

Knut G. Nustad

Born: 14 June 1968

Education

- University of Oslo 1989-1993
- University of Cambridge 1993-1999

Qualifications

- B.A. University of Oslo 1993 (Social Anthropology, Psychology, Development Studies)
- M.Phil Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge 1994 (Supervised by Keith Hart)
- Ph.D. Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge 1999 (Supervised by Keith Hart)
- University Pedagogics, UMB, 2006

Present appointment and positions

- Senior Research Fellow, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs
- Associate Professor II, Department of International Environment and Development Studies (Noragric), Norwegian University of Life Sciences.
- Editor, Forum For Development Studies (Routledge) 2009-
- Chair, Norwegian Association of Development Research 2010-

Previous employment and positions

- Associate Professor, Department of Research and Development, International Unit, Diakonhjemmet University College. 2004.
- Associate Professor, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo, 2003-2004
- Lecturer, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo 2002-2003
- Senior Research Fellow, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) 1999-2002
- Course organizer/Lecturer, Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge 1999
- Research Fellow, International Peace Research Institute, Oslo (PRIO) 1998
- Editor Internasjonal Politikk (International Politics), 2000-2003
- Member Editorial Board, Cambridge Anthropology, 1995
- Member Advisory Board, Norwegian Council for Africa, 2003

Grants and awards

- 2011-2014 Norwegian Research Council, part of the project The Poor and the State: Security, Welfare and Political Participation among the Urban Poor in Delhi, Durban and Nairobi
- 2011-2014 Norwegian Research Council, part of the project Cultures of Biodiversity: Perceptions and Practices
- 2010 Free Speech Foundation, grant to develop book project Creating Africas: Struggles over conservation, nature and land, NOK 100,000
- 2008-2010 Norwegian Research Council, Part of the research project Poverty and Peace, Rebuilding Settlements.
- 1997 Norwegian Research Council, Personal doctoral grant

- 1995 Instituttet for Sammenlignende Kulturforskning
- 1994 Bartle Frere Exhibition, Cambridge
- 1994 Wyse Fund, Trinity College, Cambridge
- 1994 Smuts Memorial Fund, Cambridge

Appointments

- Taken part in selecting candidates for PhD Positions at University of Oslo and Bergen, and Postdoc at University of Bergen
- Acted as reviewer for Ethnos, Anthropology Today, Forum for Development Studies, Norsk Antropologisk Tidsskrift

Professional Memberships

- Norwegian Association for Development Research,
- Norwegian Anthropological Association, Member since 1999
- American Anthropological Association, Member since 1999
- Royal Anthropological Institute, Fellow since 1994

Invited speaker

Oxford, Cambridge, Oslo (various), Bergen, Stavanger, Tromsø, Trondheim, Roskilde, Aberdeen, Lisbon, Geneva.

- Invited speaker and commentator on the workshop Flexibility, Informality and urban governance: experiences from African and Latin American Cities, Trinity College, University of Oxford, 28-29 March 2011
- Invited commentator on the workshop, The public understanding of science in Africa, African Studies Centre, Cambridge University, 5 march 2010
- Invited commentator on the seminar, Restitution of land in transitional justice, Norwegian centre for Human rights, 10 September 2009
- Invited commentator on the session Statens utfordringer: Makt, suverenitet og dagligliv at the Norwegian Anthropologist annual conference, Bergen, Norway 2009.
- Invited plenary speaker, Norwegian Anthropological Association's Annual meeting 2005. "Den norske staten i verden: bilder og speilbilder", Bergen.

Courses Taught

I have been responsible for setting curricula, teaching and evaluation of courses in Cambridge, Oslo, Norwegian U of Life Sciences and Addis Ababa.

Regular courses given at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences:

- Social Anthropology, MA and BA students, classes of about 90
- Introduction to development studies, BA students, classes of about 40
- Anthropology and development, MA and BA students, classes of about 40

Courses given at the University of Oslo:

- Anthropology and development, 2. year students, classes of about 25
- Introduction to social anthropology, 1. year students, classes of about 250

- History of social anthropology, 1. year students, classes of about 250
- Social and cultural change, 2. year students, classes of about 60
- Anthropology and the state, 2. year students, classes of about 25
- Development theory, 1. year students, classes of about 70
- African ethnography, Master students, classes of about 50

Courses at other universities:

- Together with Prof. Edward Robbins, courses in development anthropology at Addis Ababa University 2002-2003
- Course on Development Anthropology, University of Bergen 2004.
- Course in African Studies, University of Trondheim (NTNU) 2004.
- Course for PhD students, Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences 2004.
- Course for BA students, Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences 2005.
- Course for MA students, Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences 2004.
- Taught international students at the Summer School at the University of Oslo 2000
- Taught anthropology and development for MPhil students at Cambridge University 1998

Many of my courses in Oslo have been evaluated by students and all have been given a consistently very good rating (documented in Norwegian).

Supervisions and Examinations

- Examined PhD dissertations at U of Oslo, Oslo School of Architecture and Norwegian U of Life Sciences.
- External examiner at Master and undergraduate levels at Cambridge University, University of Bergen, and University of Life Sciences.
- I have supervised students at Master level at the Department in Oslo and PhD students and MA students at UMB. Currently supervising 10 graduate students.

Administration

- Organised panel, with Dr Shirley Brooks and Prof Maano Ramunsindela, Society of South African Geographers Biannual conference, UNISA, Pretoria 2 & 3 September 2009 – Conservation and Capitalism
- Organised Panel on ‘Naturlige fellesskap’, Norwegian Anthropological Associations Annual Conference, 2008.
- Arranged international workshop on *Understanding contemporary urban politics*, 2008.
- Organised workshop on Urban Landscapes at NFUs annual meeting, 2005.
- Arranged international workshop on *Exploration of the State* 2002
- Arranged international conference for *Academic Council on the United Nation System* (ACUNS) with more than 200 papers presented 2000
- Organised workshop on development and anthropology for annual meeting of Norwegian Anthropological Association 2000
- Academic head of one of Noragric’s two Research Groups, 2006-2008
- Academically responsible for the BA programme in Development studies, UMB
- Noragric’s representative to the University Research Committee
- Member of the Board, Noragric, UMB

- Academic responsible for creating a BA programme in Development Studies at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences
- Helped develop new BA in Development Studies at University of Oslo, member of Programme Board.
- Outlined research strategy on development and anthropology for Department in Oslo 2003
- Pioneered and evaluated use of web-based teaching at Department in Oslo 2001

Popular presentations and writing

- Ulandsseminaret, UiO, *Hvis vi er Vesten, Hva er de resten?*, April 2005.
- *Språk og makt i bistanden*. RORG seminar Norad November 2004.
- *Virker bistanden?* Fritt Ord, 15.10.2003
- *U-Hjelp som lynavleder*, front page interview Morgenbladet 1.3.2003
- *Interview Dagsnytt 18*, on Gavens Makt, 1.3.2003
- *Femti år med bistand – hvorfor vi må tenke nytt*. Discussion night at Rensieriet Cafe 4.3.2002
- *Interview Lang lunsj – NRK Østlandssendingen*, on development aid, 8.4.2002
- *Utvikling, fattigdom og politikk*, Newsletter UN programme, NUPI, 2000.
- *Kunnskap og samfunnskritikk*, Forskerforum, 2000 (with Ole J. Sending)
- *On the theoretical framework of World Development Report*, CROP web pages, 2000
- *Ti år etter apartheid*, *Dagbladet* 11.2.2000 (with Torunn Tryggestad)
- *Norsk bistand – ikke en arena for politikk*, *Dagsavisen* 22.2.2000 (with Kjetil Visnes)
- *Bistand og korrupsjon*, *Dagbladet* 1.6.1999.

Consultancy Work

- Background analysis of political situation in Zimbabwe for Norwegian Church Aid, 2004
- Evaluation of Norwegian development aid to Civil Society in South Africa, including an assessment of the importance of Civil Society Organizations for development (for NORAD, (the Norwegian counterpart to DFID) 2003
- Part of a team that evaluated Norwegian Research on Foreign Policy, commissioned by Research Council of Norway and Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2000
- Report on *Legitimacy and post conflict Peace Building* for Centre de Politique de Sécurité – Geneva 2000
- Report on *Security Sector Reform as a Development Issue* for OECD/DAC 1999

Other

- Interviewed on national radio and television in connection with research on several occasions
- Written newspaper articles on development aid and South African politics
- Given several presentations for the general public

Publications

Books/Thesis

Forthcoming: *Creating Africas: struggles over natures, conservation and land*. London: Hurst Publishers & Columbia University Press

2005, with Christian Krohn-Hansen (eds) *State formation: anthropological perspectives*, London, Pluto Press.

2003, *Gavens makt: Norsk utviklingshjelp som formynderskap*, Oslo, Pax.

1999, *Community leadership and development administration in a Durban squatter settlement*, PhD Thesis, University of Cambridge.

Selected Book chapters and articles

Forthcoming, "Revisiting post-development from an environment-development perspective", in D. Kjosavik (ed), *The political economy of environment and development in a globalised world: exploring the frontiers*. Trondheim: Tapir.

2011, "Land, eiendom og samfunn i Dukuduku, Sør-Afrika", *Norsk Antropologisk Tidsskrift*, no 3-4.

2011 "Performing natures and land in the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, South Africa", *Ethnos* vol 76, no1

2011 "Property, rights and community in a South African land-claim case", *Anthropology Today*, vol 27, no 1.

2007 "Development: the devil we know?" In *Exploring Post-Development*, A. Ziai, ed, London, Routledge.

2007 "Nasjonale interesser fra et antropologisk synspunkt" *Internasjonal Politikk*, No 3

2006, "Den norske staten i verden: bilder og speilbilder", *Norsk antropologisk tidsskrift*, Vol 17, No 3-4, pp 233-242.

2006, "Foreign aid and the ideas of development", in *Poverty, politics and development: interdisciplinary perspectives*, D. Banik, ed, Oslo, Fagbokforlaget.

2005, "Perceptions of Politics" *Cadernos de estudos Africanos*, vol 5/6, pp 175-189.

2005, "State formation through development in post-apartheid South Africa," in *State formation: anthropological perspectives*, C.Krohn-Hansen K.G. Nustad, eds. London, Pluto.

2005, "Introduction: theoretical approaches," in *State formation: anthropological perspectives*, C.Krohn-Hansen K.G. Nustad, eds. London, Pluto.

2004, "Faglighet og ideologi i bistanden", *Kirke og Kultur*, vol. 109, no. 4, pp. 488-499.

2004, "The right to stay in Cato Crest: Formality and informality in a South African development project," in *Reconsidering informality: perspectives from urban Africa*, K. T. Hansen & M. Vaa, eds., Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, pp. 45-61.

- 2004, "Kultur og samfunnsforhold," in *Att studera Afrika: vägar till källorna*, K. Rylander, ed., Nordiska Afrikainstitutet, Uppsala, pp. 119-131.
- 2003, "The development discourse in the multilateral system," in *Global institutions and development: framing the world?*, M. Bøås & D. McNeill, eds., Routledge, London, pp. 13-23
- 2003, "Considering global/local relations: beyond dualism," in *Globalisation: studies in anthropology*, T. H. Eriksen, ed., Pluto, London, pp. 122-137.
- 2003 with Thune, H. "Norway: political consensus and the problem of accountability," in *Democratic accountability and the use of force in international law*, C. Ku & H. K. Jacobson, eds., Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, pp. 154-175.
- 2003, "Regjering gjennom utvikling: Rasjonalitet, politikk og økonomi i Sør-Afrika", *Norsk Antropologisk Tidsskrift*, vol. 14, no. 2-3, pp. 99-110. (Government through development: rationality, politics and economy in South Africa)
- 2002, "Explorations of the state: considerations from critical anthropology/ethnography, University of Oslo, 25-26 October, 2002.", *EASA newsletter* no. 3-4.
- 2002 with Kaarhus, R. *Antropologi og utvikling - spesialutgave Norsk Antropologisk Tidsskrift (1-2)*. (Anthropology and development, guest editor for a special issue of the Norwegian Anthropological Journal)
- Kaarhus, R. & Nustad, K. G. 2002, "Introduksjon: Om antropologi og utvikling", *Norsk Antropologisk Tidsskrift*, vol. 13, no. 1-2.
- 2001, "Development: the devil we know?", *Third World Quarterly*, vol. 22, no. 4, pp. 479-489.
- 2001, "Utvikling som diskursivt rom: makt, fattigdom og aktører", *Sosiologi i dag*, vol. 31, no. 4, pp. 73-88. (Development as discursive space: power, poverty and actors)
- 2000, "Lesoto," in *Fellesrådets Afrikaårbok*.
- 2000 with Sending, O. J. "The instrumentalization of development knowledge," in *Banking on knowledge*, D. Stone, ed., Routledge, London.
- 2000, "Formell utvikling og uformelle strategier: et post-apartheid utviklingsprosjekt", *Norsk Antropologisk Tidsskrift*, vol. 11, no. 3. (Formal development and informal responses: a post-apartheid development project)
- 1997, "The ends of development: comments on an obituary", *Forum for Development Studies* no. 1, pp. 155-166.
- 1996, "The politics of 'development': power and changing discourses in South Africa", *Cambridge Anthropology*, vol. 19, no. 1, pp. 57-72.
- 1995, "Frivillige sørafrikanske organisasjoners rolle i byggingen av et demokrati," in *Demokrati i Afrika: Fellesrådets Afrika årbok '95*, P. Ekløf, ed., Gazette Bok, Oslo. (The role of NGOs in building a democracy)

Papers presented (selection)

Conservation nature and land claims in the Dukuduku forest, KZN. Paper presented at the conference Mapping political ecologies in sub-Saharan Africa, Stellenbosch, South Africa, March 2011.

Creating Africas: Struggles over nature, conservation and land. Nupi theory seminar series. 28 January 2011

Performing natures and land in the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, South Africa. Bergen Social Anthropology Institute Seminar, September 2010.

Imagining fish and rivers in Aurland, Norway. Paper presented at the EASA 2010 annual Conference 2010, Maynooth, Ireland (with Rune Flikke and Cato Berg)

‘They think birds are more important than people’ Conservation, land and natures in a South African World Heritage Site. Invited paper at Cambridge University, Centre for African Studies, Research seminar Series, November 2009.

Performing nature in the iSimangaliso Wetland Park. Paper presented at the Society of South African Geographers Biannual conference, UNISA, Pretoria, September 2009.

Appropriation of nature and land in the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, South Africa. Paper presented at the ASA annual conference, Auckland, New Zealand, December 2008.

Urban Politics at the intersection of street and state – the case of Durban. Paper presented at the workshop ‘Understanding contemporary urban politics’, University of Oslo, Oslo, June 2008.

Property rights, nature and conservation in the iSimangaliso Wetland Park. Paper presented at the international conference Analytic Abstractions, Lived Realities: Politics, Law and Economy in Africa. Trondheim, May 2008

Shack-land state formation – a South African Case. Paper presented at the workshop ‘Inside practices of peace building and state formation’, Oslo, NUPI, June 2008

Nature, land, property rights and conservation in the Greater St Lucia Wetland Park, South Africa. Paper presented at the 106 American Anthropological Association Annual meeting Washington. Dc. Nov/Dec 2007

The state as form an effect: a South African case. Paper presented at the Dep of Social Anthropology, Seminar series, March 2007.

An anthropology of the state? A conversation with Knut Nustad and Finn Stepputat. CMI, Bergen, December 2007

People and the state in Durban’s Cato Crest. Paper presented at the conference Transcending postcolonial conditions: towards alternative modernities. Cape Town 05-12-2006.

The future of development research. Roundtable with IDS (Sussex) and Noragric. Ås, 21-04-2006.

Civil society as reconfigured public in South Africa. Paper presented at the conference The public reconfigured: the production of poverty in an age of advancing liberalism. Baroniet Rosendal. 2005-09-23

Experiencing representation: leadership, politics and resources in a South African informal settlement, AEGIS Conference, Soas, London. 26-06-2005

After the giants. Paper presented at the Departemental seminar series, Social Anthropology, U of Bergen. 16-9-2004.

State, Governance and Development in Durban's Cato Crest (South Africa). Paper presented at AEGIS conference, Uppsala. 27-5-2004.

Civil society in South Africa: as seen from above. Paper presented at the LPD seminar series, SUM, UiO. 11-11-2003

Development, knowledge and state: a relational approach. Paper presented at the PhD seminar in development studies, Roskilde University. 30-10-2003

Development discourse in the multilateral system. Paper presented at the NFU annual conference. 23-10-2003.

Perception of politics: a South African case. Paper presented at AEGIS annual conference, Lisbon, Portugal. 25-9-2002.

Considering global/local relations: beyond dualism. Paper presented at the conference: Globalisation studies, Epistemological and methodological considerations from anthropology, Oslo 7-8 June. 2001.

Informal inversions: Developers and Community Leadership in Cato Crest, Paper presented at the conference The formal and the informal city - what happens at the interface? Copenhagen, June 15 - 18, 2000.

Questions of legitimacy in post-conflict peace building and arms control. Paper presented at the Arms Control Cluster, Geneva Centre for Security Studies, Geneva May 30, 2000.

Cato Manor: A post-apartheid development project. Paper presented at the Southern Africa seminar series, African Studies Centre, University of Cambridge. 1999.

Doing fieldwork in a Durban squatter settlement. Paper presented at the workshop Ethnography as an Interdisciplinary Method, The Arkleton Centre for Rural Development Studies, St Maty's, King's College, University of Aberdeen. 1999.

Perspectives on development: Politics and strategies in a Durban squatter settlement. Paper presented at the Nordic Africa Days, The Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden. 1999.

Reports

2003 with Heldal, I. Thue, N., *Review of Norwegian non-governmental organisations' development co-operation with South African partners*, Norad, Oslo.

2000, *Questions of legitimacy in post-conflict peace building and arms control* Centre de Politique de Sécurité, Geneve.

2000 with Sjursen, H., Neumann, I. B., *Sektoranalyse for forskning innenfor UD's sektor: for utenrikspolitikk og utenriksøkonomi* Norges forskningsråd, Kultur og Samfunn, Oslo.

1999 with Eide, E. B., Hansen, A., Lia, B. *Security sector reform as a development issue.*, OECD/DAC Room Document, Paris.