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Lecturer in Education

I do research and teach about contemporary education governance. Three lines of research dominate my scholarship: globalisation and education, public policy analysis, and teachers and teaching. I draw upon a broad background in research and practice. A Danish and European citizen, I have lived and worked in Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Poland and the United Kingdom.

My research in key words

comparative education – education policy - employment – europeanisation - globalisation – global governance
- industrial relations - political sociology - public policy - teaching profession

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Professional experience

Nov 2023 - (current)

Lecturer in Education (Research and Teaching)
School of Education, University of Glasgow
Glasgow, United Kingdom

I undertake research, teach and supervise about global and European education governance, comparative education, and sociology of education.

Selected activities and results:

- Co-editor of [World Yearbook of Education 2025](#) (published by Routledge in November 2024)
- Co-editor of Special Issues in *European Educational Research Journal*, *Globalisation, Societies and Education*, and *Journal of Education and Work*
- 4 articles in academic peer-reviewed journals
- Consultancy:
 - Study [Teacher Shortage Crisis in the European Union](#), commissioned by the Policy Department Unit for Citizens, Equality and Culture at the request of the European Parliament's Committee on Culture and Education (CULT) (June-September 2026)
 - Rapporteur and author of Final Report, [International Summit on the Teaching Profession 2026](#) (Estonia, 8-11 March 2026)
- Co-founder and co-convenor of [Critical Policy Studies in Education Group](#) (since June 2025)
- Co-convenor of [Glasgow Comparative and International Education Research Network \(GLACIER\)](#) (February 2025 – July 2026)
- Glasgow Deputy Programme Leader of [Erasmus Mundus Joint Master in Education Policies for Global Development \(GLOBED\)](#) (since April 2025)
- Co-organiser of Summer School [International Perspectives on Education Policy \(IPEP\): Geopolitical Dis/Rupture and Education Policy](#), University of Verona, 14–19 September 2026
- Postgraduate teaching:
 - Doctorate in Education (EdD) → Education Policy
 - Erasmus Mundus Joint Master in Education Policies for Global Development (GLOBED) → International and Comparative Education (EDUC5858)
 - MSc Education, Public Policy & Equity → Policy Enquiry and Decision Making (EDUC5249)
 - MSc International and Comparative Education → International Actors and Global Education Policies (EDUC51061)
- Dissertation supervision in Postgraduate programmes
 - Erasmus Mundus Joint Master in Education Policies for Global Development (GLOBED)
 - MSc Education, Public Policy & Equity
 - MSc International and Comparative Education

Oct 2022 – Sep 2023

Postdoctoral Researcher
Educational Governance Team
Hertie School - The University of Governance in Berlin
Berlin, Germany

My primary tasks concern research, writing and publishing about European Union politics and policies related to education and training sectors, individually and with the other members of the Educational Governance Team, led by Assistant Professor Lukas Graf.

Selected activities and results:

- Guest lectures and paper presentations at University of Vienna and Humboldt University, Berlin
- Organisation of Double Panel at CIES 2023, including my own paper presentation
- Paper presentation at Council for European Studies conference 2023
- Contributions to the teaching and assessment of student assignments on the module “The Policy Process: Education, Work & High Skills”

- Mentor in the Hertie School's First-Gen Mentorship Programme
- Extensive tutoring and collaboration with Hertie PhD and MA students on a series of tasks, including:
 - Organisation of Public Online Event "A European network experiment: Progress and challenges of the Erasmus+ Teacher Academies" (45 online attendees)
 - Systematic literature review about experimentalist governance in education and training
 - Tutoring PhD student Anna Prisca Lohse during the final stages of her project, including detailed feedback on dissertation chapters and oral presentations

Oct 2021 – Sep 2022

Postdoctoral Fellow/Assistant Professor ("Adiunkt")

Taube Centre for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences

Faculty of International and Political Studies

Jagiellonian University

Krakow, Poland

During my fellowship, I undertook the individual project "The myths and promises of education: The cultural political economy of educationalisation in European Union governance", which analysed and theorised how education and learning have been represented as a universal instrument for economic and societal progress in EU policy-making over recent decades.

Selected activities and results:

- Editing and submission of special issue for peer review, including two co-written articles
- Editing handbook section with 8 chapters in major [reference work](#) about teacher education, including my own introduction [chapter](#)
- Publication of [article](#) in *Didactief* (major Dutch magazine targeting education professionals and stakeholders)
- Guest lectures and workshops at UNESCO Janusz Korczak Chair International Summer School (Maria Grzegorzewska University, Warsaw), and University of Bialystok

Sep 2017 – Sep 2021

Postdoctoral Researcher ("Assistant de recherche")

Institute for the Analysis of Change in Contemporary and Historical Societies (IACS)

Université catholique de Louvain

Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

In UC Louvain, I was involved in two major European projects:

March 2020 – March 2021

"Social dialogue and industrial relations in education: the challenges of multi-level governance and of privatisation in Europe"

Funded by the European Commission Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (budget heading 04.03.01.08 "Improving expertise in the field of industrial relations"), the project was coordinated by European Trade Union Committee for Education, and undertaken by a research consortium consisting of UC Louvain, University of Naples Federico II and the University of Warsaw, with 14 researchers involved.

Selected activities and results:

- I was the main author and editor of the awarded research proposal, research design, and [final report](#).
- Publication of [blogpost](#) about study findings

Sep 2017 - Nov 2019, and April – Sep 2021

"Cultural roots and institutional transformations of teachers' careers and the teaching profession in Europe" (TEACHERSCAREERS)

Funded by the European Research Council, the Starting Grant project ran over the period 2017 – 2022. The Principal Investigator is Professor Xavier Dumay, UC Louvain. The research team comprised six post-doc researchers and one PhD, and collaboration partners in Belgium, France, UK and the US.

Selected activities and results:

- Extensive literature review and empirical study of transnational teacher governance, including analysis of key policy documents issued in the period 1990-2020 and 20 interviews with staff in the EU, OECD, European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE), and European Federation of Education Employers (EFEE), as well as research observations at the invitation-only *International Summit for the Teaching Profession 2019* in Helsinki and the *Second European Education Summit* in Brussels September 2019.
- Guest editor of [special section in Comparative Education Review](#) and [special issue in Globalisation, Societies and Education](#), including co-written articles
- Organisation of Panel at CIES 2018 and Symposium at ECER 2018 and 2019
- Co-supervisor of Jo B. Helgetun's PhD project "Teacher training at the crossroads of the global education policy field and national paths? Case studies in England and France"

March - Dec 2012

Blue Book Trainee (promoted to Temporary Policy Assistant from August 2012)

Directorate-General Education and Culture, Unit A.4. Analysis and Studies

European Commission

Brussels, Belgium

Selected activities and results:

- Analytical, editorial and organisational tasks on the *First European Survey on Language Competences*
- Contribution to drafting European Commission "*Rethinking Education*" Communication package

Jan - Feb 2012

Teaching Assistant

Cumberland School, Newham

London, United Kingdom

Selected activities and results:

- Teaching Assistant for English as Additional Language, supporting students in the classroom
- Preparing report about teaching literacy in Math and curriculum development, presented to the school's Math teachers

Sep 2006 - July 2007 (part-time)

Research Assistant

Aarhus University, Danish School of Education

Copenhagen, Denmark

Selected activities and results:

- Desk research, participant observation, interviews and undertaking case studies forming part of the EU funded Socrates-Grundtvig project "Stocktaking study on Lifelong Learning for Democratic Citizenship through Adult Education"
- Co-authoring three case studies and a peer-reviewed article in *Scandinavian Journal of Educational Research* with Professor Marcella Milana

Oct 2003 – Sep 2009

External teacher trainer (Oct 2003 – June 2004) (part-time)

Project Employee (Sep 2004 – Jun 2005)

Project Consultant (June 2005 – Sep 2009)

Centre for Bilingualism and Interculturality

CVU Copenhagen & North Zealand (from Jan 2008 University College UCC)

Copenhagen, Denmark

Selected activities and results:

- Teaching and coordination, with an increasing level of responsibility, of approximately 20 multi-session "Language and subject" (Danish: "Sprog og fag") professional development programmes (duration

typically 36-50 hours) on literacy-across-the curriculum and intercultural education for teachers in primary, secondary and adult education in various locations of Denmark.

- Teaching and coordination of "The foundational continuing education programme in the teaching of bilingual learners" (Danish: "Den grundlæggende efteruddannelse i undervisning af tosprogede elever") (duration 120 hours) for primary and secondary school (ISCED levels 1 and 2) teachers from municipalities of Copenhagen and Ishøj.
- Commissioned research on literacy-across-the-curriculum, e.g., for the Municipality of Copenhagen and Danish Ministry of Education, under the leadership of Dr Helle Pia Laursen.
- Knowledge dissemination in articles, research reports and Danish national radio

Nov 2003 – June 2004

Teacher

**The Rising Project ("Risingprojektet), Municipality of Odense
Odense, Denmark**

Selected activities and results:

- Teaching Danish, Math, English and Physical Education to newly arrived migrants and refugees of age 16-18, mainly from East and South Asia, Middle East, North Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa
- Pastoral care integrated part of duties

Aug 2001 - July 2003

Teacher

**Copenhagen Youth School, "Course for Foreigners" ("Kursus for Udlændinge")
Copenhagen, Denmark**

Selected activities and results:

- Teaching Danish, Math, English and Physical Education to newly arrived migrants and refugees of age 16-18, mainly from East and South Asia, Middle East, North Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa
- Pastoral care integrated part of duties
- Preparing students for national ISCED level 2 final examinations
- Participation as a teacher in pioneering R&D project "Dansk som andetsprog i fagene", led by Dr Helle Pia Laursen and commissioned by the Municipality of Copenhagen, on second-language acquisition and literacy-across-the-curriculum.
- Selected as the school's Teacher of the Year 2002-2003

Teaching, tutoring and supervision in higher and continuing education

In University of Glasgow, I have been or am currently Course Leader on:

- **International and Comparative Education** (EDUC5858; 20 Credits; Level 5/SCQF 11; core course on Erasmus Mundus Joint Master in Education Policies for Global Development, GLOBED) (since 2025)
- **Policy Enquiry and Decision Making** (EDUC5249; 20 Credits; Level 5/SCQF 11; core course on MSc Education, Public Policy & Equity) (2025-26)
- **Modern Educational Thinking** (EDUC51000; 20 Credits; Level 5/SCQF 11; core course of MSc in Education Online) (2024-25, 2025-26)
- **International Actors and Global Education Policies** (EDUC 51061; 20 Credits; Level 5/SCQF 11; core course of MSc International & Comparative Education) (2024-2025)

In addition, I have taught on the following courses:

- **Education Policy** (core course of the Doctorate in Education EdD) (since 2024)
- **Contemporary Themes in Education Policy** (EDUC51001; 20 Credits; Level 5/SCQF 11; core course of MSc Educational Studies) (since 2024)
- **Modern Educational Thought** (EDUC5156; 20 Credits; Level 5/SCQF 11; core course of MSc Educational Studies) (2024-25, 2025-26)
- **Fundamentals of Formal Education** (EDUC51076; core course of MSc Educational Studies) (2024-2025)
- **Education and Society 5** (EDUC5863P; 30 Credits; Level 5/SCQF 11; MEd Education with Primary Teaching Qualification) (2024-2025)

Masters dissertation supervision

- Erasmus Mundus Joint Master in Education Policies for Global Development (GLOBED) (since 2025)
- MSc Education, Public Policy & Equity (2023-2024, 2025-2026)
- MSc International and Comparative Education (2023-2024, 2024-2025)

Summer school organisation

- Co-organiser (w/ Marcella Milana and Annette Rasmussen) of Summer School International Perspectives on Education Policy (IPEP): Geopolitical Dis/Rupture and Education Policy, Department of Human Sciences, University of Verona, 14–19 September 2026.
- 20 PhD students based in universities across Europe took part

In Hertie School, I contributed to the activities of the Educational Governance Team led by Assistant Professor Lukas Graf. This has involved extensive tutoring and collaboration with Hertie MA students on a series of tasks, in particular: i) organisation of [Public Online Event “A European network experiment: Progress and challenges of the Erasmus+ Teacher Academies”](#) (1 December 2022, 45 online attendees), including speakers from the European Commission, Aix-Marseille Université (France), Tampere University of Applied Sciences (Finland) and Hertie School (Germany); and ii) data base searches, screening and coding stages of systematic literature review focused on experimentalist governance in education and training; and iii) tutoring PhD student Anna Lohse during the final stages of her project, including detailed feedback on dissertation chapters and oral presentations.

In addition, I served as mentor in the Hertie School’s First-Gen Mentorship Programme. The main goal of the programme is to provide a supportive platform to first-generation students and simultaneously offer mentors an opportunity to engage more actively with Hertie students’ community.

In November 2022, I taught the session “Case Study – Experimentalist governance and measurement-driven governance in transnational arenas” for two classes at the Hertie School. The session forms part of the course “The Policy Process: Education, Work & High Skills”, a module in the Hertie School’s Master of Public Policy or Master of Data Science. In addition to the teaching, I assessed and graded students’ course assignments. My contribution to the module took place in close collaboration with Lukas Graf, Assistant Professor of Educational Governance at the Hertie School.

In February 2020 and again in February 2021, I taught two sessions at UC Louvain forming part of the Bachelor and Masters level course “Analyse comparée des systèmes d’enseignement et de formation”. The sessions concerned concepts of justice and education system structures in a global perspective. Course lead: Professor Xavier Dumay, UC Louvain.

As part of the module “Researching Higher Education” (30 credits) at Lancaster University, I taught during autumn 2018 and again in 2019 about literature review methods, followed by on-line student supervision. The module forms part of the doctoral programme “Higher Education: Research, Evaluation and Enhancement” coordinated by Lecturer Janja Komljenovic.

On 4 November 2019, I taught the 3-hours seminar “Education in Comparative Perspective: The educational system of Denmark” forming part of the cross-faculty course “Learning in socially engaged education” at KU Leuven. The seminar was video-recorded for later use. The course is part of an ‘Educative Master’/academic teacher training programme at KU Leuven. Course lead: Professor Maarten Simons, KU Leuven.

In the period Oct 2003 – Sep 2009, I was given increasingly levels of responsibility for teaching, coordination and management of professional development programmes for school teachers (primarily ISCED levels 1 and 2). These activities in particular concerned two sets of activities: i) “Language and subject” (Danish: “Sprog og fag”) programmes, typical duration between 36 and 50 teaching hours, tailored to the specific demands of municipalities. I was involved in around 20 of such programmes, in addition to numerous shorter programmes with a similar thematic focus in numerous locations across Denmark; and ii) “The foundational continuing education programme in the teaching of bilingual learners” (Danish: “Den grundlæggende efteruddannelse i undervisning af tosprogede elever”), duration 120 teaching hours. Between September 2006 to June 2009, I became increasingly involved in the teaching and coordination of these programmes for teachers working in the

municipalities of Copenhagen and Ishøj. Eventually, I was given the responsibility of leading the programme, including teaching multiple sessions, managing and assessing learner assignments, and programme evaluation.

PhD supervision

University of Glasgow

- Constanza Cárdenas Alarcón: [Re]Making Inclusive Curriculum: Co-Creation with Curriculum Circles in Chile (Viva/Oral Examination September 2026)

UC Louvain

- Jo B. Helgetun: Teacher training at the crossroads of the global education policy field and national paths? Case studies in England and France (Viva/Oral Examination September 2021)

Examiner in PhD Examination Committees:

- Enoch Nyarkoh, "Global-National/Local Imbrications of Education Reform: The Case of *Transforming Teaching, Education and Learning* (T-TEL) in Ghana", Viva/Oral Examination 24th September 2025, University of Queensland Graduate School.
- Majid Bayramli, "Global Players, Local Changes: The European Union's Impact on Vocational Education Reforms in Azerbaijan", Viva/Oral Examination 27th August 2024, University of Glasgow.

Education

Jan 2013 – June 2017

Doctor of Philosophy (viva/defense 15 June 2017, degree certified 20 June 2017)

Faculty of Social Sciences and Law, Graduate School of Education, University of Bristol (Full-time)

Doctoral thesis "*Work In Progress: The Political Construction of The OECD Programme Teaching And Learning International Survey*"

Supervisors: Professor Susan Robertson and Professor Roger Dale, University of Bristol

Based on policy documents and 31 interviews with stakeholders in the OECD, EU, the global federation of teacher unions Education International, as well as state authorities, research institutes, and teacher unions in Australia, England and Finland, the PhD project analysed the discourses associated with the coining and development of the OECD Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS) into the most comprehensive international survey so far on teachers' work. The analysis of the discourses of the main organisations was contextualised within the soft law governance of the OECD, as well as the EU, a close working partner with the OECD on TALIS, and situated the programme in relation to the unprecedented political interest directed towards the teaching profession globally from the 1990s onwards.

Selected activities and results:

- I was awarded University of Bristol Postgraduate Scholarship (3 years; total GBP 53,087) and research grant by Worldwide Universities Network Research Mobility Programme (GBP 2,492)
- 1-2 months research stays at University of Helsinki and University of Sydney
- The project formed basis for three peer-reviewed articles in highly ranked international journals, three chapters in major anthologies, and commissioned research for Education International and Open Society Foundations

Jan 2006 – March 2011

Master of Arts in Educational Sociology

Danish School of Education, Aarhus University (120 ECTS, part-time)

MA dissertation "*The bias of markets: A comparative study of the market form and identity politics in English and Danish compulsory education*" (published by University of Copenhagen in 2011)

Supervisor: Associate Professor Stavros Moutsios

Jan 2005 – Jan 2006

Masters supplement in Educational Sociology (“Kandidatsupplering i pædagogisk sociologi”)

(Modules required for accessing MA in Educational Sociology)

Modules passed:

Philosophy of Science, including academic writing (15 ECTS)

Educational Sociology (15 ECTS)

Sep 2003 - June 2005

Migration Studies (“Indvandrers-studier”, Bachelor level), University of Southern Denmark

Two programme modules passed:

Cultural Theory (12 ECTS)

Bilingualism, language shift and acquisition (9 ECTS)

Sep 1995 – June 2000

Teacher Graduate, ISCED levels 1 and 2

Aarhus Dag- og Aftenseminarium, Denmark (240 ECTS, full-time)

Subject Specialisms: Danish and Geography

Language competences

Danish native **English** C2 (fluent) **French** B2 (intermediate) **Polish** A2 (basic) **Swedish** C1 (proficient)

(cf. [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#))

Grants and awards

University of Bristol Postgraduate Scholarship (GBP 53,087)

Maintenance stipend and tuition fees for PhD programme at the Graduate School of Education, University of Bristol (January 2013 - January 2016)

Worldwide Universities Network Research Mobility Programme (GBP 2,492)

Research visit to Faculty of Education and Social Work, University of Sydney, hosted by Professor Anthony Welch (19 October – 4 December 2015)

Professional duties, networks and memberships

Editorial board member of academic journals

European Educational Research Journal (Co-executive Editor since June 2025; Editorial Board Member since August 2018)

Critical Studies in Education (Editorial Board Member since August 2024)

Nordic Journal of Studies in Educational Policy (Associate Editor December 2023 – December 2025)

Peer reviewer (since January 2022)

Comparative Education Review

Critical Studies in Education

European Educational Research Journal

European Journal of Education

Global Society

Globalisation, Societies and Education

Higher Education Policy

International Journal of Lifelong Education

Journal of Education Policy

Journal of European Integration

Journal of Industrial Relations

Nordic Journal of Studies in Educational Policy

Paedagogica Historica
Research in Comparative and International Education
Social Inclusion

Member of Scientific Committee

Association for Teacher Education in Europe (ATEE) Spring Conference 2024, Bergamo, 29 May – 1 June 2024

Publications

Peer-reviewed journal articles

- Sorensen, T. B., & Graf, L. (2026). A European experiment in governing teacher education and training: the case of the Erasmus+ Teacher Academies. *Education Inquiry*, 17(2), 407–434. <https://doi.org/10.1080/20004508.2024.2390713>
- Sorensen, T. B., & Dumay, X. (2024). The European Union's governance of teachers and the evolution of a bridging issue field since the mid-2000s. *European Educational Research Journal*, 23(2), 237–260. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14749041241234695>
- Sorensen, T. B., & Eeva, K. (2024). Re-articulating the form of the political: Contemporary education governance in the European Union. Introduction to the Special Issue. *European Educational Research Journal*, 23(2), 165–177. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14749041241231021>
- Sorensen, T. B., & Dumay, X. (2023). The European Sectoral Social Dialogue in Education and the strengthening of the European Union's policy regime in education and employment. *Journal of Education and Work*, 36(7–8), 542–562. doi: [10.1080/13639080.2023.2275767](https://doi.org/10.1080/13639080.2023.2275767)
- Graf, L., Marques, M., Sorensen, T. B., & Dumay, X. (2023). The emergence of European boundary-spanning policy regimes: analysing intersectoral policy coordination in education and employment. *Journal of Education and Work*, 36(7–8), 511–523. doi: [10.1080/13639080.2023.2275778](https://doi.org/10.1080/13639080.2023.2275778)
- Sorensen, T. B., & Dumay, X. (2021). Special Section on Teachers, Teaching and Globalization: Introduction, *Comparative Education Review*, 65(4), 723–724. doi: [10.1086/716449](https://doi.org/10.1086/716449)
- Sorensen, T. B., & Dumay, X. (2021). The Teaching Professions and Globalization: A Scoping Review of the Anglophone Research Literature. *Comparative Education Review*, 65(4), 725–749. doi: [10.1086/716418](https://doi.org/10.1086/716418)
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- Sorensen, T. B., Ydesen, C. & Robertson, S. L. (2021). Re-reading the OECD and education: the emergence of a global governing complex – an introduction. *Globalisation, Societies and Education*, 19(2), 99–107. doi: [10.1080/14767724.2021.1897946](https://doi.org/10.1080/14767724.2021.1897946)
- Sorensen, T. B., & Robertson, S. L. (2020). O programa da OCDE TALIS: enquadrando, medindo e vendendo professores de qualidade. *Currículo sem Fronteiras*, 20(1), 43–61.
- Sorensen, T. B., & Robertson, S. L. (2020). Ordinalization and the OECD's governance of teachers. *Comparative Education Review*, 64(1), 21–45. doi: [10.1086/706758](https://doi.org/10.1086/706758)
- Robertson, S. L., & Sorensen, T. B. (2018). Global transformations of the state, governance and teachers' labour: Putting Bernstein's conceptual grammar to work. *European Educational Research Journal*, 17(4), 470–488.
- Holloway, J., Sorensen, T. B., & Verger, A. (2017). Global Perspectives on High-Stakes Teacher Accountability Policies: An Introduction. *Education Policy Analysis Archives*, 25(85), 1–18.
- Sorensen, T. B. (2012). "Kortsluttet kosmopolitanisme: Marginaliseringen af engelsk som andetsprog" ["Shortcircuited cosmopolitanism: The marginalisation of English as an Additional Language"]. *Sprogforum*, 55, 71–78.
- Sorensen, T. B. (2011). The two nationalistic narratives in Danish compulsory education. *Exedra Revista Científica*, 3(1), 15–24.
- Milana, M., & Sorensen, T. B. (2009). Promoting Democratic Citizenship Through Non-Formal Adult Education: The Case of Denmark. *Scandinavian Journal of Educational Research*, 53(4), 347–362.

Editorial work: Special issues in academic peer-reviewed journals

Tore Bernt Sorensen, Xavier Dumay & Lynn Paine. Guest editors of Special Section "Global Governance and the Status of Teachers as a Profession", *Globalisation, Societies and Education*, 24(7), December 2026.

- Tore Bernt Sorensen & Katri Eeva. Guest editors of Special Issue "[Re-articulating the form of the political: Contemporary education governance in the European Union](#)", *European Educational Research Journal*, 23(2), March 2024.
- Lukas Graf, Marcelo Marques, Tore Bernt Sorensen, & Xavier Dumay. Guest editors of Special Issue "[The emergence of European boundary-spanning policy regimes: Analysing intersectoral policy coordination in education and employment](#)", *Journal of Education and Work*, 36(7-8), November 2023.
- Tore Bernt Sorensen & Xavier Dumay. Guest editors of Special Section "Teachers in the context of globalization", *Comparative Education Review*, 65(4), November 2021.
- Tore Bernt Sorensen, Christian Ydesen & Susan L. Robertson. Guest editors of Special Issue "Re-reading the OECD and education: the emergence of a global governing complex", *Globalisation, Societies and Education*, 19(2), March 2021.
- Jessica Holloway, Tore Bernt Sorensen & Antoni Verger. Guest editors of Special Issue "Global Perspectives on High-Stakes Teacher Accountability Policies", *Education Policy Analysis Archives*, 25(85-93), August 2017.

Monographs

- The GLACIER Collective (2026). *Comparative and International Education: Key Questions, Tensions and Opportunities*. Bristol Studies in Comparative and International Education. Bristol University Press.
- Sorensen, T. B. (2011). *The bias of markets: A comparative study of the market form and identity politics in English and Danish compulsory education*. Copenhagen Studies in Bilingualism, vol. 60. Copenhagen: University of Copenhagen.
- [Reviewed](#) by Francesca Gobbo, University of Turin, in *European Educational Research Journal* 11(3), 471-476

PhD thesis

- Sorensen, T. B. (2017). *Work In Progress: The Political Construction of The OECD Programme Teaching And Learning International Survey*. University of Bristol, Graduate School of Education.

Anthologies

- Dumay, X., Sorensen, T. B., & Paine, L. (Eds. 2024). [World Yearbook of Education 2025. The Teaching Profession in a Globalizing World: Governance, Career, Learning](#). Abingdon: Routledge.
- Sorensen, T. B. (Ed. 2022). Handbook Section "Globalization and teacher education" (8 chapters), in *The Palgrave Handbook of Teacher Education Research*, Editor-in-Chief I. Menter (on-line publication 2022, in print 2023)

Chapters in anthologies

- Sorensen, T. B. Eeva Di Minin, K., & Grek, S. (forthcoming 2027, accepted). The Quest for Europe in Education Policy Research: Europeanisation from Above and Below? In *Handbook on Politics and Education: Understanding the Shaping of National and Global Policies*, edited by A. Larson & X. Rambla. Bloomsbury.
- Sorensen, T. B., & Dumay, X. (2025). The European Union's Governing of Teachers and the Europeanization of Teacher Policy. In [The Liberalization of Teacher Employment Regimes in Europe](#), edited by X. Dumay. Oxford University Press.
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- Dumay, X., Sorensen, T. B., & Paine, L. (2024). Introduction – The Teaching Profession in a Globalizing World: Governance, Career, Learning. In [World Yearbook of Education 2025. The Teaching Profession in a Globalizing World: Governance, Career, Learning](#), edited by X. Dumay, T. B. Sorensen & L. Paine, 1-22. Routledge.
- Sorensen, T. B. (2022). Globalization, teachers and teacher education: theories, themes and methodologies. In *The Palgrave Handbook of Teacher Education Research*, edited by I. Menter. Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-59533-3_73-1
- Milana, M. & Sorensen, T. B. (2020). Promoção da Cidadania Democrática através da Educação de Adultos Não-Formal: O caso da Dinamarca. In *Grundtvig e Freire: escolas populares na Dinamarca e no Brasil*, edited by S. Haddad, 106-128. São Paulo: Ação Educativa (Paper originally published in *Scandinavian Journal of Educational Research*, 53(4), translated to the Portuguese by Sérgio Haddad)
- Sorensen, T. B., & Robertson, S. L. (2018). Reframing Teachers' Work for Global Competitiveness: New Global Hierarchies in the Governing of Education. In *The Wiley Handbook of Global Educational Reform*, edited by K. J. Saltman & A. J. Means, 87-112. Wiley-Blackwell. <https://doi.org/10.1002/9781119082316.ch5>

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"European Union teacher policy since the 2000s: The trajectory of a bridging issue field"

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"Best Practices in Teacher Development: The European Union Experience"

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*"Comparative education policy research in the context of globalisation: What to compare? How to compare?"
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*"A European network experiment: Progress and challenges of the Erasmus+ Teacher Academies"
Intervention in Public Online Event hosted by Educational Governance Team, Hertie School, 1 December 2022*

*"The myths and promises of education: The cultural political economy of educationalisation in European Union governance"
Guest lecture, University of Vienna, 19 October 2022*

*"Stuck between practice and policy: Reflections on cultural diversity, learning and teaching"
Keynote, International Conference on Discourses of Childhood and Social Education, Maria Grzegorzewska University, Warsaw, 2 June 2022*

*"Teachers' well-being: international perspectives on the challenges and responses"
Guest lecture, 15th UNESCO Janusz Korczak Chair International Summer School 2022, Maria Grzegorzewska University, Warsaw, 1 June 2022*

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Keynote, virtual ETUCE conference "Education in Europe From Resistance to Recovery: Public Investment, Privatisation, Reforms and the role of Industrial Relations", 31 March 2021*

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*"When can literature be used as empirical data? The aims, types and methods of literature reviews"
Guest lecture, Centre for Higher Education Research and Evaluation, Lancaster University, 8 April 2020*

"Between education and employment: EU governance and the Europeanisation of teacher policy"

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"Et internationalt perspektiv på folkeskolereformen og lærerprofessionen"

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"Organiseringen af den skolepædagogiske indsats i forhold til flersprogede elever"

Keynote, conference hosted by Danish Union of Teachers, Local Branch Copenhagen, 22 May 2014

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(w/ Sotiria Grek & Katri Eeva Di Minin) "The Study of an Elusive Concept: Europeanisation in Education Research"
European Conference on Educational Research (ECER), Tampere, 18-21 August 2026

(w/ Marcella Milana) "Policy Learning and Education Policy and Governance: A Scoping Review of the Research Literature"

Comparative Education Society in Europe XXX Conference, Roskilde, 29 June – 2 July, 2026

2025

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European Conference on Educational Research (ECER), Belgrade, 9-12 September 2025

* Book Launch (w/ Xavier Dumay & Lynn Paine) World Yearbook of Education 2025. The Teaching Profession in a Globalizing World: Governance, Career, Learning.

Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society (CIES), Chicago, 22-26 March 2025

"Projecting Futures of Education: Comparing the projective grammars of the Scottish Futures Forum and the US Center for Strategic Foresight"

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2024

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Comparative Education Society in Europe XXIX Conference, Thessaloniki, 8-11 July 2024

*Co-convenor of Panel (w/ Marcella Milana & Xavier Rambla) "Global governance and education: implications for policy and practice", including paper "Futures of Education and Strategic Anticipation in Scotland, the US, and the OECD: Imaginaries, Modes of Governance, and Democratic Representation"
Third International Conference of the journal "Scuola Democratica", 3-6 June, Cagliari

(w/ Elena Revyakina & Conor Galvin) "The inclusion of teacher-centred research in European Union governance: the case of the Erasmus+ Teacher Academies"
Association for Teacher Education in Europe (ATEE) Spring Conference 2024, Bergamo, 29 May – 1 June 2024

"Governing the Futures of Education: Global education governance and strategic anticipation"
The Globalization of Education Governance: Potential, Pitfalls, Policy, SUNY Albany, 26-28 April 2024

2023

*Organisation of Symposium "Deepening Europeanisation: European Union Governance of Education and Training in the 2020s", including paper (with Lukas Graf) "The Erasmus+ Teacher Academies - A Case of Europeanisation via Experimentalist Governance?"
European Conference on Educational Research (ECER), Glasgow, 22-25 August 2023

(w/ Lukas Graf) "A European Experiment in Governing Teacher Training: The Case of the Erasmus+ Teacher Academies". Part of Session "Continuity and Change in European Higher Education and Science: Old questions, new challenges?"
29th International Conference of Europeanists, Council for European Studies (CES), Reykjavik, 27-29 June 2023

(w/ Lukas Graf) "A European Experiment in Governing Teacher Education and Training: The case of the Erasmus+ Teacher Academies"
LEARN! Seminar, Amsterdam Free University, 21 June 2023

(w/ Xavier Dumay) "European Union Teacher Policy as a Bridging Issue Field: Issues, Actors and Institutional Arrangements since the 2000s"
Humboldt University, Comparative and International Education Research Seminar, Berlin, 25 May 2023

*Organisation of Double Panel Session (w/ Elena Aydarova, Auburn University) "Globalization and teacher education", including paper "Teacher education and the global research imaginary: Unpacking a paradox".
Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society (CIES), Washington DC, 18-22 February 2023

2022

"European Union governance of schools and teachers: Policy design and instrumentation since 2010"
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Innsbruck, 22-26 August 2022

"European Union governance of schools and teachers: Transformations in the mix of policy instruments since 2010"
The Instrumentation and Enactment of Public Education Reform. The Reformed Project Final Conference & Workshops, Barcelona, 15-17 June 2022

"Education, cultural identity and values in European Union governance since the 1990s"
Conference "Uses and abuses of the past – the democratisation of symbolic resources, power and legitimization", Taube Centre for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, Faculty of International and Political Studies, Jagiellonian University Krakow, 23-24 May 2022

2021

(w/ Xavier Dumay) "Managing Tensions in the European Sectoral Social Dialogue in Education". Part of symposium "New policy instruments for education and training in Europe: Generating productive tensions"
European Conference on Educational Research (ECER), 6–10 September 2021

(w/ Xavier Dumay & Juliette Fontaine) "Social dialogue and industrial relations in education: The challenges of multi-level governance and privatisation in Europe"
GIRSEF seminar, UC Louvain, 2 April 2021

2020

(w/ Xavier Dumay) "Between education and employment: The EU governance architecture and the Europeanisation of teacher policy"
Virtual workshop "Education and Training Policies in Europe", Hertie School of Governance, 23 April 2020

2019

*Organisation of Symposium "Re-articulating the form of the political: Education governance in the European Union", including paper (w/ Xavier Dumay) "European Union Governance, Social Dialogue And The Teacher Workforce"
European Conference on Educational Research (ECER), Hamburg, 3-6 September 2019

(w/ Xavier Dumay) "The teaching professions in the context of globalisation: A scoping review of the literature"
GIRSEF seminar, Université Catholique de Louvain, 5 April 2019

"The teacher workforce and social dialogue in the EU and the OECD"
Colloque 20 Ans de GIRSEF, 30 January 2019

2018

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"The cultural political economy of the OECD TALIS programme"
European Conference on Educational Research (ECER), Bolzano, 4-7 September 2018

*Organisation of Panel Session "The teaching professions and knowledge exchange in the context of globalization", including paper (w/ Xavier Dumay) "The teaching professions and knowledge exchange in the context of globalization"
Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society (CIES), Mexico City, 25-29 March 2018

2017

"Teacher appraisal and feedback: The practical argumentation of the OECD, the World Bank, and the European Commission"
American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, 27 April – 1 May 2017

2016

"Teacher appraisal and feedback: The practical argumentation of the European Commission, the OECD, and the World Bank". Symposium "Global Perspectives on Market-Based Teacher Accountability Policies"
European Conference on Educational Research (ECER), Dublin, 23–26 August 2016

"The uses of international comparative data for political objectives: the OECD TALIS programme and initial teacher education reform in England and Finland"
Universities in the Knowledge Economy (UNIKE) conference, Danish School of Education, Aarhus University, 15-17 June 2016

"The state in the global educational policy field: Finland, England and the OECD TALIS programme"
Nordic Educational Research Association (NERA) conference, Helsinki, 9-11 March 2016

"Dimensions of acceptability: England in the OECD TALIS programme"

Work-In-Progress seminar, Graduate School of Education, University of Bristol, 29 February 2016

2015

(w/ Angeline M. Barrett) "System level indicators for an education SDG: Exploring possibilities for the teachers target". Symposium "Measuring" What We Care About: Balancing the Politics and Promise of a Sustainable Post-2015 Education Agenda

13th International Conference on Education and Development (UKFIET), Oxford, 15-17 September 2015

"Teachers on the global policy agenda: The practical argumentation of the OECD, the European Commission and Education International"

Education, Society and Culture conference, University of Helsinki, 1 June 2015

"Teachers, states, OECD: Does TALIS hijack social dialogue?"

Work-In-Progress seminar, Graduate School of Education, University of Bristol, 28 April 2015

"The engagement of international teacher unions in the OECD programme TALIS: A conversation between critical cultural political economy and historical institutionalism"

Comparative and International Education Society (CIES), Washington DC, 8-13 March 2015

2014

"The de-nationalisation of teacher policy in England and Finland"

European Conference on Educational Research (ECER), Porto, 1-5 September 2014

Podcasts and other media

"The Teaching Profession in a Globalizing World" (w/ Xavier Dumay and Lynn Paine)

FreshEd podcast #385, 16th March 2025

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Interview on language-across-the-curriculum teaching practices for the DVD *Lige Muligheder for Alle* ['Equal Opportunities for All'] produced by HVProduktion (2011). The DVD disseminated the results from a R&D project about inclusion of ethnic minority students in Danish VUCs ("Adult Education Centre")

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