

## CV (updated Dec 2024)

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**Adjusted PhD-age** (periods of leave deducted): 4.0 years

### Academic positions

2023- : Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University  
2015-2023: Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University  
2016: Visiting Fellow, The Electoral Integrity Project, University of Sydney (host: Professor Pippa Norris)

### 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 (host: Professor Larry Diamond)  
2012: MSc Political Science, Aarhus University  
2008: MSc Comparative Politics, London School of Economics, (graduated with distinction)  
2007: BSc Political Science, Aarhus University

### Publications

#### Articles

Ofosu, George K., **Merete Bech Seeberg**, and Michael Wahman. 2024. "Messages Matter. How Voter Education Campaigns Affect Citizens Willingness to Vote for Women Candidates". *Journal of Politics*. Forthcoming.

**Seeberg, Merete Bech** and Michael Wahman. 2024. "How Does Primary Election Manipulation Affect the Selection of Women Candidates? Evidence from Malawi." *Comparative Politics* 56(3): 345-366.

Wahman, Michael and **Merete Bech Seeberg**. 2022. "Paying to Play. How Parliamentary Candidates Fund Ruling Party Campaigns in Malawi." *Comparative Politics* 55(1): 95-118.

**Seeberg, Merete Bech**. 2021. "How State Capacity Helps Autocrats Win Elections." *British Journal of Political Science* 51(2): 541-558.

**Seeberg, Merete Bech**, Michael Wahman, and Svend-Erik Skaaning. 2018. "Candidate Nomination, Intra-Party Democracy, and Election Violence in Africa." *Democratization* 25 (6): 959–77.

**Seeberg, Merete Bech**. 2018. "Electoral Authoritarianism and Economic Control." *International Political Science Review* 39 (1): 33–48.

**Seeberg, Merete Bech**. 2014. "State Capacity and the Paradox of Authoritarian Elections", *Democratization*, 21(7): 1265-1285.

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

#### Books

**Seeberg, Merete Bech**. 2018. *State Capacity, Economic Control, and Authoritarian Elections*. Oxon and New York: Routledge.

**Seeberg, Merete Bech**, Michael Wahman, and Svend-Erik Skaaning (eds.). 2018. *Violence and candidate nomination in Africa*. Oxon and New York: Routledge.

**Seeberg, Merete Bech**. 2015. *The Power to Control. How State Capacity and Economic Control*

*Condition the Effect of Authoritarian Elections*. PhD Dissertation. Aarhus University, Politica.

### **Working papers**

Aarslew, Laurits and **Merete Bech Seeberg**. 2024. Damned if you do, damned if you don't: How electoral campaigning hurts women candidates in Africa. *Draft paper*.

Clara Neupert-Wentz, Julian Schuessler, and **Merete Bech Seeberg**. Matrilineage and Women's Political Ambition: Evidence from Malawi. *Draft paper*.

Aarslew, Laurits and **Merete Bech Seeberg**. 2024. How Do African Voters' Respond to Campaign Strategies? *Draft chapter*.

Ofosu, George, **Merete Bech Seeberg** and Michael Wahman. 2024. Training, networking, and women's entry into politics in Zambia. *Data collection ongoing*.

### **Textbook chapters**

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

### **Book reviews**

**Seeberg, Merete Bech**. 2018. "Book Review: Why Elections Fail." *Party Politics* 24 (2): 222–23.

### **Research leadership and grants**

2022-2026: Principal investigator, Women and electoral manipulation in Africa (WIP), funded by the Danish Research Council (3 mio DKK)

2015-2020: Co-workpackage leader, Conflict and Democratization (CODE), funded by Innovationsfonden (16 mio DKK)

### **Media publications and dissemination**

Seeberg, Merete Bech and Michael Wahman, 2019. "Why Does Malawi have 1,331 candidates running for 193 seats in parliament?". *The Washington Post*, Monkey Cage, March 11.

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

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

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

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

Radio appearances on Danish Radio (DR) and Radio4 on topics related to election observation

Public talks on elections, democratization, and election observation with Danish youth parties and NGOs

### **Awards**

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

### **Selected services to the professions**

2024: Invited talk, London School of Economics.

2023: Invited talk, University of Lund.

2022: Invited discussant. Electoral Integrity Project (EIP) Annual Workshop, online, July 4-8: "Challenges of electoral integrity around the globe"

2020: Organizer and host of international workshop, Aarhus University, Feb 28-29: "Representation

and Elections in Africa”.

2019: Discussant, European Political Science Association’s (EPSA) Annual Meeting, University of Belfast, June 20-22.

2018: Organizer and host of international workshop, Aarhus University, Oct 25-26: “Challenges to Democratization”.

2018: Invited discussant, V-Dem Conference, University of Gothenburg, May 28-29.

2018: Editor of special issue: Seeberg, Merete Bech, Michael Wahman, And Svend-Erik Skaaning. “Candidate Nomination, Intra-party Democracy and Election Violence in Africa”, *Democratization* 25(6).

2017: Organizer and host of international workshop, Aarhus University, March 29-30: “Political Parties, Election Violence, and Democratization”.

Reviewer at: American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, European Journal of Political Research, Comparative Politics, Party Politics, Democratization, International Political Science Review, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties and others.

### **Teaching**

2023, 2024: Methods (minor students), Aarhus University

2022, 2023: Elections in Africa, seminar, MA, Aarhus University

2020: Elections in Dictatorships and New Democracies, seminar, MA, Aarhus University

2015, 2016, 2017: Comparative Politics, course coordinator, lecturer, and seminar teacher, BA, Aarhus University.

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

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

### **PhD-supervision and assessments**

2024: Jonas Schmid, University of Oslo (Assessment committee)

2023: Pauline Lemaire, University of Bergen (Assessment committee)

2023- : Julia Harune Nennstiel, Aarhus University (Supervisor)

### **Field work, deployments, and external engagements**

2024- : Consultant, NDI, Zambia

2024, 2022: Lecturer, Folkeuniversitetet, Aarhus, Kolding, and Copenhagen: Democracy in Africa

2023: Invited Speaker, NDI, Lusaka, Zambia.

2023: Online field work, elite interviews, Malawi

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

2014: OSCE short-term election observer, Moldova.

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