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EDUCATION

- 1996– : PhD-programme (Political Science), University of Oslo
- 1995: Cand.polit. (MA) (Political Science), University of Oslo
- 1991: Cand.mag. (Bachelor) Universities of Oslo & Bergen
- 1987: Diploma (Russian language) Norwegian Defence Intelligence and Security School

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2009–10: Fulbright Visiting Scholar, University of California, Berkeley
- 2008–present: Guest lecturer at the OSCE Academy, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, module on ethnicity and nationalism
- 2006, 2010: Lecturer, University Oslo, module on ethnicity, nationalism and nationality policy in Russia and the Soviet Union
- 2005–09: Researcher at the Norwegian University Centre in St Petersburg (part time)
- 1999–present: Head of Department, Department for Russian and Eurasian Studies (formerly Center for Russian Studies), NUPI
- 1998–2004, 2010–present: Guest lecturer, Norwegian Defence Intelligence and Security School, module on Russian politics and society
- 1997–98: Acting Head of Center, Centre for Russian Studies, NUPI
- 1995–97: Researcher, Center for Russian Studies, NUPI
- 1995: Research Assistant, Section for Security and Foreign Policy, NUPI
- 1994: Member of the OSCE Mission in Latvia. Leader of the Mission's mobile team
- 1994–present: Editor in Chief, *Nordisk Østforum* (a Nordic journal for East European and Post-Soviet studies)

MISCELLANEOUS

- 2005–09: Council Member, The Center for Medical Studies, Russia (appointed by the Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo)
- 2004–present: Member of Editorial Council of *Internasjonal politikk*
- 2004–06: Contributor to *Store norske leksikon* (the national encyclopedia), responsible for covering Russian, Ukrainian and Belarusian politics
- 2001–present: Supervised 14 MA thesis at the University of Oslo, University of Bergen and the OSCE Academy (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan)
- 1997–2008: Chair of four subsequent Project Councils on Russian research at the Norwegian Defence Research Establishment

- 1995–2003: OSCE election observer (13 elections in Russia, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine and Bosnia-Herzegovina)
- 1995–2008: Member of Board, the Norwegian Helsinki Committee
- 1991–2007: Interpreter (lieutenant) for the pool of CFE-inspectors, HQ Defence Command Norway, Arms Control Branch

Frequently used by Norwegian media and business as an expert on Russian and post-Soviet politics.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books and edited volumes:

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