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Curriculum Vitae
LARS-ERIK BORGE

Current position

Professor, Department of Economics, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Trondheim

Former positions

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, NTNU, January 1997-May 2001
Project Leader, Ministry of Local Government, January 1995-January 1997
Fellowship holder, Department of Economics, University of Trondheim, June 1990-January 1995

Education

Dr.polit (Phd) in Economics, University of Oslo, 1995
Cand.oecon (Master) in Economics, University of Oslo, 1990

Visiting positions

Visiting Researcher, Department of Economics, University of California Irvine, August 2017-October 2017 and January 2018-March 2018
Visiting Researcher, Institute of Municipal Finance and Governance, University of Toronto, May 2013
Visiting Researcher, Department of Economics, University of Maryland College Park, August 2010-July 2011
Visiting Researcher, CESifo, Munich, October – November 2009
Visiting Researcher, Department of Economics, University of Maryland College Park, August 2006-July 2007
Visiting Scholar, Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW), Mannheim, February 2002
Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, August 1991-June 1992

Assignments

Leader, Commission for Assessment of Local Government Economy (appointed by the Ministry of Local Government), since 2000
Member, Commission to Evaluate the Distribution of Revenue among Regional Health Enterprises (appointed by the Ministry of Health and Care Services), 2018-2019
Board Member, Research Programme on Taxation (Norwegian Research Council), 2011-2019
Adjunct Professor, Department of Business and Management Science, Norwegian School of Economics, 2013-2018
Leader, Green Tax Commission (appointed by the Ministry of Finance), 2014-2015
Member, Expert Group on Municipal Mergers (appointed by the Ministry of Local Government), 2014
Board Member, Educational Research towards 2020 (Norwegian Research Council), 2009-2013

Member, Commission to Evaluate the System of Assistive Aids (appointed by the Ministry of Labour), 2008-2010
 Board of Directors, Statistics Norway, 2005-2010
 Leader, Commission to Evaluate the Grant System for Local Governments (appointed by the Ministry of Local Government), 2003–2005
 Leader, Commission to Evaluate a Differentiated Electricity Tax for Households (appointed by the Ministry of Finance), 2003-2004
 Editor of the Norwegian journals *Norsk Økonomisk Tidsskrift* and *Sosialøkonomen/Økonomisk forum*, 2000–2002

Articles in international journals

1. Less fiscal oversight, more adjustment, forthcoming in *European Journal of Political Economy* (with Arnt O. Hopland)
2. Cost disease in defense and public administration: Baumol and politics, *Public Choice*, 2018, 175, 1-18 (with Kjetil Hatlebakk Hove, Tobias Lillekvelland and Per Tovmo)
3. Schools and public buildings in decay: The role of political fragmentation, *Economics of Governance*, 2017, 18, 85-105 (with Arnt O. Hopland)
4. Local natural resource curse?, *Journal of Public Economics*, 2015, 131, 101-114 (with Pernille Parmer and Ragnar Torvik)
5. Capitalization of property taxes in Norway, *Public Finance Review* 2014, 42, 635-661 (with Jørn Rattsø)
6. Partial fiscal decentralization and demand responsiveness of the local public sector: Theory and evidence from Norway, *Journal of Urban Economics* 2014, 80, 153-163 (with Jan K. Brueckner and Jørn Rattsø)
7. Myopic or constrained by balanced-budget-rules? The intertemporal spending behavior of Norwegian local governments, *FinanzArchiv*, 2009, 65, 200-219 (with Per Tovmo)
8. Efficiency potential and determinants of efficiency: An analysis of the care for the elderly sector in Norway, *International Tax and Public Finance*, 2009, 16, 468-486 (with Marianne Haraldsvik)
9. Property taxation as incentive for cost control: Empirical evidence for utility services in Norway, *European Economic Review*, 2008, 52, 1035-1054 (with Jørn Rattsø)
10. Public sector efficiency: The roles of political and budgetary institutions, fiscal capacity, and democratic participation, *Public Choice*, 2008, 136, 475-495 (with Torberg Falch and Per Tovmo)
11. Efficiency potential and efficiency variation in Norwegian lower secondary schools, *Finanzarchiv*, 2006, 62, 221-249 (with Linn Renée Naper)
12. Strong politicians, small deficits: Evidence from Norwegian local governments, *European Journal of Political Economy*, 2005, 21, 325-344
13. The relationships between costs and user charges: The case of a Norwegian utility service, *Finanzarchiv*, 2005, 61, 98-119 (with Jørn Rattsø)
14. Public employment and regional risk sharing: Norway 1977-1990, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, 2004, 106, 215-230 (with Egil Matsen)
15. Income distribution and tax structure: Empirical test of the Meltzer-Richard hypothesis, *European Economic Review*, 2004, 48, 805-826 (with Jørn Rattsø)
16. Spending growth with vertical fiscal imbalance: Norway 1880-1990, *Economics and Politics*, 2002, 14, 351-373 (with Jørn Rattsø)
17. Aggregating spending preferences: An empirical analysis of party preferences in Norwegian local governments, *Public Choice*, 2002, 110, 225-243 (with Rune J.

- Sørensen)
18. Charging for public services: The case of utilities in Norwegian local governments, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 2000, 30, 703-718
 19. Political influence and the demand for publicly provided goods: The interest function approach applied to Norwegian local governments, *Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice*, 2000, 18, 79-93
 20. Local government resource use under a centralized system of financing: The case of Norway, *Local Government Studies*, 1999, 25, 35-54 (with Jørn Rattsø)
 21. Local government grants and income tax revenue: Redistributive politics in Norway 1900-1990, *Public Choice*, 1997, 92, 181-197 (with Jørn Rattsø)
 22. The behavior of bureaucrats and the choice between single-purpose and multi-purpose authorities, *Public Finance Quarterly*, 1996, 24, 173-191
 23. Demographic shift, relative costs and the allocation of local public consumption in Norway, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 1995, 25, 705-726 (with Jørn Rattsø).
 24. Economic and political determinants of fee income in Norwegian local governments, *Public Choice*, 1995, 83, 353-373
 25. Lump-sum intergovernmental grants have price effects: A note, *Public Finance Quarterly*, 1995, 23, 271-274
 26. Local government service production: The politics of allocative sluggishness, *Public Choice*, 1995, 82, 135-157 (with Jørn Rattsø and Rune J. Sørensen)
 27. Dynamic responses to changing demand: A model of the reallocation process in small and large municipalities in Norway, *Applied Economics*, 1993, 25, 589-598 (with Jørn Rattsø)

Chapters in books (in English)

1. Welfare services in Norwegian local governments: Has decentralization come to an end?, in J. Kim and N.J. Mau (Eds.) *Decentralization of education, health and social protection: Issues and challenges*, The Korea Institute of Public Finance and the Danish Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Interior, 2017, 31-48
2. Tax financing and tax equalization: Incentives and distribution in the welfare state, in J. Kim, J. Lotz and N.J. Mau (Eds.) *Interaction between local expenditure responsibilities and local tax policy*, The Korea Institute of Public Finance and the Danish Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Interior, 2015, 119-138 (with Jørn Rattsø)
3. Central reforms through local governments: Challenges and design, in J. Kim, J. Lotz and N.J. Mau (Eds.) *Balance between Decentralization and Merit*, The Korea Institute of Public Finance and the Danish Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Interior, 2013, 49-68
4. Taxonomy of grants and local taxes: The Norwegian case, in J. Kim, J. Lotz and H. Blöchliger (Eds.) *Measuring Fiscal Decentralisation: Concepts and Policies*, OECD Fiscal Federalism Studies, 2013, 101-116
5. Fiscal federalism: International experiences and the Nordic response, in A. Moisiu (Ed.) *Rethinking local government: Essays on municipal reform*, Government Institute for Economic Research, Publication 61, 2012, 15-41 (with Jørn Rattsø)
6. Local equalization grants: Purpose, efficiency effects, and design, in *IEB's World Report on Fiscal Federalism '10*, Institut d'Economia de Barcelona (IEB), Universitat de Barcelona, 2011, 34-40
7. Local government in Norway, in A. Moisiu (Ed.) *Local Public Sector in Transition: A Nordic Perspective*, Government Institute for Economic Research, Publications 56, 2010, 95-121

8. Comments on the Finnish model, in A. Moisio (Ed.) *Local Public Sector in Transition: A Nordic Perspective*, Government Institute for Economic Research, Publications 56, 2010, 232-234
9. Growth and design of earmarked grants: The Norwegian Experience, in J. Kim, J. Lotz and N.J. Mau (Eds.) *General Grants versus Earmarked Grants: Theory and Practice*, The Korea Institute of Public Finance and the Danish Ministry of Interior and Health, 2010, 191-205
10. Norwegian economic national report, in R. Pålsson (Ed.) *Yearbook of Nordic Tax Research 2005: Local Taxation*, Universitetsforlaget, 2005, 127-136
11. Local government budgeting and borrowing: Norway, in B. Dafflon (Ed.) *Local Public Finance in Europe: Balancing the Budget and Controlling Debt*, Edward Elgar, 2002, 191-208 (with Jørn Rattsø)
12. Reforming the centralized system of local public finance in Norway, in J. Rattsø (Ed.) *Fiscal Federalism and Local Finance: The Scandinavian Perspective*, Edward Elgar, 1998, 29-48 (with Jørn Rattsø)