

## CV – CHRISTOFFER JESSEN WEISSERT

### INFORMATION

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### ACADEMIC PROFILE

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I am interested in how economies work – and do not! In general, I am convinced that there are good and bad ways to design societies and I believe that the best society exists when as many people as possible is as happy as possible. Due to that interest, I study economics. In my first years of study I have been very interested in theoretical macroeconomics and as the years have passed by I have developed a still growing interest in empirical macroeconomics too.

### EDUCATION

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Summer 2018: **PhD student, University of Copenhagen**

Scholarship: The Central Bank of Denmark, Nationalbanken.

Focus: Empirical macroeconomics and stabilization policy in heterogenous agent models.

Summer 2018 **MSc in economics, University of Copenhagen**

Focus: Econometrics with a special focus on identification strategies.

Master's thesis: "World shock! The effects of changes in foreign demand on a small, open economy". An empirical study of how foreign demand shocks affect a small open economy using Local Linear Projections to estimate impulse response functions.

Supervisor: Søren Hove Ravn. Result: A

- Spring 2017     **Exchange Graduate Research Student, University of British Columbia**  
Focus:         I visited UBC as an exchange graduate research student where I studied methods for identification in microeconometrics with an applied study of how information affects consumer behavior. The main method was a regression discontinuity design.
- Winter 2015     **BSc in economics, University of Copenhagen**  
Focus:         Macroeconomic modelling  
BA-project:     "Optimal commodity taxation – Propositions for an optimal tax scheme design when including informal market production of two goods". A theoretical and empirical investigation of optimal commodity taxation in an economy with an informal market. The model was used to evaluate the so-called BoligJobordning. Co-authored with Rasmus Kehlet Berg.  
Supervisor: Peter Birch Sørensen. Result: A.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- Spring 2017     **Master's thesis student, MAKRO**  
About:         In cooperation with the MAKRO-group I wrote my master's thesis. The thesis serves as a part of the empirical foundation for the model. MAKRO is the new macroeconomic model of the Danish economy developed for the Danish Ministry of Finance.  
Method:         The primary method was Local Linear Projections to estimate Impulse-Response Functions. The LP method was used as an alternative to VAR models.
- Fall 2017         **Research assistant, MAKRO**  
About:         Before working as master's thesis student, I worked at MAKRO as a research assistant.  
Areas:         Robustness analysis of the calibration of the model.
- 2014-2017       **Research assistant, the research institute Kraka**  
About:         Kraka is a politically independent research institute conducting economic analysis of the Danish economy in order to contribute to the public debate. The analysis are primarily based on register data from Statistics Denmark.  
Areas:         As a research assistant at Kraka, I spend a great deal of time working with register data and doing pre-analysis. Amongst other things, I worked on a project about the effects of building highways.
- 2015-2017       **Teaching assistant, Macroeconomics I and II, University of Copenhagen**

and spring 2018

About: The courses follow the textbook "Introducing Advanced Macroeconomics". The first course studies the macro economy at the long run and the second studies the short run.

## ADDITIONAL

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2015 - 2018 **Board member, The Danish Economic Society**

About: The Danish Economic Society hosts debates for the general public about the current state of affairs in economics. Additionally, the union also publishes the Danish Economic Journal.

2016 **Nominee, BCG Student of the Year**

2014 **Founder of Polit Case Competition**

About: Together with Frederik Wagner and Albert Nygård, I founded Polit Case Competition in 2014. Our motives were to invite students of economics to solve a case given by one of our partners from the industry. We wanted to close the gap between the university studies and the tasks faced by educated economists. Copenhagen Economics and McKinsey are among the partners who has written a case for Polit Case Competition.

2014 – 2016 **Board member and Vice Chairman, Social Economic Society**

About: The Social Economic Society is the student pendant to the Danish Economic Society and hosts debates for students with interests in economics. The debates are public and free of charge.