

Curriculum Vitae

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PhD Fellow

2011 - PhD Fellow, Development Studies, Noragric, NMBU

Working title, thesis: 'Nigerian Trade unions navigating in the political economy of oil'.

Articles for thesis

1. 'Casualisation and Conflict in the Niger Delta: Nigerian Oil Workers' Unions between Companies and Communities' accepted for publication in *Revue Tiers Monde*, 224, (4).
2. 'Nigerian Unions between the Street and Aso Rock: A Case Study of the 2012 Fuel Subsidy Protests', under review, *Journal for Contemporary African Studies*.
3. 'Popular Protest Against Fuel Subsidy Removal: Nigerian Trade Unions as Mediator of a Social Contract' target journal: *Journal of Modern African Studies* (submit within end of 2015).

Supervisors:

John Andrew McNeish, Professor, Noragric, NMBU/Senior Researcher, Christian Michelsens Institute (CMI)

Morten Bøås, Research Professor, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)

David Jordhus-Lier, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo

PhD Courses:

2011-2012 'Environmental and Development'; 'Research methodology'; 'Philosophy of Science'

Elected positions

2013-2014 Member of Noragric board

2013- 2014 Member of Noragric Research Committee

Research Affiliations

2014-2015 Columbia University, Visiting scholar at Institute for African Studies,

2012 - Fafo Institute for Applied International Studies, office space and member of research group on Rights and Security Research

2012- Centre for Development and the Environment (SUM) University of Oslo, member of SUM research school

2011- Noragric, research cluster on Rights and Power in Development (RAPID), member and secretary

Awards

- 2014-2015 The American-Scandinavian Foundation's Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund, Research scholarship for dissertation research at Institute of African Studies, Columbia University

Academic Conferences/Invited guest lectures

- 2015 Paper presentation, 'Popular protest against fuel subsidy removal: Nigerian trade unions as mediator of a social contract' at African Studies Association, San Diego, 18-22 November
- 2015 Guest lecture, 'Oil in Africa - Niger Delta; Oil, Dispossession and Resistance', bachelor course in 'The Political Ecology of Energy, Climate Change and Land Use in Africa and Latin America', at Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, 11. September
- 2015 Paper presentation, 'Popular protest against fuel subsidy removal, Nigerian trade unions as protector of a social contract', at European Conference on African Studies (ECAS 2015), Paris, 8-10 July
- 2015 Paper presentation 'Casualization and conflict in the Niger Delta – Nigerian oil workers opportunities and agency' Africa Workshop, Institute of African Studies, Columbia University
- 2014 Guest lecture 'Work, Labor, Social Change and Politics in Africa', graduate course in 'Social Movements & Citizenship in Africa', Columbia University, New York
- 2014 Guest lecture 'Oil in Africa', bachelor course in 'The Political Ecology of Energy, Climate Change and Land Use in Africa and Latin America', Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, 22. August
- 2013 Paper presentation 'Nigerian trade unions navigating in the political economy of oil: a case study of the 2012 fuel subsidy strike', European Conference on African Studies (ECAS 2013), Lisbon, 27-29 June

Teaching

- 2011- Lecturing, supervising master and bachelor thesis, grading papers and exams at master and bachelor, Environmental and Development Studies and International Relations

Co-supervised master thesis

- Ongoing Asante, M.O 'China as a game changer for diplomatic relations in aid policies: A case study of Norwegian aid politics in Africa'.
- 2015 Emordi, K. E. 'Victims, villains or heroes?: The local community perception of oil bunkering in the Niger Delta.'
- 2013 Rygland, S. K 'Dogs fighting lions - Labour's troubled attempt to pursue development in South Africa.'
- 2013 Koschnick, K. 'How do NGO's influence asylum policies in Norway?: A case study on the White paper," Children on the run"'.

Research Publications

- 2015 'Casualisation and Conflict in the Niger Delta: Nigerian Oil Workers' Unions between Companies and Communities', *Revue Tiers Monde* #224, (4) (available January 2016)
- 2002 'Svart, Hvit Eller Farga?: En Diskurs- Og Mobiliseringsanalyse Av Farga i Western Cape, Sør-Afrika', (Black, White or Coloured? A discourse and mobilisation analysis of Coloured in the Western Cape, South Africa); Department of political science & Centre for Development and Environment (SUM) at University of Oslo, Oslo, 141p, (hovedoppgave/thesis) <http://www.duo.uio.no/sok/work.html?WORKID=5162>

Non-academic publications

- 2013 - Various online articles on Nigerian history and politics in Store Norske Leksikon (Online Encyclopaedia) www.snl.no/Nigeria
- 2015 Blogposts: 'Labor protests in Swaziland: when no news is not good news' in Africa is a Country <http://africasacountry.com/2015/04/labor-protests-in-swaziland-when-no-news-is-not-good-news/>
- 2008-2015 'Nigeria' 4 Country profiles of political and social developments in Nigeria (in Norwegian) 2015, 2013, 2010 and 2008 for the Norwegian Council for Africa. Three of them published in books, all online: <http://www.afrika.no/Landinformasjon/Nigeria/index.html>
- 2014 Blogpost, 'How do we judge Nigeria's Abiola family? New documentary film on the history of Nigeria democracy movement' in Africa is a Country, <http://africasacountry.com/2014/12/how-do-we-judge-the-legacy-of-nigerias-abiola-family/>
- 2014 'Decent Work in the Oil Industry. Nigeria and Ghana', Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions, Aktuell Bakgrunn series, 20p. http://reader.lomedia.no/LO/LO_Aktuell_Bakgrunn/ (in Norwegian – but available in English Medio December 2015)
- 2014 Op.ed, with Ingunn Bjørkhaug, 'Ebola-epidemiens lokale helter', Dagsavisen Nye Meninger (online), http://nyemeninger.no/alle_meninger/cat1002/subcat1021/thread306750/
- 2013 Op.ed, with Sean Jacobs, 'Hva vil skje etter Mandela?' Dagsavisen Nye Meninger (print and online), http://nyemeninger.no/alle_meninger/cat1002/subcat1021/thread280170/

Media/other invitations as 'expert'

- 2013-2015 Media and seminar presentation (for NGOs and academic institutions), in newspapers, on Nigeria, trade unions in Africa, Boko Haram, social movements
- 2014 Norwegian Broadcasting: TV and Radio on Boko Haram

Education

1999-2002 Master (research based), Political science, University of Oslo
 Thesis: 'Black, White or Coloured; A discourse and mobilisation analysis of 'Coloured' in Western Cape, South Africa' (in Norwegian).

Courses: 'Local politics and development in developing countries', 'Africa, 'Nation, state and nationalism', 'Identities in global politics', SPSS and Methodology.

Supervisors:

Kristian Stokke, Professor, Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo
 Tore Linne Eriksen, Professor in African history, Department of Development Studies, University College of Oslo (later Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences)

Affiliations/Scholarships

2001-2002 Student scholarship with office space, Centre for Development and Environment (SUM, University of Oslo), (under the programme Local Politics and Development)

2000 Guest researcher, Centre for African Studies, University of Cape Town,

2000 Field work scholarships, The Nordic Africa Institute in Uppsala (NAI)

2000 Field work scholarship, Institute for Political Sciences, University of Oslo (UiO)

2000 Field work scholarship, Centre for Development and Environment, UiO

2001 Library stipend/visit, The Nordic Africa Institute (NAI), Uppsala, Sweden

1994-1998 Candidatus Magistratii (4 year undergraduate):

1998 Diploma in African Studies, University of Cape Town, South Africa
 Courses: 'Debates in African Studies', 'South African Political Thoughts and Traditions', 'Economics for Non-Specialists', 'Film, Photography and History' and 'Conflict in World Politics'
 Class medal: Economics for Non-Specialists, University of Cape Town

1997 Comparative politics, 'mellomfag', University of Bergen (UiB)

1996 Comparative politics, 'grunnfag', UiB

1995 Methodology of Social Sciences, UiB

1995 History, 'grunnfag', UiB

1994 Examen Philosophicum, University College of Stavanger

1993 Matric, Stavanger Katedralskole

Work

2013- Store Norske Leksikon (online encyclopaedia), writer/editor, Nigeria – history,

2006-2011 Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (LO), Adviser on Africa
 Responsible for contact with and aid to selected African trade unions
 - Deputy member, The Norwegian EITI stakeholders group
 - Member, The National council on HIV/Aids

2006 The Peace Research Institute in Oslo (PRIO), Executive Officer
 Preparation of Master programmer in International Studies
 Research assistant at Centre for the Study of Civil War (CSCW)

2003-2006 Norwegian Council for Africa, Executive Director
 Administration/accounts, Project management (aid), Strategy work, Information & advocacy

1992-2002 Various part time jobs

Organisation/other

2006-	Norwegian Council for Africa, member, Political advisory board
2014	Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions, consultancy, including visit to Ghanaian oil workers' unions (GTPCWU) in Accra and Takoradi
2013	Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (LO), consultancy, coordinate joint conference LO and Ghana Trade Union Congress: 'The 2nd African Regional Conference on "Oil for Development – Making Oil a Blessing: NOT a curse', Ghana, March 18 th -22 nd
2013-2014	Operation Day's Work, Member, Project Council
2008-2013	Socialist Left Party of Norway (SV), Member International Council
2008	Bistandsaktuelt (Development magazine), member editorial council
2006 -2011	SIGLA, member "bollplank" (SIGLA is a consultancy firm on corporate responsibility)
2006 -2008	Internasjonal Reporter (NGO for journalists working on foreign affairs), board member
2003 – 2006	Elected/voluntary positions as part of job as Executive Director, Norwegian Council for Africa RORG-network (development education), Chair (2003-2005) Verdensmagasinet X (Solidarity magazine on North/South relations), Board member (2003-2005); chair (2005-2006) Forum for Development and Environment's working group on trade/WTO, member (2003-2004)
2001 – 2002	Norwegian Council for Africa, chair Editor, Special edition Verdensmagasinet X about HIV/Aids Co-editor Africa yearbook 'Media i Afrika, Afrika i media'
1999 – 2001	Norwegian Council for Africa, board member Co-editor yearbook 'Afrikanere om Afrika'
1996-1997	Latin-America Group, Bergen, member of the co-ordinating group for Guatemala
1993-1994	Operation Day's Work '93 and '94, Translator, guide for speakers from project countries (Cambodia and South Africa)
1992	Operation Day's Work '92, Head of district committee in Rogaland,

Field experience

2012-2014	Three field visits for PhD project to Nigeria (Lagos, Abuja, Port Harcourt), nine weeks
2001-2011	Project and field visits to a range of African countries (South Africa, Mozambique, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Eritrea, Ethiopia,

Nigeria, Ghana)

- 1999 Fieldwork for M.Phil. thesis in Cape Town, five month
- 1997 Observer for returned refugees in Guatemala for Latin-America Group/Save the Children, Norway and Comisiones Permanentes de Refugiados Guatemaltecos (CCPP).