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Research interests

Authoritarianism, democratization, elections, electoral manipulation, election observation, state capacity, political violence.

Academic positions

2015- : Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University

2016: Visiting Fellow, The Electoral Integrity Project, University of Sydney

Education

2015: PhD, Political Science, Aarhus University. *The Power to Control: How State Capacity and Economic Control Condition the Effect of Authoritarian Elections*

2013: Visiting Fellow, Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Stanford University

2012: MSc Political Science, Aarhus University

2008: MSc Comparative Politics, London School of Economics

2007: BSc Political Science, Aarhus University

Publications

Wahman, Michael and Merete Bech Seeberg. "Paying to Play. How Parliamentary Candidates Fund Ruling Party Campaigns in Malawi" Forthcoming in *Comparative Politics*.

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Seeberg, Merete Bech. 2017. "Stabilitet og forandring i autoritære regimer", s. 151-172 i *Introuktion til komparativ politik*, Hassing Nielsen, J., Aagaard Seeberg, M., Tolstrup, J. (red), København: Hans Reitzel.

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Seeberg, Merete Bech. 2013. "Authoritarianism and Elections during the Third Wave", *Statsvetenskaplig Tidsskrift*, 115(4): 313-344.

Media publications

Elklit, Jørgen, Merete Bech Seeberg og Svend-Erik Skaaning. 2016. "Vold i egne rækker". *Weekendavisen, Ideer*, 23. september, s. 5.

Elklit, Jørgen og Merete Bech Seeberg. 2016. "Verdensmestre i valg". *Weekendavisen, Ideer*, 23. marts, s. 4.

Seeberg, Merete Bech. 2015. "Valgobservatører: Gør de en forskel?". *Weekendavisen, Ideer*, 11. december, s. 12.

Seeberg, Merete Bech. 2015. "Når diktatoren udskriver valg". *Weekendavisen, Ideer*, 10. april, s. 12.

Working papers

Wahman, Michael, and Merete Bech Seeberg. 2020. "Ruling Party Advantages from the Top-down or the Bottom-up: Unequal Campaign Spending in Malawian Parliamentary Elections." Unpublished manuscript.

Awards

2008: Awarded the Bill Letwin Prize for best performance in the master program in Comparative Politics (Democracy), London School of Economics.

Teaching

2015, 2016, 2017: Comparative Politics, lecture series and seminars, BA, Aarhus University.

2014, 2015, 2016: Introductory course on election observation for EU and OSCE election observers, The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2013: Authoritarian Regimes: Stability, Change, and Breakdown, seminar, MA, Aarhus University.

2010: Comparative Politics II; TA, BA, Aarhus University.

Reviewer tasks

British Journal of Political Science, European Journal of Political Research, Democratization, Italian Journal of Political Science, Nordisk Østforum, Statsvetenskaplig Tidsskrift.

Field work and stationings

2014: OSCE short-term election observer, Moldova.

2014: Field work including elite interviews, Harare and Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

Personal

Danish citizen. Mother of four. Maternity leave 2010-2011, 2012, 2018-2019, 2020-2021. Currently employed part time.