

## Curriculum Vitae

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**Title:** Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science

### **Educational background:**

#### ***Highest degree:***

1989: Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Copenhagen

#### ***Other degrees:***

1980: Master's Degree in Russian language and history, University of Aarhus (=AU)

#### **Current position:**

1993- : *Associate Professor* at the Department of Political Science, University of Aarhus  
(Section: International Relations)

#### **Employment Record:**

2004 till July: Visiting scholar at Stanford University, CA, USA.  
1996-1997: Maternity leave (some 12 months)  
1989-1993: Assistant Professor of peace and conflict at Department of Political Science, AU  
1986-1989: External lecturer at the Department of Political Science, AU  
1982-1985: PhD student affiliated to Institute for East-West Studies, Sydjysk Universitetscenter, DK

#### **Research areas:**

Russian strategic culture  
Russian foreign and security policy, e.g. Russia and the BRICS powers

(cf. the **List of recent publications in English** below and also the **List of recent publications in Danish!**)

#### **Teaching areas:**

International relations in general  
International political economy  
Intelligence studies

Strategic culture  
Great powers in a macrohistorical perspective  
Globalisation and World Order

**Awards, honours, grants:**

2005: Research grant from Aarhus Universitets Forskningsfond as chair of the project on the BRICs

**Other assignments:**

- 2010- Member of the editorial board of *Nordisk Østforum* (a peer-reviewed Nordic scientific journal analyzing Russian, Eurasian and East European affairs) as editor for Denmark
- 2011-2016: Member of the *Board of NORRUSS* (i.e. The Norwegian Research Council's research programme on Nordområdene og Russland/Arktis)
- 2017- : Member of the *Board of NORRUSS Plus* (i.e. The Norwegian Research Council's expanded programme "The High North and Russia" that will be reorganized in 2018)
- 2016- Member of the editorial board of the Danish-language journal on world affairs *Udenrigs*
- 2017- Member of the *Styrelsen for Folkeuniversitetet i Aarhus* (i.e. the academic board of a local university-based public enlightenment institution)
- 2018- Member of Det Lærde Selskab (The Learned Society) an AU-based club of academics

Member of various formal and informal Nordic and international academic networks on Russia – e.g. an invitee at the Workshop "*Understanding Russian Strategic Behaviour*" in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, 2018.

External censoring, tutoring (Ph.D. and M.A. level), peer reviewing, regular appearances in Danish media, public lecturing, evaluation committee work, panel chair or co-chair etc.

**List of recent (i.e. post-2012) publications in English:**

1. Skak (in press): "Russia and the BRICS: On the actual performance of a 21st century great power concert", pp. XX-YY for Xing Li (ed.) *Handbook of the International Economy of the Emerging Powers*, Routledge. (peer reviewed; book chapter, some 6,000 words incl. references etc.)
2. Skak (in press): "Russian strategic culture: the generational approach and the counterintelligence state thesis", Chapter 9 for Roger E. Kanet (ed.) *Routledge Handbook on Russian Security*, Routledge (peer reviewed by the editor and ?; some 6,000 words incl.)
3. Skak (2017). "*Opening paper for the NoPSA panel on ESPIONAGE: "From Russia with Love: Intelligence Studies meet IR"*", unpublished conference paper/ pdf available from the author.
4. Skak (2016). "Russian strategic culture: the role of today's 'chekisty'", *Contemporary Politics*, Vol. 22, No. 3, 2016, p. 324-341.
5. Skak (2014). Review of Michael O. Slobodchikoff: *Strategic Cooperation: Overcoming the Barriers in Global Anarchy* In: *Slavic Review. Interdisciplinary Quarterly of Russian, Eurasian and East European Studies*, Vol. 73, No. 3, pp. 699-700.
6. Skak (2013). "*The Strategic Culture of Russia: One Paradigm, Multiple Strategies*", Paper presented at the conference *Russia and the World*, Helsinki, Finland. Unpublished pdf-file.
7. Skak (2013). "The BRICS and Denmark – Economics & High Politics", pp. 78-112 in Nanna Hvidt and Hans Mouritzen (eds.). *Danish Foreign Policy Yearbook 2013*, Copenhagen DIIS/ Danish Institute for International Studies. CONTRIBUTION TO A SCIENTIFIC ANTHOLOGY. AVAILABLE AT THE INTERNET

***Example of an older monograph of mine published in English:*** Skak (1996): *From Empire to Anarchy. Postcommunist Foreign Policy and International Relations*. London: Hurst & Co., 340 pp.

**List of recent (i.e. post-2013) selected publications in Danish:**

1. Skak (2018): "Om russisk strategisk kultur før og nu" pp. 121-132 i *Utopi og realiteter. Festskrift til Erik Kulavig*. Syddansk Universitetsforlag. (peer reviewed af redaktørerne Thomas W. Friis et al.)
2. Skak (2018): "Klimaforandringerne vil tvinge Rusland til at prioritere anderledes: Mette Skak. Lektor; Rusland-ekspert, Institut for Statskundskab, Aarhus Universitet", pp. 234-247 i *Ny kold krig. Marie Krarup taler med 17 eksperter fra øst og vest*; Matthew Dal Santo (ed.) Sydslesvig: Forlaget Hovedland. (In-depth interview on Russia and the 2014 Ukraine crisis).
3. Skak (2018): "Anmeldelse: Ukraines historie", *Udenrigs*, No. 1, Juli, pp. 108-112 (review of Andreas Kappeler's one-volume history of Ukraine translated to Danish by Jens Ellekær).
4. Skak (2017). "Anmeldelse: Stalins arv", *Udenrigs*, No. 1, 2017, p. 92-95. (review of Samuel Rachlin's Danish-language monograph *Bag den kolde krigs tåger*. Kristeligt Dagblad).
5. Skak & Kaae Riis (2017). "Kinas nye eksportfremstød i Afrika: vedvarende energi.", *Udenrigs*, No. 2, 2017, p. 78-85. (co-authored analysis - co-author: Martin Kaae Riis).
6. Skak (2017). "Nej, Vesten fejllæser ikke Putin", *Politiken*, a Danish daily, 9th February, public debate.
7. Skak (2017). "Oktober-revolutionen i 1917 - en revolution i strategisk kultur", *Noter*. Historielærereforeningen for gymnasier og HF, No. 212, 2017, p. 8-10.
8. Skak & Damgaard Rothuizen (2017). "Arven fra KGB styrer Putins jagt på sikkerhed", op-ed for the Danish daily *Information*, 20th December. (Co-author: Jeppe Damgaard Rothuizen).
9. Skak (2017). "Historien om Danmark", *Weekendavisen*, 27th October. (Letter to the editor).
10. Skak (2016). "Aktive russiske foranstaltninger i den amerikanske valgkamp", *Kongressen*, an Internet publication <http://www.kongressen.com/aktive-russiske-foranstaltninger-i-den-amerikanske-valgkamp/> published 22nd August.
11. Skak (2016). "Hvorfor greb Rusland ind i Syrien?", *Kongressen*, an Internet publication <http://www.kongressen.com/hvorfor-greb-rusland-ind-i-syrien/> published 1st February.
12. Skak (2016). "Ruslands traditionelle værdier og politiske kultur", *Udenrigs*, Vol. 2016, No. 2, pp. 62-70.
13. Skak (2015). "Bokomtale af *The Economic Sanctions against Russia: Impact and Prospects of Success*: Susanne Oxenstierna & Per Olsson, Stockholm FOI 2015. *Nordisk Østforum*, Vol. 30, No. 1, pp. 69-71. (Scientific review).
14. Skak (2015). "Ruslands betændte forhold til USA", *Samfundsøkonomen*, No. 4, pp. 18-24.

**Bjørnens genkomst : Krig. To amerikanske forfattere gennemgår nøgternt og ædrueligt Ruslands militære indgriben i Ukraine.** / [Skak, Mette](#).

In: *Weekendavisen*, Vol. Bøger, 16.10.2015, p. 15.

Research output: Contribution to journal/Conference contribution in journal/Contribution to newspaper > Contribution to newspaper - Review > Communication

15. Published

**Ukraine efter Putins chokterapi : Den sikkerhedspolitiske chokbehandling, som først Janukovitj, siden Putin ...** / [Skak, Mette](#).

In: *Jyllands-Posten*, Vol. Debat, 03.06.2015, p. 28.

Research output: Contribution to journal/Conference contribution in journal/Contribution to newspaper > Contribution to newspaper - Feature article > Communication

16. Published

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**De nye BRIKS-stormagter : Fra økonomi til politik.** / [Skak, Mette](#).

*International PolitikNU: magtbalance, værdier og samarbejde*. ed. / Morten Winther Bülow; Tonny Brems Knudsen. 2. ed. Systime, 2015. p. 97-114.

Research output: Contribution to book/anthology/report/proceeding > Book chapter > Education > peer-review

17. Published

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**Fra lige til ulige sikkerhed i Europa.** / [Skak, Mette](#).

In: *Udenrigs*, Vol. 2015, No. 2, 2015, p. 71-78.

Research output: Contribution to journal/Conference contribution in journal/Contribution to newspaper > Journal article > Communication

18. Published

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**Rusland og dets 'nære udland'.** / [Skak, Mette](#).

In: *Noter* (Historielærereforeningens fagblad), No. 204, 2015, p. 10-13.

Research output: Contribution to journal/Conference contribution in journal/Contribution to newspaper > Journal article > Communication

19. Published

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**Sikkerhed, krig og konfliktløsning.** / [Skak, Mette](#).

*International PolitikNU: magtbalance, værdier og samarbejde*. ed. / Morten Winther Bülow; Tonny Brems Knudsen. 2. ed. Systime, 2015. p. 169-196.

Research output: Contribution to book/anthology/report/proceeding > Book chapter > Education > peer-review

20. 2014

21. Published

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**Rusland og NATO : Det er en skrøne, at NATO skulle have lovet Rusland aldrig at optage de østeuropæiske stater som medlemmer.** / [Skak, Mette](#).

In: *Jyllands-Posten*, 25.04.2014.

Research output: Contribution to journal/Conference contribution in journal/Contribution to newspaper > Contribution to newspaper - Feature article > Communication

22. Published

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**Anmeldelse af Jesper Jorgensen, Andrej Sorokin, Tomas Vegener Friis, Aleksandr Tjubarjan et al. (red.): Datskije kadry Moskvj v stalinskoje vremja.** / [Skak, Mette](#).

In: *Nordisk Østforum*, Vol. 28, No. 3, 2014, p. 284-287.

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