

# Kaitlin Alper

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Inequality, poverty and comparative social policy; Comparative welfare state politics; Comparative political economy and the political economy of gender; Political economy of multilevel governance and decentralization; Regional, national and transnational identity	
EMPLOYMENT	<i>Danish Centre for Welfare Studies, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark</i> Assistant Professor, Jun. 2024-present Postdoctoral Researcher, Jun. 2022-May 2024	
EDUCATION	<i>University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA</i> Ph.D. Political Science, May 2022 Concentrations: Comparative Politics and Methodology Committee: John D. Stephens (Chair), Evelyne Huber, Liesbet Hooghe, Gary Marks, Herbert Obinger Dissertation Book Project: “Regional Governance, Authority and Redistribution” <i>Trinity College Dublin, University of Dublin, Dublin, Ireland</i> M.Sc. Politics and Public Policy, Upper Second Class Honours, August 2015 <i>University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, USA</i> B.A. Political Science, Honors, and English, May 2014	
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	<i>Danish Institute for Advanced Studies, Odense, Denmark</i> Visiting Fellow, Sep. 2024-Jun. 2025 <i>Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences, Bremen, Germany</i> Visiting Research Fellow, Oct.-Dec. 2021 <i>Danish Centre for Welfare Studies, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark</i> Visiting Research Fellow, Sep. 2021 <i>Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics, Sciences Po, Paris, France</i> Visiting Research Fellow, May-Jul. 2021 <i>Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences, Bremen, Germany</i> Visiting Research Fellow, May-Jul. 2019	

- PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES **Alper, Kaitlin** and Caroline Marie Lancaster. 2023. The Strength of Attachment: Regionalism, Nationalism and Vote Choice. *West European Politics*. 48(1):138-64.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/01402382.2023.2253514>
- Alper, Kaitlin**, Evelyne Huber and John D. Stephens. 2021. Poverty and Social Rights Among the Working Age Population in Post-Industrial Democracies. *Social Forces*. 99(4):1710-44.  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soaa073>
- BOOK CHAPTERS **Alper, Kaitlin**. *Forthcoming*. Contesting Jurisdiction: Social Policy Attributes and the Territorial Distribution of Competences in Federations. In *Inequality, Redistribution, and Federalism: A Territorial Approach*, ed. Olivier Jacques and Alain Noël. Montréal, QC: McGill-Queen's University Press.
- Alper, Kaitlin**, Peter Starke and Queralt Tornefoch Chirveches. 2024. Mapping unequal security across rich OECD countries. In *Unequal Security: Welfare, Crime and Social Inequality*, ed. Peter Starke, Laust Lund Elbek, and Georg Wenzelburger. New York, NY: Routledge.
- Huber, Evelyne, John D. Stephens and **Kaitlin Alper**. 2019. The Varied Sources of Increasing Wage Dispersion. In *The European Social Model under Pressure - Liber Amicorum in Honour of Klaus Armingeon*, ed. Patrick Emmenegger, Nathalie Giger, and Romana Careja. New York, NY: Springer Publishing.
- UNDER REVIEW "Unequal Security and the Welfare State"  
 (with Peter Starke and Queralt Tornefoch Chirveches)  
*Revise & resubmit*
- "Insecurity and Policy Preferences: How Economic and Physical Threats Shape Attitudes Toward Social Welfare and Criminal Justice"  
 (with Peter Starke)  
*Under review*
- "Decentralizing States, Decentralizing Protests?"  
 (with Sean T. Norton)  
*Under review*
- "Reassessing the Gender Gap in Redistribution Attitudes: The Role of Inequality in the Labor Market and in the Home"  
 (with David Attewell and Andreas Jozwiak)  
*Under review*
- IN PREPARATION "Income Inequality and Redistribution in Multilevel Perspective"  
 "Cleavage Salience and the Territorial Distribution of Social Policy Competences"  
 "Public Opinion in a Globalized World: Ideology among Dual Citizens" (with Eroll Kuhn)  
 "Governing Diverse Polities: How Regional Language Shapes Political Attitudes"

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS	<p>2023 RSA Early Career Research Grant, Regional Studies Association (£10,000) Travel Grant, Université du Québec à Montréal</p> <p>2021 Off-Campus Dissertation Fellowship, UNC Graduate School (\$10,000) DaWS Early Career Grant, DaWS University of Southern Denmark (kr.20,000) Lewin Fund Summer Fellowship, UNC Political Science (\$4,300)</p> <p>2020 DAAD Short-Term Research Grant, DAAD (€5,000, <i>cancelled due to COVID-19</i>) Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Fellowship, UNC Political Science (\$3,250)</p> <p>2019 DAAD Travel Grant, Hertie School of Governance Berlin JMCE EU Summer Research Award, Center for European Studies (\$3,000) BIGSSS-Departs Inbound Program Grant, BIGSSS Universität Bremen (€1,300) Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Fellowship, UNC Political Science (\$2,000)</p> <p>2018 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Center for European Studies (\$7,500)</p> <p>2017 Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Fellowship, UNC Political Science (\$2,000) Whit Ayres Fund Travel Grant, UNC Political Science</p> <p>2016 Summer Funding Award, UNC Political Science (\$3,000, <i>recurring yearly</i>)</p>
ORIGINAL DATA	<p>Regional Political Economy and Social Policy Dataset Socioeconomic variables, social expenditure and policy competences at the regional (subnational) level; 19 advanced industrial democracies, 1980-2020. <i>In preparation</i></p>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p>University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark Instructor, Sep. 2022-present Globalization, Organization and the State (Fall 2022, Fall 2023 &amp; Fall 2024) Methods I (Fall 2022, Fall 2023 &amp; Fall 2024) Methods II (Spring 2023 &amp; Spring 2024)</p> <p>University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, USA Instructor, Jan. 2022-May 2022 Introduction to European Government (Spring 2022)</p> <p>University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark Guest Lecturer Political Economy of Gender, political science course (Dec. 2021) Political Economy of Inequality and Redistribution, political science course (Nov. 2021) Measurement Reliability and Validity, MA-level quantitative methods course (Sep. 2021)</p> <p>University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC Instructor, Aug. 2019-Dec. 2020 Introduction to European Government (Fall 2019, Spring 2020 &amp; Fall 2020)</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, Aug. 2017-May 2019 Introduction to International Relations (Spring 2019) Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2017 &amp; Fall 2018) American State and Local Government (Spring 2018)</p> <p>Guest Lecturer Gender and the Welfare State, upper-level sociology course (Spring 2018)</p>

SUPERVISION University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark  
2 MA theses (Spring 2023)

PRESENTATIONS Linguatrust Workshop on Language, Democracy and Political Trust  
“Linguistic Diversity and Democratic Attitudes: Experimental Evidence from Catalonia”  
Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain (Nov. 2024)

Danish Political Science Association Conference  
“Linguistic Diversity and Democratic Attitudes: Experimental Evidence from Catalonia”  
Danish Political Science Association, Nyborg, Denmark (Oct. 2024)

International Conference of Europeanists  
“Public Opinion in a Globalized World: Ideology among Dual Citizens”  
Council for European Studies, Lyon, France (Jul. 2024)

ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops: Cleavage Politics in Western Democracies  
“Cleavage Salience and the Territorial Distribution of Social Policy Competences”  
European Consortium for Political Research, Lüneburg, Germany (Mar. 2024)

Workshop on The Politics of Insecurity: Criminal Justice and Social Welfare in Insecure Times  
“The effect of physical and economic insecurity on punitive attitudes: experimental evidence”  
NICC and DaWS, Brussels, Belgium (Mar. 2024)

Danish Political Science Association Conference  
“Decentralizing States, Decentralizing Protest?”  
Danish Political Science Association, Nyborg, Denmark (Nov. 2023)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
“Insecurity and the Welfare State”  
American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA, USA (Sep. 2023)

European Political Science Association Conference  
“Unequal Security and the Welfare State”  
“Decentralizing States, Decentralizing Protest?”  
University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, United Kingdom (Jun. 2023)

Workshop on Federalism, Inequality and Redistribution  
“Contesting Jurisdiction: Social Policy Attributes and the Territorial Distribution of Competences in Federations”  
Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal, Canada (Apr. 2023)

DaWS Research Seminar  
“Contesting Jurisdiction: Social Policy Attributes and the Territorial Distribution of Competences in Federations”  
Danish Centre for Welfare Studies, Odense, Denmark (Mar. 2023)

Workshop on Researching Social Insecurity in Europe  
“Unequal Security and the Welfare State”  
Polytechnic University of Milan, Milan, Italy (Jan. 2023)

Danish Political Science Association Conference  
“Income Inequality and Redistribution in Multilevel Perspective”  
“Student Debt and Housing Costs: Evidence from Europe and Beyond”  
Danish Political Science Association, Nyborg, Denmark (Oct. 2022)

Income Inequality in Post-Industrial Societies Workshop  
“Income Inequality and Redistribution in Multilevel Perspective”  
Center for European Studies, Chapel Hill, NC, USA (Oct. 2022)

Politics of Insecurity Project Workshop  
“Unequal Security Across Time and Space”  
Danish Centre for Welfare Studies, Odense, Denmark (Sep. 2022)

International Conference of Europeanists  
“Income Inequality and Redistribution in Multilevel Perspective”  
“Reassessing the Gender Gap in Attitudes towards Redistribution”  
Council for European Studies, Lisbon, Portugal (Jun. 2022)

ECPR Joint Session on Territorial Inequalities  
“Income Inequality and Redistribution in Multilevel Perspective”  
European Consortium for Political Research, Edinburgh, United Kingdom (Apr. 2022)

DaWS Research Seminar  
“Income Inequality and Redistribution in Multilevel Perspective”  
Danish Centre for Welfare Studies, Odense, Denmark (Sep. 2021)

International Conference of Europeanists  
“Decentralizing States, Decentralizing Protests?”  
“The Strength of Attachment: Regionalism, Nationalism, and Vote Choice”  
Council for European Studies, Virtual (Jun. 2021)

Methods and Design Workshop  
“Decentralizing States, Decentralizing Protests?”  
UNC Political Science, Chapel Hill, NC, USA (Feb. 2021)

UNC Comparative Politics Working Group  
“The Strength of Attachment: Regionalism, Nationalism, and Vote Choice”  
UNC Political Science, Chapel Hill, NC, USA (Feb. 2021)

International Conference of Europeanists  
“Decentralizing States, Decentralizing Protests?”  
“Regional Identity and Voting for the Radical Right”  
Council for European Studies, Reykjavik, Iceland (*accepted, cancelled due to COVID-19*)

Thomas M. Uhlman Seminar  
“Regional Governance, Authority and Redistribution”  
UNC Political Science, Chapel Hill, NC, USA (Feb. 2020)

BIGSSS Doctoral Colloquium Series  
“Regional Governance, Authority and Redistribution”  
Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences, Bremen, Germany (Jul. 2019)

International Conference of Europeanists  
“Work and Poverty in Post-Industrial Democracies”  
Council for European Studies, Madrid, Spain (Jun. 2019)

Varieties of Welfare Capitalism in Times of Socio-Economic Insecurity Workshop  
“Regional Governance, Authority and Redistribution”  
Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany (May 2019)

Thomas M. Uhlman Seminar

“Regional Governance and Inequality Reduction”  
UNC Political Science, Chapel Hill, NC, USA (Feb. 2019)

EU COFUND BIGSSS Departs Poster Session  
“Income, Familialism and Women’s Economic Independence”  
Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences, Bremen, Germany (Feb. 2018)

Thomas M. Uhlman Seminar  
“Income, Familialism and Women’s Economic Independence”  
UNC Political Science, Chapel Hill, NC, USA (Feb. 2018)

PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT

Workshop on Supervision: Roles and Relations  
University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark (Mar. 2023)

Winter School on Researching Social Insecurity in Europe: Measures, Drivers, Policies  
Polytechnic University of Milan, Milan, Italy (Jan. 2023)

Workshop on Automated Web Data Collection  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC (Jan. 2020)

Writing and Development Workshop  
Joint with BIGSSS and the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, United Kingdom (May 2019)

Democracy Under Pressure: Cleavages and Contestations Workshop  
German Academy New York, New York, NY (Dec. 2018)

French Language Summer Course  
Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier, Montpellier, France (Jun.-Jul. 2018)

LIS Cross-National Data Center Workshop  
Université du Luxembourg, Belval, Luxembourg (Jun. 2017)

RESEARCH  
ASSISTANCE

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC  
Dr. John D. Stephens and Dr. Evelyne Huber, Aug. 2016-May 2022  
Providing support for research on inequality, political economy and the welfare state  
Leading a team of RA’s in updating the Comparative Welfare States data set

TECHNICAL  
SKILLS

Programming:  
R  
Stata  
L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X  
Java  
JavaScript  
HTML

Languages:  
English (native)  
French (advanced)  
Danish (intermediate)

METHODS  
TRAINING

Classical Regression Models; Generalized Linear Models; Panel Data Analysis; Comparative  
Historical Analysis; Multilevel Models; Structural Equation Models; Causal Mediation Analysis;

Game Theory I & II; Factor Analysis; Web Scraping; Interview Methods; Survey Experiments;  
Social Media Sampling Methods; Behavioral Economics Experiments

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark

Artificial Intelligence Task Force (Sep. 2024-present)

High School Outreach Workshop Leader: Parties and Parliaments (Mar. 2024)

Reviewer

West European Politics

Socio-Economic Review

Social Currents

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

Comparative Subfield Representative, Department of Political Science (Aug. 2019-May 2020)

Graduate Social Chair, Department of Political Science (Aug. 2017-May 2019)

REFERENCES

Available upon request