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Current employment

Head of Department and Professor in International Relations, 2019-
Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen, DK

Research profile

IR scholar with specialization in foreign, security and defence studies
IR theory, practice theory, discourse analysis, Strategy
Regional and global security, international organizations, inter-organisational relations (esp. NATO- EU), diplomatic practices
European security, Nordic cooperation, and Norwegian security and defence policy
Geopolitics, strategy, military sociology, gender and military affairs.
Geographical areas: Europe, the Nordic countries, Norway, the transatlantic space, the Balkans

Relevant employment record

Senior Research Fellow, 2006-2019
Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)
Associate Professor II, 2013- 2017
The Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Dept of International Environment and Development
Assistant professor/1. Amanuensis
Høgskolen i Buskerud/Buskerud College, 2008 (declined)
Research Fellow and PhD fellow, 1998-2006 (incl. two periods of maternity leave*)
Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)
Research Fellow, 1994-95 and 1997-1998
The International Peace Research Institute, Oslo (PRIO)
Research Group Coordinator, 1995-1996
ARENA Center for European Studies, University of Oslo (50/50 ARENA/PRIO)
Research Assistant, 1991-1994:
NUPI (June-Aug 1993); PRIO (1993-1994); The Norwegian Atlantic Committee (1991-1992)
Research assistant/Trainee (50 % position), 1990-1991
IKO Group AS, IKO Public Management (presently Gemini Consultants)
Secretary General (50% position), 1989-1990
Young European Federalists in Norway, JEF-Norway (Europeisk Ungdom)
Master degree scholarship, The International Peace Research Institute, Oslo (PRIO), 1992-1993

Academic degrees

Phd [Dr. Polit, doctor rerum politicarum], Univ. of Oslo, Dept of Political Science. Thesis defence: 17.8.2007. Norwegian Defence Discourse 1990-2005: The Internationalization of the Armed Forces.
MPhil [Cand.Polit], University of Oslo, Department of Political science. Thesis defence: 15.6.1994.
European Integration and the Legitimation of Supranational Power: Dilemmas, Strategies and New Challenges (140 pages).
BA [Cand.Mag], University of Oslo, 1989. (Political Science, East European Area Studies, French prep. course + foundation, including one term at Université de Caen, France)

Leadership roles

Head of Department, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen, 2019-
(Strategic and financial leadership, daily management of the dept., personnel policy (115+ staff), external funding etc.
Member, Faculty Management Team, Univ. of Copenhagen, the Faculty of Social Sciences, 2019-
Member, Implementation Committee (2019-2023) and Academic Board, 2023-, Crown Princess Mary Center, University of Copenhagen
President, the Nordic International Studies Association (NISA), 2018-
Chair of the Board, Centre for Military Studies, Univ. of Copenhagen, 2019-
Chair of the Board, Nordic Institute for Asia Studies, Univ. of Copenhagen, 2019-2023

Former management / leadership positions

Head of Department, Department of International Politics, 2008-2012
Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)
Head, the Security and Defence Research Group, 2012-2013
Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)
Political Adviser to Minister of Industry and Energy Mr. Jens Stoltenberg and member of the Political Management Team in The Norwegian Ministry of Industry and Energy, (Jan – Nov) 1996

Research leadership roles

Project Leader (and Principal Investigator at the Univ. of Copenhagen), European Network on teaching excellence (e-Note), funded by EU's Erasmus + Strategic Partnership Framework. 2020-to date. Coordinator: ISGA, University of Leiden.

- Project Leader at Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), EUIDEA - EU Integration and Differentiation for Effectiveness and Accountability, funded by the European Commission (Horizon 2020), 2019-2022. Coordinator: Italian Institute of International Affairs, IAI.
- Project Leader and Principal Investigator, The Duty of Care: Protecting Citizens Abroad (Doc:Pro) funded by the Norwegian Research Council Societal Risk Programme (SAMRISK II), 2015-2018. Coordinator: NUPI.
- Project Leader at NUPI and Principal Investigator, EUPERFORM - Measuring the EU's Performance in International Institutions. Collaborative Research Project awarded by the European Science Foundation & the Norwegian Research Council, 2010-2014. Project Coordinator: University of Aarhus.
- Project Leader, Protecting Citizens Abroad, pre-project funded by the Norwegian Research Council (SAMRISK II programme), 2013. Coordinator: NUPI.
- Program Director, Hegemony and World Order, 2006-2008, Strategic Research Programme, funded by the Norwegian Research Council 2002-2008. Coordinator: NUPI (director during 2002-2005 was Ole Jacob Sending).
- Leader, Work Package 3, 'Norway and the EU's foreign, security and defence policy', in Small States in an Age of Global Shifts (EUNOR) funded by the Norwegian Research Council (Europe in Change programme – Phase II), 2014-2017. Coordinator: NUPI.
- Leader, Work Package 5, 'European Public Policy: Energy and Environment', in GR:EEN - Global Reordering: Evolution through European Networks funded by EU FP7, 2011-2015. Coordinator: University of Warwick.
- Leader, Work package on 'Military power and security thinking', 2001-2004, in The Nordic Research Programme on Security Policy funded by the Nordic Council of Ministers 2000-2004. Coordinator: Finnish Institute of International Affairs, FIIA.
- Research Co-ordinator, Research Project 'Identity, Nationalism and Nation State' in the ARENA-PRIO Research Group on political culture and cultural dynamics, 1995-1996. Coordinator: ARENA, University of Oslo.
- Research Co-ordinator, 'The OSCE and Norway's chairmanship' project at NUPI, funded by the Norwegian Foreign Ministry, 1998-2000.

External grants

Main applicant and/or Principal Investigator:

- The Duty of Care: Protecting Citizens Abroad (DoC: PRO)
Funded by the Norwegian Research Council's Societal Risk programme SAMRISK II (appr. 1,1 million euro/10 mill. NOK) project period 2015-2018 (Research grant).
- Protecting Citizens Abroad
Funded by the Norwegian Research Council's Societal Risk programme SAMRISK II (appr. 12 000 euros/100 000 NOK) project period 2013 (Research grant, with Halvard Leira).
- EUPERFORM - Measuring the EU's Performance in International Institutions
Funded by the European Science Foundation (ESF) Collaborative Research Project grants and the Norwegian Research Council (appr. 533 000 euro/4.8 mill. NOK), project period 2010-2014. International project coordinator: University of Aarhus. (Research grant).
- Qualification grant
Funded by the Norwegian Research Council's Balance Grant (appr. 100 000 euros/1 mill NOK), project period 2015-2017 (Research grant).
- PhD grant: Military Power and Norwegian Defence Discourse post-1990
PhD scholarship funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Defence (3 years) and NUPI (1 year), awarded by external evaluation committee, project period 2000-2006
- Invasjon, innsats og territorium i norsk forsvarsdebatt (1990-2015). En diskursanalyse av norsk forsvarspolitik [Invasion, enforcement and territory in Norwegian defence debate]
Funded by the Norwegian Research Council (10 000 euros/100 000 NOK), project period 2016 (Publication grant).
- Explaining US foreign policy after 9/11 - policies, strategies and debates
Funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Defence (appr. 70 000 euros), project period 2006-2007. (Research grant)
- The Western European Union: a legitimate instrument in the CFSP of the EU
Funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (appr. 60 000 euros), project period 1995-1996 (Research grant)
- Multifunctional peace operations
Funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (appr. 60 000 euros), project period 1994. (Research grant)

Co-applicant (selected awarded projects)

- A critical relational perspective on peace & security in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE Security Hub) Horizon Europe (Widera) grant, project period 2024-2026. Coordinator: Tallinn University. Appr. 3 065 000 DKK to Copenhagen Univ.

- Arctic Climate Change and Security across Scales: Enabling Knowledge Production for Academia and Society (ARCTISCALE) Funded by the Faculty of Social Sciences, project period 2024. Appr. 500 000 DKK.
- e-NOTE - European Network on Teaching Excellence ERASMUS+ research collaboration grant, project period 2020-2023. Coordinator: Leiden University.
- TEOTEK - Theory and Technology: New Frameworks for Norwegian Security and Defence Policy Funded by the Norwegian MoD, project period 2019-2022. Coordinator: NUPI (Karsten Friis – with Nina Græger until Sept 2019) Appr. 200 000 euros per year. (Programme and research grant)
- EUFLEX - Balancing between integration and autonomy. Understanding the drivers and mechanisms of EU's foreign, security and defense policy Funded by the Norwegian Research Council, project period 2019-2022. Coordinator: NUPI. Appr. 600 000 euros. (Research grant)
- Exploratory workshops on European and Nordic security Funded by the Nordic Social Science and Humanities (NOS-SH) for three workshops held in Sweden, Finland and Oslo, project period 2008-2009. Coordinator: NUPI. (Workshop grant)
- MoD research grants (60-90 000 euros each):
 'Towards NATO à la carte', 2010 (with J. M. Godzimirski and K. M. Haugevik)
 'Norway and NATO's Strategic Concept: Challenges, Concerns and Conditions of Action', 2009
 'The Revival of Atlanticism in NATO?', 2008 (with K. M. Haugevik)

Invited partner / participant (selected awarded projects)

- EUIDEA - EU Integration and Differentiation for Effectiveness and Accountability Funded by the European Commission, Horizon 2020, project period 2019-2022. Project coordinator: Italian Institute of International Affairs, IAI (Nicoletta Pirozzi). (Research grant)
- GR:EEN - Global Reordering: Evolution through European Networks Funded by the European Union Framework Programme 7 (appr. 8 mill euros, of which appr. 555 000 euros/ mill. NOK to NUPI) project period 2011-2015. Research and management of Work Package 5. Project coordinator: University of Warwick. Homepage: www.greenfp7.eu (Research grant)
- Consequences of Investments for National Security (COINS) Funded by the Norwegian Research Council, project period 2019-2022. Coordinator: NUPI. (Research grant)
- VISIONS - Visions and practices of geopolitics in the European Union and its neighbourhood Funded by the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, project period 2018-2019. Project coordinator: Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals, IBEI (Elisabeth Johansson-Nogues). (Network grant)
- Global Allies: Comparing Alliances in Europe and Asia: Funded by NATO (Public Policy Division), awarded in 2015, project period 2015-2016 (workshops and publication grant). Project coordinator: Australian National University (Michael Wesley).

Expert committees

- 2014-2015: Committee on Conscription [Vernepliktsutvalget] of politicians, experts and representatives from the trade unions and the Chief of Defence appointed by the Norwegian government to evaluate Norway's future military service and conscription
- 1997-2005: Advisory Council for Disarmament and Security appointed by and providing advice on security policy issues to the Norwegian Government
- 2014: Member, Expert reference group in the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for 'Global security challenges in Norway's foreign policy — Terrorism, organized crime, piracy and cyber threats' (White Paper 37, 2014-15)
- 2012: Expert committee in the Norwegian Research Council; wrote the Academic Basis (report) for the Research Programme 'Europe in transition – Phase II' (2014-2017)
- 1999-2014: Research forum on European policy [Europapolitisk forskerforum]; expert group providing advice and input on Europe and on Norway's EU policy, Norwegian MFA

Academic boards and professional services (selected)

- 2018- President, Nordic International Studies Association (NISA)
- 2019- Chair of the Board, Centre for Military Studies, Univ. of Copenhagen
- 2020- Member, Coordination for Gender Research, Univ. of Copenhagen
- 2022- Advisory Board, EuroWARCHILD, ERC consolidator project, Univ. of Oslo
- 2023- Member, Academic Board, Crown Princess Mary Center, University of Copenhagen
- 2019- 2023 Chair of the Board, Nordic Institute for Asia Studies, University of Copenhagen
- 2020- 2021 Member of the Board, 4EU+ International university alliance, Univ. of Copenhagen
- 2022- 2023 Member, International Recruitment Project Committee, Univ. of Copenhagen
- 2019- 2021 EU+ Board (EU funded educational cooperation across 8 European universities), representing University of Copenhagen
- 2019- 2021 Treasurer, International Organizations section, International Studies Association, ISA
- 2014- 2019 Board Member, Centre for Military Studies, University of Copenhagen
- 2014: Member, Expert reference group in the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for 'Global security challenges in Norway's foreign policy — Terrorism, organized crime, piracy and cyber threats' (White Paper 37, 2014-15)
- 2008-2017: Board Member, Nordic International Studies Association (NISA)
- 2005-2009: Staff representative, NUPI Board
- 2006: Member, Expert panel in 'Security and Privacy in Europe' (PRISE), project funded by the EU FP7 in The Norwegian Council for Technology

1997-1999: Chair, Advisory Board, 'The role and development of international institutions in a security policy perspective', the Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI).
1997-1998: Member, Board of the Nordic Summer University

Editorship and editorial services (selected)

International Peacekeeping (Routledge), Co-editor, 2005-2014
Cooperation and Conflict (SAGE), Member, Editorial Board, 2023-to present
Scandinavian Journal of Military Studies, Member, Editorial Board, 2018-to present
International Peacekeeping (Routledge), Member, Editorial Board, 2014-2019
Internasjonal Politikk, Member, Advisory Editorial Board, 2007-2013

Evaluations, assessment and appointment committees (selected)

2023-2024 Reviewer, PhD applications to
2022-2023 External review panel member, research assessment of the Institute of Security and Global Affairs (ISGA), University of Leiden, NL
2014-2017 Reviewer, applications to The Fund for Scientific Research-FNRS, Brussels, Belgium

Assessment committees

2019: Associate Professor, International Politics Department, Norwegian War College/Norwegian Defence University (FHS)
2019: PhD thesis, School of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent, UK
2017: PhD thesis, Department of Political Science and Public Management, Centre for War Studies, University of Southern Denmark
2012: Senior Research Fellow, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen. Participation in Appointment Committee and interviews with candidates
2011: Researcher in European studies, Norwegian Institute of Defence Studies (IFS)/ Norwegian Defence University (Head of evaluation committee)
2008-2013: Academic positions at NUPI:
- Senior Research Fellows (open call 2013; call on terrorism and international organised crime 2012; open call 2010)
- PhD Scholarship, (open call, 2011)

Appointment committees

2018 and 2022: Director, Centre for Military Studies, University of Copenhagen.
2019- Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen:
Member /Head of the Appointment Committee for all faculty hirings (Assistant professor to Full professor) and key management positions since 2019 (Head of Administration, Head of Secretariat, Team leader of pre-award unit). Approval of all non-permanent scientific appointments, incl. PhDs.
2018: NUPI Head of Administration
2007: NUPI Director and NUPI Research Director
2005-2008: Member of the NUPI Appointment Council for academic positions

Other merits (selected)

2010- Member of Oslo Military Society (and of the Clausewitz Committee)
1995- Member of the Norwegian Atlantic Committee
2015-2022 &
1995-1999 Member, the International Committee of the Norwegian Labour Party
2007-2011 Member, Grünerløkka Local City Council [Bydelsutvalg] in Oslo, elected by popular vote and representing the Oslo Labour Party
1998-2012 Member, Advisory Committee [Forsvarspolitisk Kontaktutvalg] on Defence Policy of the Norwegian Labour Party Members of Parliament (Stortinget)
1998-1999 Vice Chair and co-founder of International Forum, Oslo Labour Party (Board member until 2010)
1997-1998 President, the Union of European Federalists (UEF) in Norway
1991-1994 Member, the International Committee of the Oslo Labour Party

Career breaks

Maternity leave: 4.5.2000–15.2.2001 (Jonathan); 5.10.2002–15.8.2003 (Aurora) (both 100%)
Parental leave: 10.6.2015–31.10.2015 (100%) and 1.11–31.12.2015 (50%)

Marital status

Married, two children born in 2000 and 2002.