

Curriculum Vitae, Jørgen Møller

Employment:

Professor (full), Political Science, Aarhus University, 2019-.

Professor (fixed term), Political Science, Aarhus University, 2014-2019.

Associate Professor, Political Science, Aarhus University, 2010-2013.

Assistant Professor, Political Science, Aarhus University, 2008-2010.

PhD Scholar, Social and Political Sciences, European University Institute, 2004-2007.

Google scholar profile: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=3rba15gAAAAJ&hl=da&oi=sra>

Education:

PhD in Political Science, European University Institute, 2007; MSc in Political Science (cand.scient.pol.), Aarhus University, 2003; BSc in Political Science (bac.scient.pol.), Aarhus University, 2001

Awards & Honours:

“Sven Henningsen Prize” 2010 (with Svend-Erik Skaaning) and 2025 (solo) for best Danish popular research book in Contemporary History, Political Science, and International Relations.

Nominated by the Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, to the AUFF Forskningsformidlingspris 2017 and the EliteForsk prize 2018.

Member of The Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters (Videnskabernes Selskab), 2015-

“Forskningsprisen” (Research prize of the year”), Aarhus BSS, 2015.

”Årets forsker 2014” (Researcher of the year 2014), Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, 2014.

“Frank Cass Prize” (best article published in Democratization, 2011), received with co-author Svend-Erik Skaaning for Stateness First?, 2012

“Meisel-Laponce Award” (best article published in the International Political Science Review, 2006-2010, received with co-author Svend-Erik skaaning for Beyond the Radial Delusion: Conceptualization and Measuring Democracy and Non-democracy), 2011

”Årets underviser 2010” (Lecturer of the year 2010), Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, 2010.

”Årets underviser 2009” (Lecturer of the year 2009), Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, 2009.

Nominated by the European University Institute’s Department of Social and Political Sciences for the Juan Linz PhD Prize, 2008, and the Jean Blondel PhD Prize, 2009 (among the 36 PhD dissertations finished in 2007).

”Ung Eliteforsker 2007” (Young Elite Scholar 2007), awarded by the Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation (DKK 200,000), 2007.

External Funding

The Crusades and European State-formation, the Danish Research Council for the Social Sciences, 3,167,978 DKK, 2025

The Catholic Origins of the Rise of Europe, the Danish Research Council for the Social Sciences, 2,857,000 DKK, 2020 and Carlsberg Foundation, 878,248 DKK, 2019.

Conflict and Democratization, Innovationsfonden, principal investigator of large research group, 16,000,000 DKK, 2014.

The Ups and Downs of Democracy: A Comparative Study of Democratic Deepening and Regression, the Danish Research Council for the Social Sciences, joint with John Gerring and Svend-Erik Skaaning, 7,052,577 DKK, 2012.

Subregional Patterns of Post-Communist Political Diversity, funded by the Danish Research Council for the Social Sciences, 1,874,516 DKK, 2008.

PhD supervision

Co-supervisor of PhD-student Michael Seeberg (defended in 2013)

Principal supervisor of PhD-student Suthan Krishnarajan (defended in 2018)

Principal supervisor of PhD-student Fenja Søndergaard Møller (defended in 2019)

Co-supervisor of PhD-student Mikkel Sejersen (defended in 2019)

Co-supervisor of PhD-student Alexander Taaning Grundhold (defended in 2020)

Principal supervisor of PhD-student Jonathan Doucette (defended in 2020)

Principal supervisor of PhD-student Anders Gammelholm Wieland Doucette (defended in 2022)

Member of research evaluation committees:

Member of the Political Science Panel in the five-year (2025-2029) R&D Units evaluation process of the Portuguese national public funding Agency for R&D (FCT).

Vice chair on call on project grants for Democracy and Societal Resilience, Swedish Research Council 2025

Panel member in the evaluation of Carlsbergfondets Monografistipendier 2024 & 2025.

Member of committee carrying out an evaluation of Uppsala University's Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies, 2023.

Panel member in the evaluation of proposals submitted to the 2022 & 2024 ERC Advanced Grant call.

Expert on referee panel reviewing grant proposals for independent research for The Research Council of Norway (RCN), 2017, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024, 2025.

Member of evaluation panel in connection with Uppsala University's "Quality & Renewal 2017".

Member of editorial boards:

Perspectives on Politics; Democratization; Commonwealth & Comparative Politics

List of publications

Ten most important publications since 2020:

Cornell, Agnes, **Jørgen Møller** & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2020). *Democratic Stability in an Age of Crisis: A Reassessment of the Interwar Period*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Doucette, Jonathan Stavnskær, and **Jørgen Møller** (2021). "The Collapse of State Power, the Cluniac Reform Movement, and the Origins of Urban Self-Government in Medieval Europe". *International Organization*, 75(1), 204–23.

Kokkonen, Andrej, Suthan Krishnarajan, **Jørgen Møller** & Anders Sundell (2021). "Blood is Thicker than Water: Family Size and Leader Deposition in Medieval and Early Modern Europe". *Journal of Politics*, 83(4): 1246–59.

Møller, Jørgen & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2021) "The Ulysses Principle: A Criterial Framework for Reducing Bias When Enlisting the Work of Historians", *Sociological Methods & Research*, 50(1): 103-134.

Møller, Jørgen & Jonathan Doucette (2022). *The Catholic Church and European State Formation, AD 1000-1500*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Kokkonen, Andrej, **Jørgen Møller** & Anders Sundell (2022). *The Politics of Succession: Forging Stable Monarchies in Europe, AD 1000-1800*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Møller, Jørgen (2024). "Getting the Context Right in Quantitative Historical Analysis: The Case of the Investiture Controversy". *Journal of Politics*, 86(3): 1083-1086.

Møller, Jørgen & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2024). *Democratization and Autocratization in Comparative Perspective: Conceptions, Currents, Causes, Consequences, and Challenges*. London: Routledge.

Sørensen, Georg & **Jørgen Møller** (2025). *Introduction to International Relations & Global Politics*. 9 edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Müller-Crepon, Carl, Clara Neupert-Wentz, Andrej Kokkonen & **Jørgen Møller** (2026). "Rulers on the Road: Itinerant Rule in the Holy Roman Empire, AD 919–1519". *American Journal of Political Science*.

Articles in peer-reviewed international journals (oldest first):

Møller, Jørgen (2007). "Wherefore the Liberal State? Post-Soviet Democratic Blues and Lessons from Fiscal Sociology", *East European Politics & Societies*, 21(2), 294-315.

Møller, Jørgen (2007). "The Gap between Electoral and Liberal Democracy Revisited. Some Conceptual and Empirical Clarifications", *Acta Politica*, 42(4), 380-400.

Møller, Jørgen (2008). "A Critical Note on 'The Rise of Illiberal Democracy'", *Australian Journal of Political Science*, 43(3), 555-561.

Møller, Jørgen & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2009). "The Three Worlds of Post-Communism: Revisiting Deep and Proximate Explanations", *Democratization*, 16(2), 298-322.

- Møller, Jørgen** & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2009). "Post-Communist Corruption: In a League of its Own?", *Australian Journal of Political Science*, 44(4), 753-762.
- Møller, Jørgen** & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2010). "Post-Communist Regime Types: Hierarchies across Attributes and Space", *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, 43(1), 51-71.
- Møller, Jørgen** & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2010). "From Each According to His Need, To Each According to His Ability: A Comparative Analysis of Post-Communist Corruption", *Acta Politica*, 45(3), 320-345.
- Møller, Jørgen** & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2010). "Beyond the Radial Delusion: Conceptualizing and Measuring Democracy and Non-Democracy", *International Political Science Review*, 31(3), 261-283.
- Møller, Jørgen** & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2010). "Marshall Revisited: The Sequence of Citizenship Rights in the Twenty-First Century", *Government and Opposition*, 45(4), 457-483.
- Møller, Jørgen** & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2011). "Stateness First?", *Democratization*, 18(1), 1-24.
- Møller, Jørgen** & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2011) "On the Limited Interchangeability of Rule of Law Measures", *European Political Science Review*, 3(3), 371-394.
- Møller, Jørgen** & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2012). "Concept-Measure Inconsistency in Contemporary Studies of Democracy", *Zeitschrift für vergleichende Politikwissenschaft/Comparative Governance and Politics*, 6(1), 233-251.
- Møller, Jørgen** & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2012). "Systematizing Thin and Thick Conceptions of the Rule of Law", *Justice Systems Journal*, 33(2), 36-153.
- Møller, Jørgen**, Svend-Erik Skaaning & Wolfgang Muno (2012). "Internationaler Strukturwandel und Autokratie", *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*, 6(1), 233-251.
- Møller, Jørgen** (2013). "When One Might Not See the Wood for the Trees: The 'Historical Turn' in Democratization Studies, Critical Junctures, and Cross-Case Comparisons", *Democratization*, 20(4), 693-715.
- Møller, Jørgen** & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2013). "Regime Types and Democratic Sequencing", *Journal of Democracy*, 24(1), 142-156.
- Møller, Jørgen** & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2013). "Autocracies, Democracies, and the Violation of Civil Liberties", *Democratization*, 20(1), 82-106.
- Møller, Jørgen** & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2013). "Sub-components of the Rule of Law: Reassessing the Relevance of Diminished Subtypes", *Comparative Sociology*, 12(3), 391-421.
- Møller, Jørgen** & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2013). "Single-Party Autocracies, Ideology, and Repression", *Statsvetenskaplig Tidskrift*, 115(4), 345-363.
- Møller, Jørgen** & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2013). "Respect for Civil Liberties during the Third Wave of Democratization: Presenting a New Dataset", *Social Indicators Research*, 117(3), 1069-1087.

Møller, Jørgen & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2013). "The Third Wave: Inside the Numbers", *Journal of Democracy*, 24(4), 97-109.

Møller, Jørgen (2014). "Why Europe Avoided Hegemony: A Historical Perspective on the Balance of Power", *International Studies Quarterly*, 58(4), 660–670.

Andersen, David, **Jørgen Møller** & Svend-Erik (2014). "The State-Democracy Nexus: Conceptual Distinctions, Theoretical Perspectives, and Comparative Approaches", *Democratization*, 21(7), 1203-1220.

Andersen, David, **Jørgen Møller**, Lasse Lykke Rørbæk & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2014). "State Capacity and Political Regime Stability", *Democratization*, 21(7), 1305-1325.

Møller, Jørgen (2015). "The Medieval Roots of Democracy", *Journal of Democracy*, 26(3), 110-123.

Møller, Jørgen (2016). "Composite and Loose Concepts, Historical Analogies, and the Logic of Control in Comparative Historical Analysis", *Sociological Methods & Research*, 45(4), 651-677.

Knutsen, Carl Henrik, **Jørgen Møller** & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2016) "Going Historical: Measuring Democraticness before the Age of Mass Democracy", *International Political Science Review*, 37(5), 679-689.

Møller, Jørgen, Jakob Tolstrup & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2017). "International Influences and Democratic Regression in Interwar Europe: Disentangling the Impact of Power Politics and Demonstration Effects", *Government & Opposition*, 52(4), 559-586.

Møller, Jørgen & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2017). "Explanatory Typologies as a Nested Strategy of Inquiry: Combining Cross-Case and Within-Case Analysis", *Sociological Methods & Research*, 46(4), 1018-1048.

Møller, Jørgen (2017). "A Framework for Congruence Analysis in Comparative Historical Analysis of Political Change". *Quality & Quantity*, 51(5), 2337-2355.

Møller, Jørgen (2017). "The Birth of Representative Institutions: The Case of the Crown of Aragon". *Social Science History*, 41(2), 175-200

Møller, Jørgen (2017). "Medieval origins of the rule of law: The Gregorian reforms as critical juncture?" *Hague Journal on the Rule of Law*, 9(2), 265-282.

Cornell, Agnes, **Jørgen Møller** & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2017). "The Real Lessons of the Interwar Years." *Journal of Democracy*, 28(3), 14-28.

Møller, Jørgen (2018). "Medieval Roots of the Modern State: The Conditional Effects of Geopolitical Pressure on Early Modern State Building" *Social Science History*, 42(2), 295-316.

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Møller, Jørgen & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2019). "Set-Theoretic Methods in Democratization Research: An Evaluation of Their Uses and Contributions", *Democratization*, 26(1), 78-96.

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Møller, Jørgen (2019). "Bringing the Church Back In: Ecclesiastical Influences and the Rise of Europe". *Politics & Religion*, 12(2), 213-226.

Møller, Jørgen (2020). "Feet of Clay? How to Review Political Science Papers that Make Use of the Work of Historians". *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 53(2), 253-257.

Møller, Jørgen (2020). "Reading History Forward". *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 54(2), 249-253.

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Doucette, Jonathan Stavnskær & **Jørgen Møller** (2024). "The Christianization of War: How the Church Reform Movement Incentivized Armsbearing Elites to Conquer the Holy Land", *Journal of Historical Political Economy* 4(2): 189-219.

Møller, Jørgen (2024). "Getting the Context Right in Quantitative Historical Analysis: The Case of the Investiture Controversy". *Journal of Politics*, 86(3): 1083-1086.

Møller, Jørgen (2025). "When is Old too Old? The Problem of Leaning on Outdated Historical Work and a Simple Distinction between Two Kinds of Evidence to Address This". *International Studies Perspectives* 26(1): 110-124.

Müller-Crepon, Carl, Clara Neupert-Wentz, Andrej Kokkonen & **Jørgen Møller** (forthcoming). "Rulers on the Road: Itinerant Rule in the Holy Roman Empire, AD 919–1519". *American Journal of Political Science* (accepted for publication).

Peer-reviewed monographs in English (oldest first):

Møller, Jørgen (2009). *Post-communist Regime Change: A Comparative Study*, London: Routledge.

Møller, Jørgen & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2011). *Requisites of Democracy: Conceptualization, Measurement, and Explanation*, London: Routledge.

Møller, Jørgen & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2012). *Democracy and Democratization in Comparative Perspective: Conceptions, Conjunctures, Causes, and Consequences*. London: Routledge.

Møller, Jørgen & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2014). *The Rule of Law: Definitions, Measures, Patterns, and Causes*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Møller, Jørgen (2017). *State Formation, Regime Change, and Economic Development*. London: Routledge.

Jackson, Robert, Georg Sørensen & **Jørgen Møller** (2018). *Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches*. 7 edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press. [translated edition published in Italian]

Cornell, Agnes, **Jørgen Møller** & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2020). *Democratic Stability in an Age of Crisis: A Reassessment of the Interwar Period*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Sørensen, Georg, **Jørgen Møller** & Robert, Jackson (2022). *Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches*. 8 edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press. [translated edition published in Greek]

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Kokkonen, Andrej, **Jørgen Møller** & Anders Sundell (2022). *The Politics of Succession: Forging Stable Monarchies in Europe, AD 1000-1800*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. [translated edition to be published in Simplified Chinese in May 2025]

Møller, Jørgen & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2024). *Democratization and Autocratization in Comparative Perspective: Conceptions, Currents, Causes, Consequences, and Challenges*. London: Routledge.

Sørensen, Georg & **Jørgen Møller** (2025). *Introduction to International Relations & Global Politics*. 9 edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Møller, Jørgen (forthcoming). *Why Europe?*. Aarhus: Aarhus Universitetsforlag.

Møller, Jørgen & Svend-Erik Skaaning (forthcoming). *Seven Myths about Democracy*. London: Routledge.

Monographs in Danish (mainly non-peer reviewed, oldest first):

Møller, Jørgen & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2010). *Demokrati og Demokratisering – en introduktion*, Hans Reitzels Forlag.

Møller, Jørgen (2012) *Statsdannelse, regimeforandring og økonomisk udvikling*, Hans Reitzels Forlag.

Møller, Jørgen & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2014). *Demokrati: Opfattelser, udviklinger, årsager og virkninger*, Hans Reitzels Forlag.

Møller, Jørgen (2015). *Statsdannelse, regimeforandring og økonomisk udvikling*, Hans Reitzels Forlag, second revised edition.

Møller, Jørgen (2016). *Europa*. Aarhus: Aarhus Universitetsforlag.

Møller, Jørgen & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2016). *Alexis de Tocqueville*. DJØFs Forlag.

Møller, Jørgen (2017). *Hvorfor blev Europa ikke et imperium?* København: Gyldendal.

Møller, Jørgen & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2018). *Demokrati i en krisetid: Mellemløstidens Europa*. København: Gyldendal.

Møller, Jørgen & Svend-Erik Skaaning (2022). *Syv myter om demokrati*. Aarhus: Aarhus Universitetsforlag.

Møller, Jørgen (2024). *Historien om Europa: Migration, naturkatastrofer, tro, økonomi og politik fra fortid til nutid*. DJØFs Forlag.

Møller, Jørgen (forthcoming). *De menneskelige samfunds historie fra fortid til nutid*. DJØFs Forlag.

Newspaper articles and blogs:

In the period 2004-2019, I have written approximately 90 articles in the Danish weekly newspaper *Weekendavisen*.

More recently, I have published three long essay articles in the bimonthly American IR magazine *The American Interest* (<https://www.the-american-interest.com/v/jorgen-moller/>) as well as one in the online magazine *American Purpose* (<https://www.americanpurpose.com/articles/democracy-in-town/>).

I have also blogged about several of my OUP books at OUPBlog (<https://blog.oup.com/authors/jorgen-moller/>) as well as about my work on Broadstreet Blog (<https://broadstreet.blog/author/jmoller/>).