

Curriculum Vitae



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Personal information

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Date of birth: 29-04-1966

Nationality: Danish

Marital status: Married since 1991, three children (born 1991, 1993 and 1999).

Education

1992-1996 Ph.D. International Economics, Royal Danish Agricultural University, Copenhagen. (thesis: International trade in agricultural goods, trade liberalization and implications for developing countries)

1986-1992 M.Sc. Agronomy, Royal Danish Agricultural University, Copenhagen (thesis: Coffee - cultivation, trade and international policies to promote environmental friendly production)

1991 Supplementary degree in journalism at the Danish School of Journalism (6 months).

pre-1985 Grade 1-2 at The French School, Copenhagen; Grade 3-6 at Holmstrup Kommuneskole; Grade 7-9 at Jyderup Kommuneskole; Grade 10-12 at Kalundborg Gymnasium; agricultural trainee at Svinninge Gods; gymnastics high school, Ollerup Gymnastikhøjskole.

Work Experience

2010- Special Advisor for EU Commissioner Connie Hedegaard assisting on the UN Global Sustainability Panel.

2010- CEO, ViewWorld ApS, www.viewworld.dk

2009- Affiliated Professor in International Economics and Development at the University of Copenhagen (Institute of Food and Resource Economics and Department of Plant Biology and Biotechnology)

2005-2010 International Director, DanChurchAid, www.dca.dk.

2009-2010 Executive Programme, Danish Confederation of Industries

2006 Executive Coach, Coaching Institute.

2002-2005 Independent advisor, author and lecturer (on leave 10 months every year from the position as Associate Professor).

2002 Journalist (in depth global news) at the Danish Broadcasting Corporation (DR), Orientering.

1999-2005 Associate Professor, International Economics/Development Economics, Royal Danish Agricultural University (University of Copenhagen).

- 1996-1999 Assistant Professor in Development Economics, Institute of Economics, University of Copenhagen.
- 1995 One year special assignment at the International Trade Division of the World Bank, Washington.
- 1990 One year employment (alternative to military service) by the Fair Trade Movement (U-landsimporten), Denmark.

Voluntary or Honorary Activities

- 2010- Member of Egedal City Council on behalf of the Danish Social/Liberal Party (Det Radikale Venstre)
- 2010- Member of the Board of the Danish United Nations Association
- 2009- Member of the Advisory Board at the Department of Plant Biology and Biotechnology, University of Copenhagen
- 2008- Member of Advisory Board at the Department of Intercultural Communication and Management, Copenhagen Business School
- 2008- Establishment and subsequent board member of the Danish Initiative for Ethical Trade
- 2008-2009 Member of the Danish Africa Commission established by the Danish Prime Minister.
- 2007- Member of the Presidium for WWF World Wide Fund for Nature, Denmark.
- 2006- Candidate to Parliament, the Danish Social/Liberal Party (Det Radikale Venstre).
- 2005-2010 Member of the Standing Committee for World Service, Lutheran World Federation.
- 2005-2006 Member of the Advisory Panel on Globalisation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2004-2007 Board member, Environmental Assessment Institute (IMV), Copenhagen.
- 2002-2004, 2008- Member of the National Board and Executive Committee of the Danish Social/Liberal Party (Det Radikale Venstre).
- 2003-2010 Member of the Scientific Committee, WWF World Wide Fund for Nature, Denmark.
- 2001-2002 Member of the International Think Tank on HIV/AIDS established by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2000-2006 Member of the Board and the Executive Committee, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), Canada.
- 2000-2001 Board member, The Danish Centre for Human Rights
- 1997-2001 Chairman, Mellempfolkeligt Samvirke (Danish Association for International Co-operation).
- 1999-2003 Board Member, Centre for Development Research, Copenhagen
- 1998- Part-time farmer, Vejgaard, 33 hectares.
- 1996-2001 Board Member, Mellempfolkeligt Samvirke. Chairman from 1997-2001.

1996-2000 Member of the Programme Advisory Board, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development, Geneva.

1992 Receiver of the Initiative Price from Ford Motor Company (DKK 40.000) for the work on establishing a Danish Fair Trade Labelling organisation (Max Havelaar Denmark)

1991-1992 Vice-chair, U-landsimporten

Teaching experience

2004 External lecturer, International Economics at the Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen.

2003-2004 External lecturer, International Economics, Roskilde University.

1999- Lecturer in Development Economics and Project Management (cost-benefit analysis), the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University.

1996-1999 Lecturer in Macro and Micro-economics, Development Economics, and International Trade, Environment and Development, University of Copenhagen

1996-1998 Instructor at the Short Course in Global Trade Analysis held by the Global Trade Analysis Project, Purdue University, Indiana, U.S.

pre-1995 Part time teacher in Chemistry, Economic Theory, Development Economics and Global Trade Analysis, Royal Danish Agricultural University.

Short assignments/consultancies

2004-2006 Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (7 months). Chapter in Dansk Udviklingspolitisk Historie, 1945-2004 (History of Danish Development Politics).

2004-5 Danish Board of Technology (2 weeks): Recommendations for a Patent System of the Future.

2004 Danish institute for mid-career training in journalism (1 month). Course leader on post-educational training trip to Vietnam for Danish Journalists.

2004 Copenhagen Consensus (1 month). Moderator at the Copenhagen Consensus Youth Conference.

2003-4 Danida's Evaluation Secretariat (20 days). Preparation of brief versions of the evaluations: Danish Environmental Assistance in Southeast Asia (2003/6); Toward Country-led Development (CDF) (2003/5); Meta-Evaluation, Private and Business Sector Development Interventions (2004/6).

2003 Danish institute for mid-career training in journalism (1 month). Course leader on post-educational training trip to Kirgizstan for Danish Journalists.

2003- Danida's Evaluation Secretariat (2 months). Assistance to Joint Evaluation of International Trade Centre.

2003 Danida (2 months). Preparation of the report: International Trade, Development Aid and the Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

2003 International Media Support (2 weeks): Meeting on media development in post-war Iraq

- 2003 Erhvervs- og Boligstyrelsen/National Agency for Enterprise and Housing (2 months). Preparation of report on the WTO anti-dumping rules.
- 2002-2003 UNDP Nordic Office (2 months). Preparation of the report: Obstacles and Opportunities: Avenues of Change for United Nations Development Work.
- 2002-2003 Danida's Evaluation Secretariat (2 x 5 days). Preparation of Danish versions of the evaluations: Business Sector Support Programme Tanzania and Danish assistance to Vocational Education and Training.
- 2001-2002 PLS Rambøll Management (5 days): Member of an expert group in connection with an analysis of the Tobin Tax for the European Parliament.
- 2000 Rambøll (10 days): Economic Effects on China's Dairy Industry of Implementation of WTO Rules. Referee and discussant at conference in Beijing. EU-China Dairy Development Project funded by European Commission.
- 1997 Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS), Ramallah, The West Bank (two weeks). Research stay.
- 1994 The Danish Foreign Affairs Ministry and the Danish Ministry for the Environment (4 1/2 months): Incentives for Sustainable Production of Tropical Timber. Field study in Ghana, September 1994.
- 1996-1997 The World Bank, International Trade Division (2 months): China, trade policies and food security. Two visits to China.
- 1996 The Danish Institute of Agricultural and Fisheries Economics (3 months): European Integration and the Common Agricultural Policy. Development of a modelling framework (Using the GTAP global general equilibrium model).
- 1993 The Australian Department of the Arts, Sports, the Environment and Territories (3 months): The Tropical Timber Triangle - A Production-Related Agreement on Tropical Timber.

Publications, books, articles and reports.

Christian Friis Bach has published a large number of books, reports and articles in newspapers and magazines. Please see www.friisbach.dk for details