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Professional Experience

2005-Present Associate Professor, The Saxo Institute (history), **University of Copenhagen**
2002-2005 Assistant professor, Department of History, **University of Copenhagen**

Education

2014 Dr. Phil., Humanities, **University of Copenhagen**.
2001 Fall Visiting Ph.D. Student, Classics, supervised by Prof. R. Saller, **University of Chicago**
1999-2003 Ph.D., Ancient history, Classics & Corpus Christi College, supervised by Profs. P. Garnsey & K. Hopkins, **University of Cambridge**
1997 Spring Visiting Student, Roman Archaeology, **University of Leicester**
1992-1999 MA, History, Latin & Greek, **University of Aarhus, Denmark**

Major Academic Grants

2015-2019 *Rome in the World History of Universal Empire*, PI, the Danish Research Council, 6.4 million dkr.
2005-2009 *Tributary Empires Compared*, PI & Chair of COST ACTION A36 (A European Union research network of scholars from 15 countries), c. 2 million dkr.

Academic Services, Honours & Visiting Positions

2020 Summer Visiting Scholar, Roman Islam Centre, University of Hamburg.
2017 Fall Visiting Scholar, Institute of Advanced Studies, Zhejiang University, China
2016-Present Member of the advisory board of *Orbis* (society of Classics & Mediterranean culture)
2016-Present Member of the history board for the Danish bibliometric research indicator.
2014 May/June Guest professor, Stanford University
2012-2018 Member of the board of the Danish Academy in Rome
2012-Present Member of the Board and Accountant of the Danish Historical Society

2011 Summer	Guest professor, Universität Heidelberg
2011-Present	Member of the Scientific Board of TEMP (a Danish journal of history)
2007	Visiting Scholar, King's College, University of Cambridge
2004 Summer	Guest professor, Universität Tübingen
2005	Elisabeth Munksgaard Prize (for Humanities)
1998-2011	Member of the advisory committee of <i>Den Jyske Historiker</i> (A Danish journal of history)
1998	Gold Medal, University of Aarhus.

Publication Record

Bang has up until now, authored, co-authored, edited, and co-edited **11 volumes**, including 2 published by Cambridge University Press, and 1 by Oxford. He has published a substantial number of chapter contributions and journal articles, including in *Past & Present* and *The Journal of Roman Studies* (full list of Bang's more than 130 publications at <http://saxoinstitute.ku.dk/staff/beskrivelse/?id=245266>)

Research Interest

Bang's work is situated at the crossroads of Roman history, comparative sociology, and world history. Over the last two decades he has been a leading force behind the rise of comparative studies in Roman history. His work has developed from a focus on the economy to include questions of state-formation, imperial universalism, the character of power and the shape of world history. He has been a regular contributor to the recent Stanford project resulting in two volumes comparing the Roman and Han Chinese empires. Parallel to these efforts, Bang organized an international network exploring comparisons between Rome and the Mughal, Ottoman and other tributary empires. Following on from this network, Bang has then taken its agenda further, over the last 4 years, by conducting a Danish Humanities Research Council project with a number of Ph.D.s and Postdocs.

The two strands of work - the China-link as well as the Muslim - are currently coming together in an effort to rethink the imperial experience across history and to re-contextualise the place of Rome in world history.

Conferences, workshops and invited seminars

During the last two decades Bang has organised, co-organised or spoken at a very considerable number of conferences, panels and seminars across Europe, America and Asia. Among these presentations have been many individually invited papers to research seminars at "Ivy League" institutions such as Princeton, Stanford, Columbia, Yale, Brown and Chicago, as well as Oxford, Cambridge, Heidelberg, Leiden, Tsinghua, Fudan and Zhejiang.

Highlights of the last two years: organizer of a panel at the Fifth European Congress on World and Global History, Budapest, Sept. 2017 | papers to research seminars at the Institute of Advanced Study, University of Zhejiang, Hangzhou, at North East Normal University in Changchun and at Tsinghua University in Beijing during Sept. 2017 | keynote address to the 15th Congress of the

Associazione Italiana per la Storia del Pensiero Economico in Rome, Nov. 2017 | keynote address to Anarchie research training school at Freie Universität in Berlin, Feb. 2018 | paper at the Capital in Antiquity conference at Freie Universität, Berlin Apr. 2018 | organizer of the workshop, Beyond the Postcolonial at the Saxo Institute, with participants from the US and Germany, Apr. 2018 | co-organizer of a panel at the Classical Archaeology Congress in Bonn in May 2018 | papers to a conference in Seville on information asymmetries and the ancient economy, and a conference on comparative ancient history at Notre Dame in Oct. 2018 | Organizer of and speaker at a series of 5 Global History workshops, at the universities of Leiden, Delhi, Northwestern, Fudan and Copenhagen Nov. 2018-Aug. 2019 (<https://universalempire.ku.dk/>) | paper at conference on the ancient economy in Kassel, Feb. 2019 | keynote address to the conference Social Complexity and the State, Vitoria-Gasteiz Sept. 2019 | August Boeckh lecture, Humboldt University, Dec. 2019; Feb 2020, Lecture, Department of Sociology, University of Edinburgh.

In the media and the public

- Regular appearances on Danish Radio and occasionally TV
- Numerous public lectures for the *People's University* across Denmark.
- Numerous essays for newspapers and magazines, and is a regular contributor to *Weekendavisen*, a Danish weekly, published since 1749.

Language skills

Bang speaks Danish, English and German, and reads or has a reading capacity in most major European languages, plus Latin, ancient Greek, and Persian/Farsi.