

Curriculum Vitae - Anders Wivel

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Nationality: Danish

Date of birth: April 1, 1970

EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Copenhagen (2001)

MA (1995) and BA (1993) in Political Science, University of Copenhagen.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor of International Relations, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen (2021 - present).

Previously, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor with Special Responsibilities, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen (2000-2019).

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- Paul, T. V., Wivel, A., & He, K. (Eds.) (2025). *International Organizations and Peaceful Change in World Politics*. Cambridge University Press.
- Wivel, A. (2025). The EU's soft balancing governance model: origins, characteristics and prospects for the future. *International Affairs*, 101(1), 17-34.
- Fritzler, J., Grøn, C. H., & Wivel, A. (2025). Leadership Styles and International Agenda-Setting: Understanding Small-State and Middle-Power Leadership on the Responsibility to Protect. *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 21(3).
- Paul, T. V., He, K., & Wivel, A. (2025). Soft balancing in the regions: causes, characteristics and consequences. *International Affairs*, 101(1), 3-15.
- Wivel, A. (2025). Norms in Great Power Competition: Peaceful Change in a Spheres of Influence World. In T. V. Paul, & M. Kornprobst (Eds.), *The New Cold War and the Remaking of Regions* (pp. 53-74). Georgetown University Press.
- Pedi, R., & Wivel, A. (2023). The power (politics) of the weak revisited: Realism and the study of small-state foreign policy. In T. Kolnberger, & H. Koff (Eds.), *Agency, Security and Governance of Small States: A Global Perspective* (pp. 13-28). Routledge.
- Græger, N., Heurlin, B., Wæver, O., & Wivel, A. (Eds.) (2022). *Polarity in International Relations: Past, Present, Future*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- Pedi, R., & Wivel, A. (2022). What Future for Small States After Unipolarity? Strategic Opportunities and Challenges in the Post-American World Order. In N. Græger, B. Heurlin, O. Wæver, & A. Wivel (Eds.), *Polarity in International Relations: Past, Present, Future* (pp. 127-147). Palgrave Macmillan.
- Wivel, A. (2021). The Grand Strategies of Small States. In T. Balzacq, & R. R. Krebs (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Grand Strategy* (pp. 490-505). Oxford University Press.
- Baldacchino, G., & Wivel, A. (Eds.) (2020). *Handbook on the Politics of Small States*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

My academic articles have been published in leading academic journals such as, e.g., *International Affairs*, *International Studies Review*, *International Relations*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Cooperation & Conflict*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Journal of European Integration*, *European Journal of International Security*, *Ethics and International Affairs*, *African Security* and *European Security*.

My books have been published by leading academic publishers including *Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Georgetown University Press, Palgrave, Routledge* and *Edward Elgar*.

Full list of publications is available at <https://researchprofiles.ku.dk/en/persons/anders-wivel>

AWARDS, GRANTS

- University of Copenhagen-Leading Researcher for ‘CEE Security Hub’, Twinning project under the Horizon programme funded by the European Union, 2024-2027. With Tallinn University (lead) and Tampere University. 397,695 EUR (project total 1,305,265 EUR).
- PI for the work package ‘Taking Leadership in International Diplomacy’, Leadership in Small States II (LIST II). Erasmus+ programme, European Commission, 2021-2022 (16,870 EUR) and for the work package ‘Diplomatic Leadership in Small States’, Leadership in Small States (LIST), Erasmus+ programme, European Commission, 2019-2021 (30,216 EUR).
- Workshop grant, Carlsberg Foundation (The Past, Present and Future of International Order) (2019, 58,400 DKR (7,830 EUR)).
- Grant Holder, ‘Microfoundations of International Order’, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship, European Commission. Supervisor of Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellow and Associate Professor Balkan Devlen (2017-2019). 212,194 EUR.
- PI for the work package ‘Small states in the migration crisis’ (with Dana Lusa, University of Zagreb), ‘Navigating the Storm: The Challenges of Small States in Europe’ Jean Monnet Network (2017-19): Research and impact network. Buy-out, travel, board and research assistance. 27,071 EUR.
- Visiting Scholar Grant, Centre for International Peace and Security Studies, McGill University (2016).
- PI, Danish Maritime Foundation (2015-2016): Financial support for interviews on Denmark’s influence on the international counter-piracy agenda, 25,000 Danish kroner (3,353 EUR).
- Funding for buy-out, travel and research assistance via collaborative research projects funded by e.g., European Commission, Danish Government, Independent Research Denmark.
- Full PhD scholarship, Copenhagen Research Project on European Integration (CORE), 1996-1999.

RESEARCH LEADERSHIP

Head of Political Science PhD Programme, University of Copenhagen (September 1, 2022-2025)

Director, Centre for Advanced Security Theory (CAST) (2020-2021).

Chief Investigator, Deputy Head of Research (2017-2019). Official independent inquiry into the historical and political background of the Danish military contribution to the wars in Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Head of Studies and member of Department of Political Science leadership team (2010-2016).

Vice-Chair of External Examiners (2017-). Royal Danish Defence College.

Research management and leadership. PI/co-PI/grant holder on a number of research projects funded by e.g., European Commission, Danish Parliament and various research funds.

RESEARCH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Management training programmes: University of Southern Denmark/Copenhagen Business School Executive (2010); University of Copenhagen, Head of Studies programme (2011)

PRIMARY RESEARCH INTERESTS

To analyze the nature of and changes in power politics in order to understand international order(s) and identify the dilemmas, challenges, and opportunities of states within these orders. Conceptual and theoretical development to understand small state strategies for overcoming the adverse consequences of power asymmetry and vulnerability, and to analyze when, how and why they succeed or fail.

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

- Section chair 'Small States in World Politics' European International Studies Association (EISA), (2020-). With Revecca Pedi, University of Macedonia.
- Regional Director and Steering Committee member, Global Research Network on Peaceful Change (GRENPEC) (2019-).
- Editorial advisory board membership: Journal of European Integration (2024-); Cooperation & Conflict (2023-); The Hague Journal of Diplomacy (2021-); Scandinavian Journal of Military Studies (2018-); Small States and Territories (2017-).
- Visiting Scholar: Arizona State University (2022); McGill University (2016); University of Chicago (1997-1998).
- Advisory board member: Independent Inquiry into the war in Afghanistan, Danish Institute of International Studies (2022-2024); Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, University of Agder (2020-2023). Independent Inquiry into the Consequences of the Danish Defence Opt-Out, Danish Institute of International Studies (2019).
- Editor and co-editor of 10 international book projects with leading experts and academics published with Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Georgetown University Press, Edward Elgar, Palgrave and Routledge.

POSTDOC AND PhD. SUPERVISION

Post doc supervision of 1 candidate. PhD supervision of 5 candidates and co-supervision of 4 candidates. Mentoring of junior scholars in University of Copenhagen mentor programme.