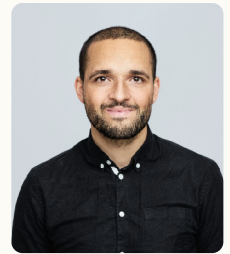


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Former Danish MP building an independent policy institute on AI and society. Fifteen years of moving contested ideas into binding policy: the Danish Climate Act, one of the world's first broad CO2e taxes, a funded municipal AI strategy. Now focused on the capacity Denmark needs to assess the frontier models the state is about to run its administration on, and the middle-power role of small EU states in the AGI transition.

AI GOVERNANCE

Founder, FRIKTION, Copenhagen Institute on AI & Society (in formation)

Copenhagen · May 2026 –

- Building an independent institute on frontier AI oversight, gradual disempowerment and digital sovereignty. First deliverable: an institutional proposal for national frontier-model assessment capacity, in front of Danish decision-makers before the end of 2026.
- 30+ stakeholder meetings across business, unions, research and government; advisory circle forming with researchers at Copenhagen Business School, Roskilde University and Apart Research.

BlueDot Impact: AGI Strategy, completed June 2026 as one of very few Danes; admitted to Frontier AI Governance, August 2026; selected for 1-1 advising.

LSE certificate course, AI: Law, Policy and Governance · Jul–Sep 2026.

Early public voice on AI: wrote in *RÆSON* on embracing AI responsibly, Dec 2023, when few Danish politicians addressed it.

POLITICAL IMPACT

Member of the Danish Parliament, spokesperson for climate and IT

2020 – 2021

Helped pass the Danish Climate Act and co-signed the major climate agreements, including one of the world's first broad CO2e taxes. Coalition-building across parties, technical grasp in the negotiating room, and tradeoffs that held when they became unpopular. Worked technology policy as IT spokesperson.

City Councillor, Frederiksberg Municipality

Copenhagen · 2017 – 2025

Wrote the 2023 budget proposal committing the municipality to a strategy for ethical and effective use of AI. DKK 2 million allocated, strategy adopted January 2025, well before most saw the need.

EXPERIENCE

Chief Consultant, Public Affairs, Green Power Denmark (the Danish energy sector's association, formerly Dansk Energi) · 2019 – April 2026

Regulation, infrastructure and security of supply as daily work. The same class of problem as compute, chips and data centres, one technology layer earlier.

Chief Consultant, Press & Analysis, DVCA, the Danish Venture Capital and Private Equity Association (now Aktive Ejere) · 2015 – 2019

Political Consultant, Danish Social Liberal Party Christiansborg · 2011 – 2015

EDUCATION

MSc in Political Science, University of Copenhagen

Danish (native) · English (fluent)