

Curriculum Vitae

Bjørnar Sverdrup-Thygeson

Telephone: +47 920 28 674

E-mail: bjornar.s-t@hotmail.com

Work experience

Mar. 2014 – Present	Research Fellow Undertaking research on EU-Asia relations.	Norwegian Institute of International Affairs
Aug. 2014 – Present	Seminar Leader and Guest Lecturer Teaching at the MSc programme in International Relations. Courses EDS 302, 372, and 374.	Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Noragric
Feb. 2015 - Present	Guest Lecturer Lecturing on China and identity politics	Bjørknes University College
Apr. 2014 – Present	Course Coordinator and Lecturer Responsible for the International Politics course of the University's International Summer School	University of Oslo, ISS
Aug. 2011 – Aug. 2012	Intern Writing my MSc-thesis on the Institute's premises.	Norwegian Institute of International Affairs
Jun. 2010 – Aug. 2010	Voluntary work, Ghana Working with a local NGO on HIV/AIDS	SYTO Ghana / Tiyah Development Centre
Feb. 2006 – Mar. 2006	Voluntary work, Mexico Construction work and child-care duties	Hogar Estudiantil Indigena
Jun. 2003 – Jul. 2005	Freelance Journalist	Indre Akershus Blad

Education

Sep. 2014 – Present	PhD in International Relations Thesis: "The Identity Factor in China-Europe Relations"	London School of Economics and Political Science
Aug. 2013 – Feb. 2014	Chinese Language Program Language studies and research	Sichuan University, Chengdu, PR China

Oct. 2012 – Jun. 2013	MSc in Modern Chinese Studies Thesis: “How does the impact of the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize on Sino-Norwegian trade relations reflect Chinese foreign policy priorities?”	University of Oxford, Oxford, UK
Aug. 2010 – Jun. 2012	MSc in International Relations Thesis: “Applying the Past: The Use of Historical Narratives in China’s African Policy”.	Norwegian University of Life Sciences / Norwegian Institute of International Affairs
Sep. 2011 – Jan. 2012	Chinese Language Program Exchange studies, Fall semester.	Tsinghua University, Beijing, PR China
Aug. 2007 – Jun. 2010	BA in International Studies Thesis: “Troubled Charm: The Challenges to China’s Soft Power Offensive”.	University of Oslo
Jan. 2009 – Jun. 2009	Chinese Studies Exchange studies, Spring semester.	USAC / Southwest University for Nationalities, Chengdu, PR China

Awards and grants

2015:	The LSE PhD Studentship PhD Scholarship awarded for four years based on merit	London School of Economics and Political Science
2015:	Norwegian MoD PhD Scholarship Four year grant for doctoral studies	Norwegian Ministry of Defence
2013:	NUPI Research Grant Grant for developing MSc thesis into a journal article.	Norwegian Institute of International Affairs
2012:	The Norway Scholarship to Oxford Awarded annually to one Norwegian student. Est. 1920 in cooperation with Wadham College.	Oxford University Society Norway
2012:	University of Oxford Departmental Scholarship Departmental scholarship awarded on merit of an application of very high standards.	Modern Chinese Studies Admissions Board
2012:	Large Foreign Education Stipend Scholarship awarded to men and women of extraordinary theoretical or practical talents.	Jansons Legat
2011:	Ordingprisen (The Ording Prize) Prize for best Nordic student paper in the field of International Relations 2010/2011.	<i>Internasjonal Politikk</i> / Norwegian Institute of International Affairs

Other Experience

Aug. 2010 – Jan. 2011	Representative for UKEhjelpa 2010	UKEhjelpa 2010
Jun. 2009 – Aug. 2010	Member of Amnesty’s Lecturer Corps	Amnesty International Norway
Aug. 2009 – Dec. 2009	Member of the Campaign Resource Group	Amnesty International Norway, Region East
Feb. 2005	NGO-delegate to the UN Civil Society Forum	UMCN/ CONGO

Languages

Norwegian: Mother tongue, **English:** Fluent, **Chinese (Mandarin):** Upper Intermediate

List of Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journals:

“The Variable Cost of Insulting China: Trade Politics and the ‘Dalai Lama Effect’”,
Asian Perspective, 2015; vol. 39.(1).

“Essay: Hvem er Kina, og hva vil de med verden?” (“Essay: Chinese Identity and the Power
Transition”),
Internasjonal Politikk, 2014; vol. 72.(4).

“A Neighbourless Empire? The Forgotten Diplomatic Tradition of Imperial China”,
The Hague Journal of Diplomacy, 2012; vol. 7.(3) pp. 245-267.

“Et imperium uten naboer? Det dynastiske Kinas glemte diplomatiske tradisjon”,
Internasjonal Politikk, 2012; vol. 70.(1) pp. 63-84.

Book Review, “Henry Kissinger: *On China*”
Internasjonal Politikk, 2012; vol. 70.(2) pp. 270-274.

Book Chapters:

“A Neighbourless Empire? The Forgotten Diplomatic Tradition of Imperial China”,
In Neumann, Iver B. & Leira, Halvard (Eds.), *International Diplomacy – Vol. 2: Diplomacy
in a Multicultural World*. 2013. London: Sage Publications.

Policy Papers:

“Views from the Pivot Point: Chinese Perceptions of Russia’s ‘Go East’ Strategy”.

NUPI Policy Brief, 2015; No. 3.

Media:

Op-Ed: “Spenning og splittelse”, co-writer; Marc Lanteigne.

Dagbladet, 2014; October 3.

Op-Ed: “La ikke debatten dø ut når Dalai Lama drar. ”

Aftenposten, 2014; April 28.

Op-Ed: “Hvis jerngrepet løsner.”, co-writer; Magnus Langset Trøan.

Morgenbladet, 2012; vol.193, no.18

Currently Under Review:

“Applying the Past: The Use of Historical Narratives in China’s Africa Policy”