

NICK FORD

CLASS OF 2002



When Nick was young he wanted to be a doctor. A dream set to come unexpectedly true when he completes his PhD studies.

WHAT HAS HE BEEN UP TO?

After taking politics and economics subjects in his VCE, Nick continued with both fields at Monash University. Completing a double degree Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Commerce from 2003 to 2008. Nick took a semester off in 2007 ahead of his Honours year in 2008. That combination led him down a career path focused on economic policy. Toward the end of his Bachelor's studies, Nick did an internship at a Victorian Government Regulatory Agency and, after graduating landed an Economist position at Australia's Productivity Commission. He worked in government for ten years before deciding on a change of career direction. In 2018, he packed up his life and moved to Denmark, where he returned to University to study a Master's in Economics.

WHERE IS HE NOW?

Nick now lives in Copenhagen and is a PhD student at Lund University in Sweden. He works on Scandinavian economic history — *examining the role of education in the economic development of Denmark, Norway and Sweden since 1800.*

This month, he'll present his research at a conference in Groningen, The Netherlands. Afterwards, his travels will take him to the Arctic north of Norway, where he'll meet with colleagues at the University of Tromsø.

SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT HIM

Nick speaks fluent Danish. He started learning Danish back in Melbourne — before even visiting the country — having been inspired by the political drama *Borgen* (SBS/Netflix).

