

# Birk Sebastian Kotkas

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Political journalist from the Danish School of Media and Journalism in Aarhus and Carleton University in Ottawa. Five years of work experience from i.a. the Danish Parliament and the European Parliament in Brussels. Covered elections in 2023 in Türkiye, Poland and Finland as a freelancer in podcasts, TV and printed media. Languages: Danish (C2), Finnish (C1), English (C1) og French (B1).



## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### DANISH VETERINARY AND FOOD ADMINISTRATION

#### Press Advisor

*Copenhagen*

*March 2024 – today*

- Advising professionals in press communication and answering inquiries from journalists.

### EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

#### Press Officer (Schuman trainee)

*Brussels*

*October 2023 – February 2024*

- Contributed to the press unit's contact with Danish correspondents in Brussels and covered the Environment Committee and plenary sessions through press releases, newsletters and briefings.

### SELF EMPLOYED

#### Freelance Journalist

*Warsaw, Istanbul etc.*

*August 2022 – today*

- Covered Turkish, Polish and Finnish elections in 2023 for podcasts, TV and printed media.
- Followed Finland's entry to Nato closely and wrote a report from the Finnish-Russian border.
- Guest on political podcasts and radio programs such as Zetland Helikopter, Konfliktzonen (24syv), En Uafhængig Morgen (Frihedsbrevet), Verden Kalder (Radio4), Radio4 Morgen and Altinget Ajour.
- I have sold 10+ public lectures for students and grown-ups about Poland, Türkiye and the EU.

### ALTINGET

#### Political Journalist & Debate Editor

*The Danish Parliament*

*August 2020 – July 2022*

- Covered energy and climate politics from the the Danish Parliament.
- Contributed to the daily news coverage on Altinget's main newsroom.
- As a Debate Editor I was responsible for opinion-pieces related to education and sports politics.
- Coordinated 12 thematic debates with key players on current political issues.

### RÆSON

#### Political Journalist

*Copenhagen*

*May 2019 – July 2020*

- Conducted a series of interviews with international researchers on major political agendas such as tax evasion, the EU's digital strategy and agricultural politics.

## EDUCATION

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### DANISH SCHOOL OF MEDIA AND JOURNALISM

#### Bachelor in Journalism

*Aarhus*

*2018– 2022*

- Specialised in the EU and Investigative Journalism.
- Co-founder of the radio-program *World Citizens on Radio Genlød*.

### CARLETON UNIVERSITY

#### Exchange

*Ottawa*

*2019*

- Exchange semester in the Canadian capital, Ottawa, during the 2019 Canadian federal election that I covered for Ræson.
- Classes: World Politics, Politics of Migration, Canadian Political Institutions etc.

### RYSENSTEEN GYMNASIUM

#### High School Diploma

*Copenhagen*

*2014– 2017*

- Completed the *Global Citizenship Programme* focusing on Türkiye.