

# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

1995 - 2000 Dr. Polit. degree in Anthropology at the University of Oslo. Thesis on morality and knowledge in a Philippine farming community.  
1993 Course in 'Tropical agricultural production systems' at the Agricultural University of Norway  
1985 - 89 Magister Artium'-degree in social anthropology at the University of Oslo. Thesis on economic and cultural changes in a peasant community in Nicaragua.  
1977 - 1985 'Cand. Mag.'-degree at the University of Oslo, composed of the following subjects: Social Anthropology, Philosophy and Spanish

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2009 – Editor, Forum for Development Studies  
2006 – Senior Research Fellow, Norwegian Institute for International Affairs (NUPI)  
2000 – 2006 Senior Research Fellow and Head, Section for Development Studies, Norwegian Institute for International Affairs (NUPI)  
1995 – 1999 Research Fellow, Centre for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo.  
1994 – 1995 Director, the Development Fund (Norwegian non-governmental organization engaged in development cooperation)  
1989 – 1994 Project Coordinator, the Development Fund. Responsible for Central America (1989-91) and Horn of Africa (1992-94)

## STUDIES AND CONSULTANCIES

- 2011-2012 Evaluation of Norwegian People's Aid's development program in Ethiopia, team leader
- 2010-2012 Research program *Towards an anthropology of energy conflicts in Latin America*, funded by Norwegian Research Council. Responsible for Nicaragua case study
- 2009-2010 Team leader, evaluation of Finland's development cooperation with Ethiopia 2000-2008
- 2009 Evaluation of SAIH support to FADCANIC's Agroforestry School, Nicaragua
- 2009 Team leader, evaluation of the Norwegian Labor Organization (LO)'s cooperation with the FNT in Nicaragua
- 2009 Project leader, study of international responses to regional conflicts in the Horn of Africa, for the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2008 Team leader, evaluation of Save the Children Guatemala, for Save the Children Norway
- 2008 Team leader, review of NPA's mine action program in Ethiopia, for Norad
- 2008 Mapping of Norwegian strategic interests in Central America, for Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2007 Team leader, evaluation of Norwegian NGOs in Guatemala, for Norad
- 2007 Team leader, review of indigenous projects of the Norwegian Missions in Development, for Norad
- 2006 - 2008 Joint NUPI and PRIO study of regional aspects of state failure, funded by Norwegian Research Council. Responsible for Horn of Africa case study.
- 2006 Team leader, study of international engagement with Sudan after the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, for NORAD
- 2006 Evaluation of Fredskorpset, for NORAD
- 2006 Team leader, review of Norwegian Indigenous Peoples Program in Guatemala, for NORAD
- 2005 Study of civil society and NGOs in Nicaragua, for NORAD.
- 2005 Assessment mission for NPA to explore the existence and potential of civil society organizations in Sudan.
- 2004 - 2005 Team leader for study of microcredit impact on marginalized groups in Tigray, Ethiopia, for Norwegian People's Aid
- 2004 Team leader, review of selected Fredskorpset Youth exchange projects.
- 2004 Review of Saami Council projects with indigenous peoples organizations in Tanzania and Botswana, for NORAD
- 2003 Study on goals achievement in selected Fredskorpset (Partnership for Development) exchange projects
- 2003 Team leader for impact evaluation of educational program on Nicaraguan Atlantic Coast, for SAIH
- 2002 - 2003 Project leader for study of Norwegian bilateral aid conditionality towards Ethiopia, for NORAD
- 2002 Team leader for impact evaluation of microcredit program in Tigray, Ethiopia, for Norwegian People's Aid
- 2002 Study on the poverty reducing effects of agricultural development in Tanzania, for NORAD/NORAGRIC
- 2001 - 2003 Consultant, World Bank, on Indigenous Peoples Programs in Latin America (Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru, Guatemala)
- 2001 Team leader, evaluation indigenous health program, Brazil, for NORAD

- 2000 Team leader for the evaluation of bilingual education programs in Nicaragua (Atlantic Coast) for SAIH
- 1999 – 2000 Project leader Centre for Development and the Environment (SUM).
- 1999 Team leader for the evaluation of Norwegian People’s Aid’s Relief/Internal Purchase Program in Tigray, Ethiopia
- 1998 – 99 Team leader for the evaluation of Amnesty International’s Human Rights Education Program (Puerto Rico, Peru, Brazil, South Africa, Tunisia, Nepal)
- 1997 – 98 Responsible for interdisciplinary course (5 credit units) in “Development and the Environment”, SUM, University of Oslo
- 1997 Team leader for the evaluation of educational program for Indians in Acre, Brazil, for Operasjon Dagsverk/Rainforest Foundation
- 1991 Assistant lecturer Centre for Development and the Environment, UoO
- 1991 Evaluation of Norwegian Volunteer Service to Nicaragua for NORAD
- 1988 Project planning mission to Nicaragua for LAG

## BOARD POSITIONS

- 2008 – 2009 Centre for Environment and Development (SUM) UoO, supplementary board member
- 2006 – 2010 Forum for Development Cooperation with Indigenous Peoples, board member
- 2003 – 2010 North-South Coalition (board member, board chairman since 2007)
- 1996 – 2009 Norwegian Rainforest Foundation, board member (Chairman 1997-99)
- 2006 – 2007 *Bistandsaktuelt*, member of editorial advisory board
- 2005 – 2007 Comparative Politics and Development (research network board member)
- 2000 – 2003 SAIH (Norwegian Students and Academics’ International Assistance Fund), board member, member project advisory council
- 2002 – 2004 Norwegian Centre For Democracy Support (council member)
- 1997 – 2001 FIFI (the Research Institute of the NGO the Future in Our Hands), board member
- 1997 – 1999 NFU (Norwegian Association for Development Research), board member
- 1997 – 1999 Norwegian Programme for Indigenous Peoples (FAFO/NORAD), Advisory Council member

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ‘State Strength on the Ethiopian Border: Cross-Border Conflicts in the Horn of Africa’ (in Harpviken (ed.) *Troubled Regions and Failing States: The Clustering and Contagion of Armed Conflicts*. Comparative Social Research, Volume 27, 2010).
- ‘Aiding Rights? Dilemmas in Norwegian and Swedish Development Cooperation with Ethiopia’ *Nordic Journal for Human Rights*, 27 (4): 452-466. 2009.
- Regional Conflict and International Engagement on the Horn of Africa*. Oslo, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs. 2009. With Jon Harald Sande Lie.
- Norge og BRIK-landene*. Oslo: NUPI, 2009. With Elana Wilson Rowe (ed.), Benjamin de Carvalho (ed.), Sverre Lodgaard, Arne Melchior, Indra Øverland.
- ‘Limits to donor influence: Aid, Conditionality and Ethiopia’. *Forum for Development Studies*, 35 (2): 195-220. 2008.
- ‘Re-reconsidering foreign aid: Riddell’s ”Does foreign aid really work?”’ *Forum for Development Studies*, 34 (1): 189-196. 2007.

- Norske selvbilder og norsk utenrikspolitikk*. Oslo: NUPI, 2007. With Halvard Leira (ed.), Nina Græger, Arne Melchior, Eli Stamnes and Indra Øverland.
- International Engagement in Sudan after the CPA*. NUPI Paper 714, Oslo: NUPI, 2007. With Anita Haslie.
- 'Cutting aid to promote peace and democracy? Intentions and effectiveness of aid sanctions.' *European Journal of Development Research*, 18 (4): 622-641. 2006. With Hansen, Ketil Fred.
- 'DINGOs, GRINGOs and other animals in the fields of development: Aid and NGOs' In Banik, Dan (ed.): *Poverty, Politics and Development: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. Bergen: Fagbokforlaget, 2006.
- A Study of Civil Society in Nicaragua: A Report Commissioned by NORAD*. NUPI Paper 699. Oslo: NUPI, 2006
- Marginalized Groups, Credit and Empowerment: The Case of Dedebit Credit and Savings Institution (DECSI) of Tigray, Ethiopia*. AEMFI Occasional Paper No. 14, Addis Abeba, 2005.
- Potential for Civil Society Support in Southern Sudan*. Oslo: Norwegian People's Aid. With Øystein Rolandsen. 2005.
- 'Afrikas horn: et lappeteppes av kriger' *Internasjonal politikk*. 62 (4). 2004.
- 'En metodologisk evaluering av evalueringsmetoder' *Sosiologi i dag*. 34 (4). 2004. With Helle-Valle, Jo.
- 'Images of Norwegian Aid' *Forum for Development Studies*, 31 (1). 2004
- 'Det sivile eller det servile samfunn? Om frivillige organisasjoner i utviklingsmeldingen'. In Borchgrevink, A and Hansen, KF (eds.) *Felles kamp mot fattigdom? Kritiske perspektiver på regjeringens utviklingsmelding*. Oslo: NUPI. 47-57. 2004.
- 'Felles kamp mot fattigdom? Er vi så enige som regjeringen vil ha det til?' (with K.F. Hansen) In Borchgrevink, A and Hansen, KF (eds.) *Felles kamp mot fattigdom? Kritiske perspektiver på regjeringens utviklingsmelding*. Oslo: NUPI. 5-8. 2004.
- 'State and Society in Ethiopia' *Forum for Development Studies*, 30 (1) 2003.
- 'A History of Anthropology' *Forum for Development Studies*, 30 (1) 2003.
- 'Ideas of Power in the Philippines: Amulets and Sacrifice' *Cultural Dynamics*, 15 (1): 41-69 2003.
- 'Silencing Language: Of Anthropologists and Interpreters' *Ethnography*: 04 (1): 95-121. 2003
- 'Poverty-Reducing Effects of Agricultural Development in Tanzania' (with Ragnar Øygaard, Evelyne Lazaro and Anna Temu.) *Noragric Report No. 10*. Agricultural University of Norway, December 2002
- 'Indigenous Peoples and Development Programmes' *Forum for Development Studies*, 29 (2): 408-413, 2002.
- 'Clean and Green: Cultural Models and Agricultural Knowledge' *Ethnos*. 67 (2). 2002.
- 'Ethiopia-Eritrea: How to move from a solution of the border conflict towards sustainable peace by addressing the underlying issues. How can the international community contribute? Summary conference proceedings' Report to the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. NUPI, 2002.
- 'Conditionality and Partnership – Natural Bedfellows?' *Reality of Aid* 2002: 225-228.
- 'Aid and the Poor' *Forum for Development Studies*, 28 (1): 173-179. 2001.
- 'Agrarian Questions and Enduring Peasants: A Classic Debate Enters the Age of Globalization' *The European Journal of Development Research*, 13 (1): 178-189. 2001.
- 'The Power of the Anting-anting' *Pilipinas*, #34 (Spring 2000): 1-28.

- Clean and Green: Morality and Knowledge in a Philippine Farming Community*. Thesis for degree of Dr. polit., submitted to the Dept. of Anthropology, University of Oslo, Oct. 1999.
- 'Den grønne revolusjonen - grønn og revolusjonerende?' [The Green Revolution - green and revolutionary?] In Benjaminsen and Svarstad (eds.): *Samfunnsperspektiver på miljø og utvikling*. Oslo, Tano-Aschehoug, 1998. [Revised edition 2002]
- 'Nettverksarbeid som bistandsmodell' [Networking as a model for development cooperation] With A. P. Kroglund og V. Eikås *Alternativ Framtid*, 1995 (1): 38-45
- "NGO Observers" (Report on electoral observation). With K. Haugen and S. Olsen. In *The Referendum on Independence for Eritrea. Human Rights Report*, No 2 December 1993.
- 'The 1990 Elections in Nicaragua' *Iberoamericana*, Nordic Journal of Latin American Studies, Vol XXII: 1, 1992, 99-103.
- EL TIGRE. Economy, Morality and Revolution in a Nicaraguan Peasant Village*. Thesis for mag.art. degree at University of Oslo. 1989.

## LANGUAGES

Norwegian	mother tongue
English	fluent
Spanish	fluent
Portuguese	intermediate level