

# FRIDA BJØRNESETH

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

### Degrees

- 2018 – present PhD, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo, Norway
- 2014 – 2016 MSc, International Relations and Development (Global Refugee Studies),  
Department of Culture and Global Studies, Aalborg University, Denmark
- 2010 – 2013 BA, Culture and Communication, University of Oslo, Norway

### Stand-alone courses and additional studies

- 2019-07 – 2019-08 Oslo Summer School in Comparative Social Science Studies: “Experimental Ethnography: Designs, Tactics, Collaborations”. Lecturer: Prof. Kim Fortun, (8 ECTS)
- 2018-11 PRIO Research School on Peace and Conflict, “The Anthropology of Humanitarianism”, (5 ECTS)
- 2017-07 Berlin Summer School of Social Sciences, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and WZB Berlin Social Science Center: “Citizenship, Migration, and Identities”. Supervisor: Prof. Saskia Sassen, (6 ECTS)
- 2012-02 – 2012-08 Exchange semester at the *American University in Cairo*, Egypt. Courses focused on Arabic, Islam, development and women’s rights.

## CURRENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 2018 – present Doctoral Fellow, *Norwegian Institute of International Affairs*, Oslo, Norway
- 2018 – present Book Review Editor, *Forum for Development Studies*, Oslo, Norway
- 2016-12 – 2018-03 Teaching Assistant in sociology, *Department of Sociology and Political Science, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)*, Trondheim, Norway
- 2016-10 Graphic Designer and Language Editor, *Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa*, Uganda
- 2015-12 – 2016-02 Social Worker in centers for unaccompanied minors seeking asylum, *Kirkenær barnevern- og omsorgssenter*, Kirkenær, Norway
- 2011-07 – 2014-12 Research Assistant in evaluation of menstrual health and education-project, *IRISE International*, Ishaka, Uganda
- 2015-07 – 2015-12
- 2015-09 Language Editor on reports on human rights in Somalia and South Sudan, *Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa*, Uganda

## FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND PRIZES

- 2019 Fieldwork grant awarded by Aslaug Johanne og Johannes Falkenbergs stiftelse for ethnographic research in Ethiopia
- 2017 Mobility grant awarded by DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst) in order to participate in the Berlin Summer School of Social Sciences, Germany
- 2015 Fieldwork grant awarded by the Department of Culture and Global Studies, Aalborg University, for group research in Melilla, Spain

## MOBILITY

- 2018 – 2019 Affiliated Researcher, Department of Social Anthropology, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

## FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Long-term fieldwork conducted in Ethiopia, Myanmar, Thailand and Uganda. Shorter fieldwork and travels also conducted in Spain and Morocco. Studied in Norway, Denmark and Egypt.

## SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

2017 Supervised five BA theses in sociology, *Department of Sociology and Political Science, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Norway*

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES (SELECTION)

Spring 2018 Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), guest lecturer SOS1001: "Globalization theories"

Spring 2018 NTNU, guest lecturer SOS1001: "How to read sociological theory"

Spring 2018 NTNU, weekly lectures SOS2900: "Bachelor's essays in Sociology"

Fall 2017 NTNU, guest lecturer SOS1001: "Migration and globalization"

Fall 2017 NTNU, guest lecturer SOS1001: "Norway and the asylum system"

2017 – 2018 Training and supervision of teaching assistants in sociology and political science, *Department of Sociology and Political Science, NTNU, Norway*

2015 Supervision and training of local research assistants, *IRISE International, Uganda*

## VOLUNTARY ENGAGEMENT

2017 – present Reviewer, *Sosiologen.no*, Norway

2017-08 – 2017-10 Planning and organizing-committee, *Trondheim Sociology Festival*, Trondheim, Norway

2016-12 Internasjonalt utvalg for Folkehøgskolen – Invited to panel discussion «The goal is education that produces sustainable development and global citizens – what are the means?»

2016-07 – 2016-07 6th World Congress Against the Death Penalty – Rapporteur, Oslo, Norway

2011-08 – 2011-12 Student "buddy" and support for new students, *University of Oslo*, Norway

## TRAINING

2015-10 Personal Security Training, Norwegian Church Aid, Oslo, Norway. Three-day training on personal safety in medium-to-high risk contexts. First aid, risk evaluation and negotiation.

2015-08 Professionalism, confidentiality and child protection in research, *IRISE International*, Jinja, Uganda. Two-day workshop on ethics and safety in child research in Uganda

2015-03 Evaluating development projects, Aalborg University CPH and Danish Refugee Council, Copenhagen, Denmark. Two-day course with introduction to SWOT-analysis and development evaluations.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-reviewed journal articles

Bjørneseth, Frida, Martin Smidt og Jakub Stachowski (forthcoming). "Gender, parenthood, and feelings of safety in Greek refugee centres", *Journal of Refugee Studies*.

Bjørneseth, Frida (2017). "Vision, Visibility, and 'the Art of Acting Thai': Migrants' Navigation of the Thai-Burmese Borderlands", *Etnofoor*, 29(1), 43–62.

### Popular science, op-eds etc.

Bjørneseth, Frida (2018). "Et fotballag i en grotte. Et drama Hollywood verdig. Hvilken historie ble vi egentlig fortalt?", *Aftenposten*, 22. juli 2018.

Bjørneseth, Frida (2016). "Melilla: mirage en route to Europe", *Forced Migration Review*, 51, pp. 23-24.