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Born: August 15, 1981.

Nationality: Danish.

Civil status: Cohabiting w. Kresta Munkholt Sørensen, two children aged 10 and 7.

**Academic Positions and Affiliations:**

Feb. 2019 - present Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen – Denmark

July 2014-Jan. 2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen – Denmark

May 2013-July 2014 Assistant Research Professor (post-doc), Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen – Denmark

July 2012-May 2013 Researcher (post doc), SFI – The Danish National Centre for Social Research

Nov. 2007- Dec. 2008 Research Assistant, SFI – The Danish National Centre for Social Research

**Education:**

2012 Ph.D. Economics University of Copenhagen

2008 M.A. Economics University of Copenhagen

2005 B.A. Economics University of Copenhagen

**Leave:**

March 2012-June 2012: Paternity Leave

August 2015-October 2015: Paternity Leave

July 2019: Paternity Leave

**Fields of Specialization:**

Health Economics, Public Economics, Applied Microeconometrics.

**Network activities**

Member of Center for Economic Behavior and Inequality and Center for Health Economics and Policy.

**Grants and Awards:**

**2021 Rockwool Foundation: “HealthInequalityNet” (DKK 7,539,398) (PI)**

**2020 Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant (Independent Research Fund of Denmark) (DKK 6,188,568) Skill Formation in the Labor Market for Physicians (PI)**

2017 Novo Nordisk Foundation (DKK 10,000,000) Behavioral Responses to Health Innovations and the Consequences for Socioeconomic outcomes (PI: Mette Gørtz).  
Torben is leader of a work package on inequalities in life expectancy. The work package studies how inequality in life expectancy is measured, taking social mobility into account and how the inequality over time is shaped by skill biased technologies vs. competing risks.

**2016 EPRN grant (DKK 348,688) The Role of primary Care Physicians in Health and Wellbeing (PI)**

2016 TIAA-CREF Paul A. Samuelson Award for Outstanding Scholarly Writing on Lifelong Financial Security

**2015 EPRN grant (DKK 86,902) The Effect of the Timing of Divorce on Children (PI)**

2013 National Bureau of Economic Research – Household Finance Grant Award ($15,000) (PI: Itzik Fadlon)

2012 FSE Post doc grant (DKK 990,324) Saving for Retirement (PI: Søren Leth-Petersen)

**Invited and Conference Presentations:**

2022 BI Norwegian Business School, University of Aarhus, Bergen workshop in “Health, Human Capital and Social Insurance”, Keynote address at 2022 IZA Workshop on Gender and Family Economics – “Insurance within Families”

2021 CEPR Public Economics Annual Symposium 2021 "Health Meets Public Economics", EEA conference, Zeuthen Lectures

2020 NBER Summer Institute – Gender in the Economy, Berlin Applied Micro seminar, Sundhedsstyrelsen, Regionernes Uddannelsesråd

2019 Copenhagen Business School, University of Bergen, NBER workshop on Aging, Dansk Selskab for Sundhedsøkonomi, New North Zealand Hospital

2018 University of Southern Denmark

2017 University of Aarhus, The Rockwool Foundation Research unit

2016 NBER Summer Institute, Conference on Human Capital and Health Behavior,   
University of Bergen, The Danish Economic Society

2015 SDU Microeconomic Workshop

2013NETSPAR International workshop January 2013, EALE 2013

**Supervision of PhD students:**

Astrid Sophie Fugleholm (Currently PhD-student at University of Copenhagen)

Kathrine Aaby Lorentzen (Currently PhD-student at University of Copenhagen)

Ida Lykke Kristiansen (Currently Postdoc at University of Copenhagen)

Frederik Lyngse Plesner (Currently Postdoc. at University of Copenhagen)

Anne Ardila Brenøe (now University of Zürich)

**PhD committees:**Bjørn Meyer Bjørnson, Mia Herløv Jørgensen, Nikolaj Udengaard Hansen, Johan Sæverud

**Professional Activities:**

*Referee:* American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, AEJ:Applied, AEJ: Policy, Journal of the European Economic Association, Economic Journal, Journal of Human Resources, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Health Economics, Health Economics, Health Policy, BMJ Open, Journal of Public Economics, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Pension Economics and Finance, Review of Economics of the Household, Social Sciences and Medicine, European Economic Review, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Kyklos, New Zealand Economics Papers, Swiss National Science Foundation, Israel Science Foundation and National Science Center Poland.

**List of Publications:**

**Peer reviewed articles:**

“Understanding the Rise in Life-Expectancy Inequality”, Gordon Dahl, Claus T. Kreiner, Torben Heien Nielsen and Benjamin Ly Serena, *Review of Statistics and Economics*, forthcoming

“Family Labor Supply Responses to Severe Health Shocks: Evidence from Danish Administrative Records”, Itzik Fadlon and Torben Heien Nielsen, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 2021, Vol. 13. No. 3, pp. 1-30*

“[Family](http://www.nber.org/papers/w21352.pdf) Health Behaviors”, Itzik Fadlon and Torben Heien Nielsen, *American Economic Review, 2019, Vol. 109, No. 9, pp. 3162-92*

“Childhood Health Shocks, Comparative Advantages, and Long-term Outcomes: Evidence from the Last Danish Polio Epidemic”, Miriam Gensowski, Torben Heien Nielsen, Nete Munk Nielsen, Maya Rossin-Slater and Miriam Wüst , *Journal of Health Economics, 2019, Vol. 66, pp. 27-36*

“Household Labor Supply and the Gains from Social Insurance”, Itzik Fadlon and Torben Heien Nielsen, *Journal of Public Economics, 2019, Vol. 171, pp. 18-28*

“Role of Income Mobility for the measurement of inequality in life expectancy”, Claus Thustrup Kreiner, Benjamin Ly Serena and Torben Heien Nielsen, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), November, 2018, 115 (46) ,11754-11759*

”Aktive og Passive Valg I Pensionsopsparingen”, Torben Heien Nielsen, *Nationaløkonomisk Tidsskrift, Vol. 1, 2017, P.1-6.*

“Do Employer Pension Contributions Reflect Employee Preferences? Evidence from a Retirement Savings Reform in Denmark.” Itzik Fadlon, Jessica Laird and Torben Heien Nielsen, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics 2016, 8(3)*

“The Relationship between Self-Rated Health and Hospital Records”, Torben Heien Nielsen, *Health Economics*, *2016,* *Vol. 25, No. 4, pp. 497–512.*

“[Active vs. Passive Decisions and Crowdout in Retirement Savings Accounts: Evidence from Denmark](http://qje.oxfordjournals.org/content/129/3/1141)”,Raj Chetty, John Friedman, Søren Leth-Petersen, Torben Heien Nielsen and Tore Olsen. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics, 2014, 129(3): 1141-1219*

**Working Papers**

“Causal Effects of Early Career Sorting on Labor and Marriage Market Choices: A Foundation for Gender Disparities and Norms”, Itzik Fadlon and Torben Heien Nielsen, July 2022, NBER WP 28245

“Linking Changes in Inequality in Life Expectancy and Mortality: Evidence from Denmark and the United States”, Gordon Dahl, Claus Thustrup Kreiner, Torben Heien Nielsen and Benjamin Ly Serena, July 2020, NBER WP 27509

“Differential Effects of the Timing of Divorce on Children's outcomes: Evidence from Denmark”, Jessica Laird, Nick Fabrin Nielsen and Torben Heien Nielsen, April 2020, CEBI Working Papers series; Nr. 11/20

“Economic resources, Mortality and Inequality”, Orazio Attanasio and Torben Heien Nielsen, April 2020, CEBI Working Paper Series; Nr. 06/20

“The Effects of Physician Prescribing Behaviors on Prescription Drugs Use and Labor Supply: Evidence from Movers in Denmark”, Jessica Laird and Torben Heien Nielsen

**Book chapters:**

Torben Heien Nielsen, Margherita Borella and Orazio Attanasio: *“Characterizing income shocks and their transmission to household consumption”* in “Longer-term consequences on income distribution of the Great Recession” edited by Agar Brugiavini and Guglielmo Weber. Oxford University Press, 2014.

Torben Heien Nielsen and Anna Amilon: *How does the possibility to defer pension payments affect the labour supply of elderly Danish workers?* In: CEDEFOP - European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Editor): Working and ageing: emerging theories and empirical perspectives, pages 190-209, CEDEFOP, Luxembourg 2010.

**Commissioned publications and Non-Academic Publications:**

Torben Heien Nielsen and Søren Leth-Petersen: *“Pension. Fradrag på frivillig opsparing uden effekt”* Politiken, December 11 2012.

Torben Heien Nielsen and Torben Tranæs: *Risikoen for at flygtninge og indvandrere sættes ud af deres bolig*. SFI Memorandum. 2009

Anna Amilon, Paul Bingley, Torben Heien Nielsen: *Opsat folkepension - øger den arbejdsudbuddet?*. SFI rapport 08:29. 2008.

Torben Heien Nielsen, Gunvor Christensen: *Hvorfor lejere bliver sat ud af deres bolig* - *og konsekvenserne af en udsættelse*. SFI rapport 08:09. 2008