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Summary: A Danish national with an exceptional international academic ranking and a widely cited high impact and policy relevant publication record. Holds a doctorate in Economics from University of Copenhagen (UCPH) and has 40 years of experience from:

- Senior management posts in the UN University World Institute of Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), UCPH, and national and international research, education and development organisations (including leading a series of large Danida projects).
- Basic and applied research and teaching in development economics and development studies at the highest international level, as reflected in publications and activity lists.
- Heading inter-disciplinary research activities, capacity-building projects and integrated policy advisory/field level work in some 35 countries across the world, including active research and senior policy advisory work in Mozambique over almost four decades including more than 10 years in-country, and two decades of intensive work in Vietnam.

The above duties were carried out in close collaboration with a diverse range of stakeholders at local, national, regional and world-wide levels (including international organisations, national ministries, provincial and local authorities, civil society and the private sector).

Founded in 1996 the Development Economics Research Group (DERG) at UCPH; Research Professor in Development and Economics (2002-07), full professor in Economics (2007-present) and from 2009 to end 2018 Director of UNU-WIDER and its comprehensive global research, advisory and communication programme, integrating work and contributions from a diverse set of academic environments and scientific approaches from all over the world. My employment record includes several longer-term international assignments, totalling 20 years in developing countries, to which comes extensive international travel and networking.

Language skills: Danish (mother tongue), English and Portuguese (excellent), Swedish, Norwegian and Spanish (communication skills), German and French (communication skills/out of practice).

Education

1989 - 1992 UCPH, Denmark. Doctoral dissertation (lic. polit.) in Economics.

1977 - 1978 UCPH, Denmark. M.Sc. (cand. polit.) in Economics.

1976 - 1977 University of Illinois, Champaign Urbana, USA. Graduate student of Economics.

Key accomplishments

- Ranked top-1% world-wide author in May 2019 among some 55,926 economics researchers and a top one Danish and a top three Nordic position based on the average publications rank score last 10 years by RePEc (Research papers in Economics: <http://repec.org/>). This reflects a wide-ranging, top-quality and high-impact research output and a world-class publication record, including well more than 100 articles in internationally refereed journals alongside five books, 20 edited book volumes and special journal issues, 57 book chapters with leading international academic publishers plus a very large number of research reports and other studies and publications.¹
- Have over the years positioned myself as a leading international expert on global development issues, including development strategy and policy, foreign aid, poverty, income inequality and growth, micro-

¹ Please see <http://web.econ.ku.dk/ftarp/> for my personal web-site with full details on publications and other activities. See <https://www.econ.ku.dk/derg> for the web-site of the Development Economics Research Group (DERG).

and macroeconomic policy and modelling, agricultural sector policy and planning, household and enterprise development, and economic adjustment and reform as well as in more recent years issues related to climate change, sustainability and the management of natural resources; throughout in collaboration with a diverse set of stakeholders inside and outside academia, including national ministries and international donor agencies, NGOs, and private business.

- Transformed during 2009-18 UNU-WIDER into one of the World's most effective, highly ranked and influential development research and policy think tanks, integrating contributions from across a range of disciplinary approaches. WIDER comprised in 2018 a UN personnel of more than 50 people, a global network of more than 500 researchers, including both Nobel Prize Winners and early career researchers, and 50+ institutional partnerships with international leaders among universities and multi-disciplinary development policy think tanks across all regions of the world including for example Ethiopia, Ghana, Mozambique, Myanmar, South Africa, Tanzania, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Have in this capacity, also been in-charge of UNU-WIDER's high-impact global outreach, communication, capacity building and conference programme, and extensive fund raising.
- Member of many national and international commissions and advisory bodies. Have advised and worked closely with top-level analytical development units and decision makers in ministries and civil society as well as the private sector in for example Denmark, Ethiopia, Finland, Ghana, Mozambique, Myanmar, South Africa, Swaziland, Sweden, Tanzania, the UK, Vietnam and Zimbabwe as well as throughout the UN system, its diverse set of agencies, and the EU. Have in these functions acquired top-level expertise in the formulation, implementation and evaluation of national, regional and institutional development strategies and policies. A member of the World Bank Chief Economist's 15-member *Council of Eminent Persons* (including four Winners of the Nobel Prize in Economics and other leading international development experts) from 2013-16. Have also served on the Danish Prime Minister's Advisory Council on the Economy of Greenland; have been a member of the Danish Council for Development Research (RUF), Danida's external appropriation committee, and the task force for EU for research collaboration with third countries and international organizations; am Chair of the continent-wide African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) thematic group on poverty, income distribution and food security; and have for 15 years been an invited member of the European Union Development Network (EUDN). Have from January 2018 been appointed member of the University of Copenhagen review panel under the Research and Innovation Council (KUFIR) and since January 2019 member of the International Advisory Board of ZEF.
- Responsible since 1988 for building up development economics at UCPH and leading DERG to its present position as a top European development research and teaching unit. Work has included mobilisation of extensive external funding in support of UCPH research, capacity building and advisory projects across the different regions of the world. Moreover, a founding parent of the Nordic Network in Development Economics (NNDE) in 2000.

Special honours

- The Order of the Dannebrog, conferred by Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark (2015).
- The Vietnamese Government Medal of Honour for Support to the Planning and Investment System (2015), and the Vietnamese Government Development Merit 'Medal for the Cause of Science and Technology' (2011).
- The University of Copenhagen's Institute of Economics' Award for excellent teaching (1996).
- The Zeuthen award of the Danish Economic Society based on the master's thesis Growth and Income Distribution in Developing Countries (1979).