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BIO: **Andreas Bøje Forsby** is a Senior Researcher in the Foreign Policy & Diplomacy unit at the Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) and a Guest Researcher at the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS). He received his PhD degree in 2016 from University of Copenhagen based on a dissertation entitled “The Logic of Social Identity: China’s Identity and Grand Strategy in the 21st Century”. Forsby is an International Relations scholar who specializes in Chinese foreign and security policy, and he has taught a range of courses at University of Copenhagen in that capacity. His current research covers a variety of topics, including Danish-Chinese relations; the US-China great power rivalry; the Indo-Pacific as a geostrategic arena; the Taiwan conflict; the South China Sea; the strategic partnership between China and Russia; China’s identity and emotional assertiveness; constructivist and realist IR theory. While much of his work has been policy-oriented, he also publishes widely in academic journals and edited books. As a member of the European Think-tank Network on China (ETNC) since 2016, he has contributed to its annual reports on relations between Europe and China. Forsby is a frequently cited expert in the Danish media and regularly writes op-eds and policy analysis in Danish newspapers and magazines.

ACADEMIC CAREER

2023 →	Senior Researcher, DIIS
2021 – 2022	Researcher, DIIS & Guest Researcher, NIAS (KU)
2018 – 2020	Postdoc Researcher, NIAS & External Lecturer, IfS (KU)
2016 – 2017	Researcher, DIIS
2012 – 2015	PhD Candidate (KU), hosted by DIIS
2010 – 2011	Research Assistant, DIIS

01.03.2013	Paternity leave (six months)
01.01.2011	Paternity leave (six months)
2003 – 2009	[Civil career in NGO and consultancy firm]

20.05.2016	PhD dissertation, Dep. of Political Science, University of CPH
04.06.2002	Master’s degree, Dep. of Political Science, KU

PHD DISSERTATION

Excerpt from the assessment of my PhD dissertation
(by Prof. Ole Wæver, KU; Prof. Deborah Welch Larson, UCLA; Prof. Katherine Morton, Chatham House):
“Forsby has produced an outstanding thesis on one of the most topical and simultaneously challenging issues in contemporary world affairs: China’s grand strategy and the ways this might be driven by logics relating to collective identity. The thesis is original, analytically rigorous, and thoughtfully written in an accessible and lucid style. The committee is impressed by the high level of scholarly engagement and the degree to which the candidate is willing to push the frontiers of conventional thinking, both in regard to the discipline of International Relations, and more specifically the study of China’s foreign relations.”

TEACHING

[at Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen]

FALL SEMESTER 2017 + FALL SEMESTER 2018:

“Introduction to the International Relations discipline”.

AUTUMN SEMESTER 2013 + SPRING SEMESTER 2019 + SPRING SEMESTER 2020:

“China as a great power on the international stage”

FALL SEMESTER 2020: Generic course on and examination of IR bachelor projects.

SPRING SEMESTER 2018 -- FALL SEMESTER 2020

Individual supervision and examination of master’s thesis students at (24 students)

ADDITIONAL TEACHING/SUPERVISION:

- Various “guest lectures” during the IR1-3 semester courses (in 2019-2020, 240 students)
- Supervision of IR2/3 students ahead of free assignment (80 students, 2019)
- Having examined a total of 460 students (oral/written examinations, registered in Digital Examination, KU-net)
- More than 30 high school lectures on “Rise of China” during 2012-17
- Nominated for best teacher in 2020 at Department of Political Science, KU

EXTERNALLY FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Funding institution	Time period	Ext. funding	Output
<i>Nordic Council of Ministers</i> [“Nordic-China cooperation program”]	2018-19	18 months	Edited volume, conferences
<i>Danish Ministry of Defense</i> [“Defense and security policy studies program”]			DIIS Reports, DIIS Briefs, DIIS seminars
• China’s position in the South China Sea	2016	4 months	
• US-China relations under Trump	2017	6 months	
• China in the Baltic Sea region	2021	5 months	
• Western Coalition-Building in the Indo-Pacific	2022	6 months	
• Indo-Pacific: Taiwan, North Korea, US-China	2023	8 months	
<i>Norwegian Institute of Int. Affairs (NUPI)</i>			NUPI Briefs, NUPI seminars
• Rise of China in the Nordic region	2016	2 months	
• Chinese coercion in Scandinavia	2022	3 months	
• China’s emotional diplomacy	2023	2 months	
<i>European Think-tank Network on China</i> [annual joint reports, separately funded]	2016-23	[traveling]	Contribution to annual reports
<i>Independent Research Fund Denmark</i> [PI on Research Project 1 application]	2020	Rejected	
• “Diplomacy of Indignation:	2021	Rejected	
China’s Emotional Assertiveness”	2022	Pending	

RESEARCH DISSEMINATION [selected outputs]

- **NEWSPAPERS:** 72 articles in *Politiken, Jyllandsposten, Berlingske, Information, Weekendavisen* and *RÆSON*
[see publication list for full list of newspaper articles]
- **MEDIA INTERVIEWS:** 299 appearances in newspapers, radio and TV in 2022
[2nd most cited DIIS researcher & 38th most cited Danish expert in the Danish media in 2022]
- **PODCAST SERIES:** Interviewer and interviewee in *The Nordic Asia Podcast* series:
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/search?q=andreas+b%C3%B8je+forsby>
- **PUBLIC TALKS/PRESENTATIONS IN PAST 12 MONTHS (March 2022 => March 2023):**
 - 30 March: Presentation of “China’s balancing act in the Ukraine crisis” at public seminar in Eigtveds Pakhus, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
 - 4 April: Presentation of “China’s strategic interests in the new Cold War between Russia and the West” at public DIIS seminar for the Danish Academy of Talented Youth.
 - 26 April: Briefing of the Danish MFA (ALO office).
 - 23 June: Briefing of Norwegian Defense Department
 - 22 August: Presentation at annual MFA Ambassador meeting, Eigtveds Pakhus.
 - 25 August: Organizer and moderator at DIIS public seminar (confirmed) on “Norwegian and Estonian experiences from the UN Security Council 2021-22”
 - 1-4 September: Panel organizer and presenter at 15th EISA Pan-European Conference in Athens; panel on “Emotionalized diplomacy: Exploring China’s practices of emotional assertiveness”.
 - 8 September: Briefing at Danish MFA (ALO office, Indo-Pacific unit)
 - 10 November: Organizer and speaker at public Report launch seminar on “Asia as a geostrategic arena”, at the Danish Institute for International Studies.
 - 22 February: Panel organizer and presenter at Baltic Sea Region Security conference, “Beijing’s perspective on the Baltic Sea region”, joint DIIS, SDU and FAK conference.
 - 25 February: Speaker at Docs & Talks, “Putting the documentary film ‘Remember Me’ in a broader geopolitical context”, in Cinemateket.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Forsby AB (2023), "Like-mindedness: How the West shapes the geostrategic landscape in the Indo-Pacific", *DIIS Report*, 2023: 1, Copenhagen, Danish Institute for International Studies.
- Forsby AB (2022), "The nexus of systemic power and identity: Structural variations of the US-China great power rivalry", in Græger, Heurlin, Wivel and Wæver (eds.), *Polarity in International Relations: Past, Present, Future*, London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Forsby AB (2022): "Inherently Particularistic? How China's Identity Constrains Its Ability to Wield Soft Power", *China: An International Journal* 20(1): 1-23.
- Forsby AB (2021), "China as a national security threat: A comparative study of changing threat perceptions in the Baltic Sea region.", *DIIS Report*, 2021: 8, Copenhagen, Danish Institute for International Studies.
- Forsby AB (2020), "Danish-Chinese Relations: Business-As-Usual or Strategic Disruption", in Fischer, Kristian and Hans Mouritzen (eds.), *Danish Foreign Policy Review 2020*, Copenhagen: Danish Institute for International Studies.
- Forsby AB (2017), "A New Strategic Balance? US-China Relations under Trump", *DIIS Report*, no. 2017/07, Copenhagen, Danish Institute for International Studies.
- Forsby AB (2017), "Denmark's relationship with China: An odd couple's quest for bilateral harmony", in Sverdrup-Thygeson, B et al. (eds), *China and Nordic Diplomacy*, London: Routledge.
- Forsby, AB (2016), "The South China Sea: A Breeding Ground for Geopolitical Rivalry?", *DIIS-report*, no. 6, Copenhagen: Danish Institute for International Studies.
- Forsby, AB (2016), "Førsteviolinist i det nordiske ensemble: Danmarks forhold til Kina", *Internasjonal Politikk* 74(3).
- Forsby, AB (2013), "Kinas identitet i det 21. århundrede: Tilbage til en sino-centrisk identitetsopfattelse?", in Heurlin, Bertel (red.), *Kina som sikkerhedspolitisk aktør*, København: Djøfs Forlag.
- Forsby, AB (2011), "The Non-Western Challenger? The Rise of a Sino-Centric China", *DIIS-report*, no. 16, Copenhagen: Danish Institute for International Studies.
- Forsby, AB (2011), "An End to Harmony? The Rise of a Sino-Centric China", *Political Perspectives* 5(3).
- Forsby, AB (2011), "Staters sikkerhedspolitik: I spændingsfeltet mellem magt og identitet", *Internasjonal Politikk* 69(1).

EDITED VOLUMES AND MONOGRAPHS

- Forsby, AB & Bertel Heurlin (editor/contributor, 2023), *Danske perspektiver på Kina i stormagtsrivaliseringens æra*, København: Djøfs forlag.
- Forsby, AB (editor/contributor, 2019), *Nordic-China Cooperation: Challenges and Opportunities*, Copenhagen: NIAS Press.
- Forsby, AB (2016), "The Logic of Social Identity: China's Identity and Grand Strategy in the 21st Century", *PhD dissertation*, monograph, University of Copenhagen, 648 pages.

EDITOR REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Forsby AB (2023), "How 'Like-mindedness' Became the Key Attribute of the China Containment Strategy", *The Diplomat*, 9 February 2023: [How 'Like-Mindedness' Became the Key Attribute of the China Containment Strategy – The Diplomat](#)
- Forsby, AB (2022), "Skæbnefællesskab? Vesten knytter stadig tættere bånd til Taiwan", *DIIS Brief*, 27 October 2022.
- Forsby, AB & Bjørnar Sverdrup-Thygeson (2022), "China's coercive diplomacy: Why it's on the rise and what it means for Scandinavia", *NUPI Policy Brief*, August 2022: <https://www.nupi.no/publikasjoner/cristin-pub/china-s-coercive-diplomacy-why-it-s-on-the-rise-and-what-it-means-for-scandinavia>
- Forsby, AB (2022), "Falling out of Favor: How China Lost the Nordic Countries", *The Diplomat*, 24 June 2022: <https://thediplomat.com/2022/06/falling-out-of-favor-how-china-lost-the-nordic-countries/>
- Forsby, AB (2022), "De nordiska länderna vänder Kina ryggen", *Nya Argus*, Vintage 115, #6.
- Forsby, AB (2022), "Kina, Rusland og krigen i Ukraine: Stresstest af et 'grænseløst venskab'", *DIIS Brief*, 16 May 2022.
- Forsby, AB & Bjørnar Sverdrup-Thygeson (2022), "More bark than bite? Assessing China's coercive measures in Scandinavia", *NUPI Research paper*, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, 29 April 2022: <https://www.nupi.no/nupi/Publikasjoner/CRISTin-Pub/More-bark-than-bite-Assessing-China-s-coercive-measures-in-Scandinavia>
- Forsby, AB (2022), "Enhanced Danish vigilance in countering potential dependencies on China", in John Seaman et al. *Dependence in Europe's relations with China*, Annual report by the European Think-tank Network on China (ETNC), 25 April 2022: <https://www.ifri.org/en/publications/publications-ifri/ouvrages-ifri/dependence-europes-relations-china-weighting-perceptions>

- Forsby, AB (2021) “Confronting China on sensitive issues: Back to megaphone diplomacy?”, *DIIS Brief*, 17 December 2021: <https://www.diis.dk/en/research/confronting-china-on-sensitive-issues>
- Forsby AB (2021), “The hardships of Chinese soft power promotion in Denmark”, in Frans Paul van der Putten et al., *China’s soft power in Europe*, Report by the European Think-tank Network on China (ETNC): <https://www.clingendael.org/publication/chinas-soft-power-europe-falling-hard-times>.
- Forsby AB (2020), “What Is Behind China’s Diplomacy of Indignation?”, *The Diplomat*, 13 November 2020: <https://thediplomat.com/2020/11/what-is-behind-chinas-diplomacy-of-indignation/>
- Forsby AB (2020), “America First: Denmark’s strategic navigation in the era of US-China rivalry”, in Mario Esteban et al., *Europe in the Face of US-China Rivalry*, Report by the European Think-tank Network on China (ETNC): <https://www.merics.org/en/europe-in-the-face-of-us-china-rivalry>
- Forsby AB (2019), “Introduction to Nordic-China relations”, in Forsby, Andreas Bøje (ed.), *Nordic-China Cooperation: Challenges and Opportunities*, Copenhagen: NIAS Press: pp. 1-23.
- Forsby AB (2018), “Diplomacy with Chinese characteristics”, *Asia Dialogue*, 18 December 2018, online journal: <http://theasiadialogue.com/2018/12/18/diplomacy-with-chinese-characteristics-the-case-of-denmark/>
- Forsby AB (2018), “Discreet Diplomacy: Denmark’s pragmatic stance towards China”, in Jerdén, Björn et al. *Political Values in Europe-China Relations*, Joint Report by European Think-tank Network on China: https://www.merics.org/sites/default/files/2019-01/190108_ETNC_report_2018_updated_2019.pdf
- Forsby AB (2018), “A Critical Dialogue? Taking Stock of Europe’s Human Rights Dialogue with China”, *Europe Now*, Council for European Studies, online-article: <https://www.europenow-journal.org/2018/06/04/a-critical-dialogue-taking-stock-of-europes-human-rights-dialogue-with-china/>
- Forsby, AB (2017), “With the Liberal West in decline, will China be given free rein?” *The Diplomat*, 14 December 2017: <https://thediplomat.com/2017/12/>.
- Forsby, AB and Yang Jiang (2016), “OBOR from a Danish perspective: Still mainly limited to the AIIB”, in Frans Paul van der Putten et al., *The OBOR Initiative and Europe-China Relations*, Joint Report by the European Think-tank Network on China (ETNC).
- Forsby, AB (2016), “Denmark’s relationship with China” in Sverdrup-Thygeson, Bjørnar (ed.) *Dragon in the North: The Nordic Countries’ Relations with China*, *NUPI Report*, no. 7.
- Forsby, AB (2016), “Putting America First Could Give China the Edge”, *DIIS Brief*, 16 November 2016: [Putting America first could give China the edge | DIIS](#).
- Forsby, AB (2016), “Kampen om navigationsfrihed: USA, Kina og Det Sydkinesiske Hav”, *DIIS Impact*, 20 December 2016: [Kampen om navigationsfrihed til web2.pdf \(diis.dk\)](#)
- Forsby AB and PM Kristensen (2013), “Paving the road to Western Decline with uneven BRICS”, *Dialogue*, 24.01.2013.
- Forsby AB (2012), “The Rise of a Strategic Dilemma: Chinese Grand Strategy in the 21st Century”, *DIIS-yearbook*, 20.04-2012.

POPULAR RESEARCH DISSEMINATION (NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES)

- Jyllandsposten, Debat: "Ballonaffære blæste ny kold luft i forholdet mellem Kina og USA (12.02.23)
- Berlingske, Kronik: "Kina har trukket ulvekrigerdiplomati hjem" (22.01.23)
- Politiken, Debat: "Vi må ikke stirre os blinde på truslen fra Putin" (21.01.23)
- RÆSON, Søndagskronik: "Kinas strategiske vindue er ved at lukke sig" (22.10.22)
- RÆSON, Analyse: Pelosis besøg intensiverer trekantsdramaet mellem Kina, USA og Taiwan (03.08.22)
- RÆSON, Analyse: Varsler Bidens fortalelse et større skifte i ét-Kina-politikken? (25.05.22)
- Weekendavisen, Kronik: "Stor magt, varsomme skridt" (12.04.22)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Danmark slår knuder på sig selv for at undgå, at Kina taber ansigt" (27.03.22)
- Jyllandsposten, Analyse: "Krigens i Ukraine åbner strategisk vindue for Kina (07.03.22)
- RÆSON, Analyse: "Ruslands invasion af Ukraine har kastet Kina ud i balanceakt" (28.02.22)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Regeringen ønsker ikke at boykotte Vinter-OL" (17.01.22).
- Jyllandsposten, Analyse: "Partnerskab med Kina kan ej genoplives med lidt grøn sminke" (19.12.21)
- Altinget, Kommentar: "Kinas strategiske fodfæste i Arktis smuldrer" (15.12.21)
- Politiken, Kronik: "Drop frygten for Kina som teknologisk supermagt" (27.07.21)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Kina er atter på vej ud af det gode selskab" (07.03.21)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Følelsesdiplomati: Karikaturkrise med omvendt fortegn" (12.12.20)
- Politiken, Debatartikel: "Kina som en strategisk trussel" (08.11.20)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Tiktok, tiktok, tiktok: Tiden rinder ud for dansk-kinesisk partnerskab" (09.08.20)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Forholdet mellem USA og Kina hænger i tynd tråd" (26.04.20)
- RÆSON Magasin (#41): "Er Kina en revisionistisk stat?" (marts 2020)
- Politiken, Debatartikel: "Frygten for Kinas opstigning er overdrevet" (15.02.20)
- Jyllandsposten, Kronik: "Danmark går balancegang mellem USA og Kina" (16.01.20)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Huawei: Færøerne som storpolitisk kampplads" (15.12.19).
- Politiken, Analyse: "Fra Mao til Xi: 70 års tidsrejse gennem Folkerepublikken Kina" (06.10.19).
- Politiken, Kronik: "Er Kina en trussel mod Vesten?" (04.06.19)
- RÆSON Magasin (#37): "Forholdet mellem USA og Kina er under opløsning" (april 2019)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Pandaerne kommer: Fra truet til invasiv dyreart" (06.04.19)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Har USA og Kina kurs mod en ny Kold Krig? (27.11.18)
- RÆSON, Analyse: "Stormagtsrivalisering stjæler rampelyset i det asiatiske topmødediplomati" (24.11.18)
- Politiken, Debat: "Kinas opstigning kræver strategisk udsyn & moralsk småstatsaktivisme" (22.08.18)
- RÆSON, Analyse: "Er verden stadig unipolær?" (16.05.18)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Hvem fik Kim til forhandlingsbordet?" (07.04.18)
- Politiken, Debatartikel: "Vi skal vriste os fri af panda-diplomatiets favntag" (04.03.18)
- RÆSON Magasin (#31) "Er der plads til mere end en supermagt i Asien?" (oktober, 2017)
- Jyllandsposten, Analyse: "Kina viser magt i Det Sydkinesiske Hav" (07.09.17)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Stormagter: Xi kom styrket ud af topmøde" (16.04.17)
- Jyllandsposten, Analyse: "Kina retter sin vrede mod Lotte" (09.03.17)
- Politiken, Kommentar: "Knæfald for Kina: Så bukkede Norge også under" (23.12.16)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Spejlvendt. I Kina er Donald Trump godt nyt" (26.11.16)
- Jyllandsposten: "Filippinernes Dirty Harry balancerer mellem Kina og USA (13.10.16)
- Berlingske, Kommentar: "Kina bør acceptere domsfældelse i havretstvist" (12.07.16)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Rivaler: Opgør mellem stormagter spidser til" (27.02.16)
- Jyllandsposten, Analyse: "Kina, USA og den gryende strategiske rivalisering" (19.02.16)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Dragens eller pandaens år?" (13.01.14)
- Jyllandsposten, Analyse: "Trekantsdrama i Asien" (20.12.13)
- Berlingske, kronik: "Mikroskopisk øgruppe, kolossal betydning" (28.11.13)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Topmøde: Nu skal stormagterne krydse klinger" (06.06.13)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Ny hvidbog: Kina viser sine militære muskler" (28.04.13)
- Berlingske, kronik: "Magtoverdragelse på kinesisk" (07.11.12)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Stormagtsrace: Kina og USA løber om kap" (07.11.12)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Identitet: Nationalismen flammer op i Kina" (21.09.12)

- Jyllandsposten, Analyse: "Stridende lande, oprørte vande" (17.08.12)
- Berlingske, Politiko-kronik: "EU og Kina – et strategisk partnerskab?" (26.03.12)
- Berlingske, ekspert-blog: "Det glider nok ned med lidt sursød sovs" (23.03.12)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Kinas kulturelle oprustning" (26.02.12)
- Information, International kommentar: "Famlende kinesisk udenrigspolitik" (09.02.12)
- Politiken, Analyse: "USA sætter Kina under pres i Asien" (18.11.11)
- Berlingske, Kommentar: "Må også Norge give efter for Kina-pres?" (04.11.11)
- Information, International kommentar: "Om små og store lande" (19.10.11)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Røverhistorie: USA bløder op over for Kina" (31.08.11)
- Information, Kronik: "Vestlig Kina-kritik rammer skævt" (01.07.11)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Nu skal Kina og USA klinke skårene" (19.01.11)
- Berlingske, Kommentar: "Hotline til et nedkølet forhold" (04.01.11)
- RÆSON, Artikel: "China Rising" (10.12.10)
- Politiken, Analyse: "Sydøstasien vakler mellem USA og Kina" (28.10.10)
- Politiken, Analyse: "En ny Silkevej?" (04.10.10)
- Berlingske, kronik: "Raslende sabler eller klingende mønt?" (23.08.10)
- Weekendavisen, kronik: "Vort fald langt ude i fremtiden" (30.07.10)
- Information, International kommentar: "En nuklear nocturne" (28.03.10)
- Berlingske, Kommentar: "Skriften på muren" (16.03.10)
- Information, International kommentar: "Den tøvende tænker" (18.01.10)
- Berlingske, Kommentar: "Fjendebillede" (13.11.09)
- Weekendavisen, Debat-artikel: "Et tilbageblik i glemmebogen" (30.10.09)
- Weekendavisen, kronik: "Vi har accepteret ny-nationalismen" (26.06.09)
- Information, International kommentar: "Tilbage til 90'erne" (15.04.09)
- Politiken, Kronik: "9/11 eller 11/9" (03.11.08)

DIIS COMMENTS

- "Trump, Xi and the eclipse of the liberal world order" (06.02.18)
- "Amerikansk angreb på Nordkorea er utænkeligt" (medforfatter Steen Kjærsgaard) (09.11.17)
- "Hvad vil Trump i Asien?" (06.11.17)
- "Anspændt topmøde i idylliske rammer" (05.04.17)
- "Kampen om navigationsfrihed: USA, Kina og Det Sydkinesiske Hav" (20.12.16)
- "Ulovlig kinesisk kapring af amerikansk drone" (19.12.16)
- "Kina sætter sit omdømme på højkant i havretssag" (08.07.16)
- "Topmøde i Washington: Obama, Xi og Lars Løkke Rasmussen" (01.04.16)
- "Er den kinesiske drøm Sino-centrisk?" (12.11.13)
- "BRICS: Drømmen om en alternativ verdensorden" (16.04.12)
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- "Drømmerier fra BRIKSen?" (medforfatter Peter Marcus Kristensen) (17.04.12)