past Trade Agreements**

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**Trade and Development: Lessons from Vietnam's Past Trade Agreements**

Abbott, P., Bentzen, J. S. & Tarp, F., 2009, In : World Development. 37, 2, 36 p.