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**Professional skills**

Kari Margrethe Osland (PhD) is a Senior Research Fellow at the Peace, Conflict and Development Research Group at NUPI. Osland's work focuses predominantly on conflict dynamics, insurgencies, peace operations and peace building. Osland wrote her PhD on the impact of international assistance to police reform in post-conflict countries, comparing Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Serbia and South Sudan. She wrote her MPhil on genocide, applying the securitization theory on the cases of Rwanda and Bosnia and Herzegovina. She has done consultancy work for the UN, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and for the Norwegian Police Directorate, in particular on international policing, rule of law and Security Sector Reform. She was co-editor of the Scandinavian journal *Internasjonal Politikk*. She has field work experience from the Balkans (30+), Afghanistan (2) and a number of African countries (Niger, South Sudan, Sudan).

**Country focus**

- Africa (Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso, South Sudan, Sudan, Rwanda)
- Asia (Afghanistan)
- Europe (Kosovo, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Albania)

**Thematic focus**

- Conflict dynamics
- Insurgencies
- Peace operations and peacebuilding
- SSR, in particular police reform
- Comparative methodology
- International intervention and changing character of war
- War crimes
- Securitization theory

**Academic degrees**

2014	PhD Faculty of Social Science/Department of Political Science, University of Oslo, Norway,
2000	MPhil Faculty of Social Science/Department of Comparative Politics and Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen, Norway

**Current and previous positions**

2014-	Senior Research Fellow, Research Group on Peace, Conflict and Development, NUPI
2014-2020	Head, Research Group on Peace, Conflict and Development, NUPI
2008-2014	PhD candidate
2004-2008	Research Fellow, UN Programme/Department of International Affairs, NUPI
2001-2002	Coordinator for the Nordic research group on Peace Support Operations
2000-2004	Researcher & head of UN Programme, Department of International Politics, NUPI
1998-2000	Co-ordinator and scientific assistant, UN Programme, NUPI
1996-1997	Seminar leader, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen
1994-1995	Coordinator (trainee), TECHWARE, Brussels, Belgium

**Career breaks**

2008-2009	Maternity leave, 9 months
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2010-2011 Maternity leave, 9 months  
 2012-2013 Maternity leave, 9 months  
 2013 Unpaid leave due to family move, 6 months

### Supervision of graduate students

2008- 1 PhD; 13 Master students  
 Department of Political Science, University of Oslo, Norway/  
 Norwegian Defence University College, Norway

### Institutional responsibilities

2014-2020 **Head of Research Group on Peace, Conflict and Development (PCAD)** at NUIPI, currently consisting of 22 senior and junior researchers. This implies being a member of NUIPI's executive group and involved in the institute's overall development. Osland is responsible for the staff management of the group members (incl responsible for following up on and implementing measures aimed at controlling the group's finances) and is also entrusted with the academic and administrative responsibilities for the group's activities, including setting strategic goals for the research group.

### Project management experience

Year	Title of project, funder, role in project
2020-2024	<b>Jihadist Governance in the Sahel (JIGOV-Sahel). Funder:</b> Norwegian Research Council (FRIPRO). <b>Role:</b> Project leader.
2020-2022	<b>Preventing Violent Extremism in the Balkans and the broader MENA region (PREVEX). Funder:</b> EU Horizon2020. <b>Role:</b> Part of the core group writing the application. WP3 leader and researcher in WPs on the Balkans and the Sahel.
2019-2022	<b>Norsk utviklingspolitikk i en tid med klimaendringer og geopolitisk spenning. Strategisk Institutt Satsing. Funder:</b> Norwegian MFA. <b>Role:</b> Responsible for one of three strands.
2018-2019	<b>China and the international Sustainable Development Agenda. Funder:</b> Norwegian MFA. <b>Role:</b> Responsible for the strand on peace and security, with a particular focus on Mali and South Sudan.
2017-2020	<b>UN Peace Operations Programme (UNPO). Funder:</b> Norwegian MFA. <b>Role:</b> Project leader.
2016-2019	<b>Good intentions, mixed results – A conflict sensitive unpacking of the EU comprehensive approach mechanism (EUNPACK). Funder:</b> EU Horizon2020. <b>Role:</b> Part of core group writing the application, part of coordinating team and researcher in WP5, Balkans.
2015-2020	<b>Community-Based Policing and Post-Conflict Police Reform (ICT4COP). Funder:</b> EU Horizon2020. <b>Role:</b> One of three researchers in WP2 on Academic Steering and Coherence.
2014-2017	<b>Learning from Experience – International Policing (LfE). Funder:</b> Norwegian MFA. <b>Role:</b> Project leader.

### Major collaborations (selected)

Year	Title of project, funder, cases, role in project and name of collaborators
2020-2022	<b>Jihadist Governance in the Sahel (JIGOV-Sahel). Funder:</b> Norwegian Research Council (FRIPRO). <b>Cases:</b> Mali, Niger, Nigeria and Burkina Faso. <b>Role:</b> Project leader. <b>Collaborators:</b> Alliance for Rebuilding Governance in Africa (ARGA - Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso), African Security Sector Network (ASSN), SDD (Nigeria), Oxford University.
2020-2022	<b>Preventing Violent Extremism in the Balkans and the broader MENA region (PREVEX). Funder:</b> EU Horizon2020. <b>Cases:</b> Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Albania, Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Libya, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, the UAE, Mali and Niger. <b>Role:</b> Part of the core group writing the application. WP3 leader and researcher in WPs on the Balkans and the Sahel. <b>Collaborators:</b> Alliance for Rebuilding Governance in Africa (ARGA), Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane (AUI), Atlantic Initiative, Belgrade Centre for Security

Policy (BCSP), Centre for Advanced Study Sofia (CAS), Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques – Centre for International Research (CERI), European University Institute, Group for Legal and Political Studies (GLPS), Institute for Democracy and Mediation (IDM), Middle East Research Institute (MERI), Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, University of Copenhagen, University of Leipzig.

- 2018-2021 **Fragile states and violent entrepreneurs: conflict, climate (FRAGMENT).** **Funder:** Norwegian Research Council. **Cases:** Mali, Libya, Niger and Mauritania. **Role:** Researcher. **Collaborators:** Alliance for Rebuilding Governance in Africa (ARGA), Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies.
- 2017- **Effectiveness of Peace Operations Network (EPON).** **Funder:** Norwegian MFA and Norwegian Research Council. **Cases:** UN, peace operations. **Role:** Part of the Secretariat (and of establishing the network). **Collaborators:** 40+ Universities, Institutes and Think Tanks globally, see: <https://effectivepeaceops.net/partners/>
- 2016-2019 **Good intentions, mixed results – A conflict sensitive unpacking of the EU comprehensive approach mechanism (EUNPACK).** **Funder:** EU Horizon2020. **Cases:** Kosovo, Serbia (enlargement policies), Ukraine, Libya (neighborhood policies), Mali, Afghanistan, Iraq (extended neighborhood). **Role:** Part of core group writing the application; part of coordinating team and researcher in WP5. **Collaborators:** University of Manchester, United Kingdom; Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany; CEPS, Belgium; Comenius University, Slovakia; Sant' Anna School of Advanced Studies, Italy; Belgrade Centre for Security Policy, Serbia; Kosovar Centre for Security Studies, Kosovo; Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine; Institut de Recherche sur le Maghreb Contemporain, France; Alliance for Rebuilding Governance in Africa, Mali; AREU, Afghanistan and Middle East Research Institute, Iraq.
- 2015-2020 **Community-Based Policing and Post-Conflict Police Reform (ICT4COP).** **Funder:** EU Horizon2020. **Cases:** Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Serbia, Colombia, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Somalia, Somaliland, Kenya, South Sudan, Afghanistan and Pakistan. **Role:** Participated in writing the application. Part of WP2, academic steering and coherence. **Collaborators:** University of Durham, United Kingdom, Jagiellonian University Krakow, Poland; Universidad de Chile, Chile, CIPREVI, Guatemala, COMSATS, Pakistan, NCA Afghanistan, Afghanistan, University of Juba, South Sudan; New Social Impact Lab Foundation, Kenya/US; Applied Intelligence Analytics, Ireland, University of Bremen, Germany; NMBU, Norway and the Police University College, Norway, in addition to a network of around 40 international police experts.

### Selected publications

- Osland, Kari M. and Mateja Peter, 2020: "From Conflict Transformation to Conflict Management: Implementation of the EU Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo", in Mac Ginty, Roger, Oliver Richmond and Sandra Pogodda: *The EU and Crisis Response*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, Chapter 7 (forthcoming).
- Kari M. Osland and Henriette U. Erstad, 2020: The Fragility Dilemma and Divergent Security Complexes in the Sahel. *The International Spectator* (forthcoming)
- Bátora, Jozef, Kari M. Osland, Florian Qehaja and Sonja Stojanović Gajić, 2020: Spaces and Institutional Logics in Post-Conflict Settings of Mitrovica, *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, Vol 14, issue 4. DOI: [10.1080/17502977.2020.1719790](https://doi.org/10.1080/17502977.2020.1719790)
- Boutellis, Arthur and Kari M. Osland, 2020: Preventing Organized Crime: The Need for a UN System-Wide Approach. NUI Report, No 7, Oslo: NUI. See: <https://www.nupi.no/Publikasjoner/CRIStin-Pub/Preventing-Organized-Crime.-The-Need-for-a-Context-Sensitive-System-Wide-Approach>
- Osland, Kari M., Jenny Nortvedt and Maria G. Røynsamb, 2020: Female Peacekeepers and Operational Effectiveness in UN Peace Operations. *NUI Research Paper*, No 3. Oslo: NUI See: [https://www.nupi.no/en/content/download/21846/955263/version/5/file/NUIP\\_Research\\_Paper\\_3\\_2020\\_OslandRoysambNortvedt.pdf](https://www.nupi.no/en/content/download/21846/955263/version/5/file/NUIP_Research_Paper_3_2020_OslandRoysambNortvedt.pdf)

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- Osland, Kari M., Maria G. Røynsamb and Jenny Nortvedt, 2020: The Impact of Covid-19 on the Women, Peace and Security Agenda. *NUPI Covid-19 Brief*, No 8, Oslo: NUPI, see: <https://www.nupi.no/nupi/Publikasjoner/CRISStin-Pub/The-Impact-of-Covid-19-on-the-Women-Peace-and-Security-Agenda>
- De Coning, Cedric and Kari M. Osland, 2020: China's Evolving Approach to UN Peacekeeping in Africa. *NUPI Report*, No 1/2020. Oslo: NUPI. See: [https://www.nupi.no/nupi\\_eng/Publications/CRISStin-Pub/China-s-Evolving-Approach-to-UN-Peacekeeping-in-Africa](https://www.nupi.no/nupi_eng/Publications/CRISStin-Pub/China-s-Evolving-Approach-to-UN-Peacekeeping-in-Africa)
- Osland, Kari M. and Mateja Peter, 2019: The Double Proximity Paradox in Peacebuilding: Implementation and Reception of the EU Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo. *European Security*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09662839.2019.1649658>
- Osland, Kari M., 2019: "UN Policing – the Security-Trust Challenge", in de Coning, Cedric and Mateja Peter (eds): *United Nations Peace Operations in a Changing Global Order*. London: Palgrave. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-99106-1\\_10](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-99106-1_10)
- Bøås, Morten, Kari M. Osland and Henriette Ullavik Erstad, 2019: Islamic Insurgents in the MENA Region – Global Threat or Regional Menace? *NUPI Working Paper* No 884, Oslo: NUPI. See: <https://www.nupi.no/Publikasjoner/CRISStin-Pub/Islamic-Insurgents-in-the-MENA-Region.-Global-Threat-or-Regional-Menace>
- Arthur, Paige, Christian Ahlund, Maaiken de Lange and Kari M. Osland, 2018: Review of the Global Focal Point for Police, Justice and Security 2018. New York: CIC, New York University, pp. 64. See: [http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/librarypage/democratic-governance/access\\_to\\_justiceandruleoflaw/2017-Review-Global-Focal-Point.html](http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/librarypage/democratic-governance/access_to_justiceandruleoflaw/2017-Review-Global-Focal-Point.html)
- Batora, Jozef, Kari Osland and Mateja Peter, 2017: EU policies towards Serbia and Kosovo. Working Paper, EUNPACK, see: <http://www.eunpack.eu/publications/working-paper-implementation-eu-crisis-response-serbia-and-kosovo>
- Osland, Kari M. and Marina Caparini, 2017: "Knowledge Management and Police Peacekeepers: Experiences and Recommendations." *NUPI Report* No 6, pp. 40. Oslo: NUPI
- Osland, Kari M., 2017: Norsk politi i internasjonal tjeneste, 1989-2016. *NUPI rapport* nr. 2, pp. 88. Oslo: NUPI
- Batora, Jozef, Shpend Kursani and Kari Osland, 2017: Public Perception of the EU's Role in Crisis Management in South Mitrovica. Policy Brief, EUNPAC, see: <http://www.eunpack.eu/publications/policy-brief-public-perceptions-eu's-role-crisis-management-south-mitrovica>
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- Osland, Kari M., 2017: Norwegian Police in International Operations, 1989-2016. *NUPI Policy Brief* no. 3. Oslo: NUPI
- Karlsrud, John og Kari M. Osland, 2016: Between Self-Interest and Solidarity: Norway's Return to UN Peacekeeping? *International Peacekeeping*, Vol. 23, Issue 5; pp. 784-803
- Caparini, Marina L. and Kari M. Osland, 2016: "MINUSTAH's Specialized Police Team to Combat Sexual Violence in Haiti." *NUPI Working Paper* No. 867, pp. 36. Oslo: NUPI
- Stamnes, Eli og Kari M. Osland, 2016: Synthesis Report: Reviewing UN Peace Operations, the UN Peacebuilding Architecture and the Implementation of UNSCR 1325. *NUPI Report* No 2, pp. 28, Oslo: NUPI

- Caparini, Marina L. and Kari M. Osland, 2016: “SGBV Capacity-building in Peace Operations: Specialized Police Teams.” *NUPI Policy Brief* No. 35. Oslo: NUPI
- Osland, Kari M. og Stina Torjesen, 2015: «Afghanistan: Hva kan vi lære?» *Internasjonal Politikk* 73 (1), pp. 78-88.
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- Eriksson, Magnus & Kari M. Osland (eds), 2008: *Nuclear Weapons in the 21st Century: Old Players, New Game – New Players, Old Game*. Oslo: Norwegian Defence Command and Staff College/NUPI
- Hartz, Halvor A., Henning Høgseth & Kari M. Osland, 2007: NORAF – lærdommer og anbefalinger. En uavhengig vurdering på oppdrag for Politidirektoratet. *NUPI Report: Security in Practice*, No 7. Oslo: NUPI
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- Osland, Kari Margrethe (ed.), 2000: *Sør-politikkens plass i et utenrikspolitisk helhetsperspektiv*. Conference Proceedings. Oslo: NUPI
- Eide, Espen Barth, Nina Græger, Bengt Holmen, Kari Osland & Ståle Ulriksen, 1999: Regional stabilitet i Sørøst-Europa i lys av Kosovo-konflikten. MFA-report in the series: *Aktuelle utenrikspolitiske spørsmål*, No 3, Oslo: Norwegian MFA

### Selected teaching/lectures held

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| 2000-     | International police reform assistance, SSR, genocide and war crimes, peace- and statebuilding, breakup of Yugoslavia, etc.   |
| 2000-2008 | Teaching pre-deployment courses for military, civilian and police personnel travelling to international peace operations (4-hours courses on historical and political development in the former Yugoslavia) |

**Commissions of trust**

- 2019- Member of *Styringsrådet for Center for Militære Studier*, University of Copenhagen  
2008-2018 Member of *Rådet for Forsvarets Høgskole*  
2014-2015 Co-editor Journal of *Internasjonal Politikk*  
2007-2010 Member of Editorial Board, *Journal of Internasjonal Politikk*  
2007-2010 Deputy Board Member *Stiftelsen Hvide Busser*  
2006-2008 Member of Steering Board NUI  
2006-2008 Chair, *Forskerforbundet* (Norwegian Association of Researchers)  
2002-2008 On the Norwegian official stand-by list for human rights and election monitoring (NORDEM) – have been out five times  
2003-2005 The Political Council for Africa (‘Fellesrådet for Afrika’)  
1999-2016 Member of Military Power Committee

**Membership of academies/scientific societies**

- 2017- Effectiveness of Peace Operations Network (EPON)  
2014- International Studies Association  
2014- Academic Council on the United Nations System