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Current Position

2020-present Senior Researcher, NUPI

- Lorax Project: Understanding Ecosystemic Politics
- Climate-related Peace and Security Risks Project

Summary

My research explores the (dis)functioning of international institutions and the inadequacy of liberal theories for making sense of it. The empirical foci of my research include but are not limited to nuclear weapons and disarmament, ecosystem politics, dubious country-performance indicators, climate change and security, everyday migration (in)security, and EU (dis)integration. Theoretically eclectic, I am experienced with diverse interpretative methods: discourse analysis, semi-structured interviews, archival research, as well as mixed methods. Passionate about public engagement beyond academia, I am a frequent contributor to public debates in Norway and an innovative and experienced teacher of IR theory and academic writing skills.

Employment History

2015-2020 PhD in International Environment & Development Studies at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU)

2019 Visiting Scholar, The University of Cambridge, The Department of Politics and International Studies (6 months)

2015 Junior Research Fellow, NUPI.

2012-2015 Academic Writing Advisor & Presentation Skills Teacher, NMBU

2007-2012 English Teacher: Poland, Czech Republic, Argentina, Japan, Norway

2019-2020 Paternity leave (10 months)

Education

2015-2020 Ph.D. International Environment & Development Studies, NMBU

2011-2014 M.Sc. International Relations, NMBU (Grade A)

2006 Cambridge Certificate of English Language Teaching, Liverpool Hope

2004-2006 2:1 B.A. Economic History, London School of Economics

Books

2021 *Performing Nuclear Weapons: How Britain Made Trident Make Sense.*
Palgrave Studies in International Relations (link [here](#))

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2021 The Rankings Game: A Relational Approach to Country Performance Indicators. *International Studies Review*. ([link to article](#))
- 2019 Brexit and EU Legitimation: Unwitting Martyr for the Cause? *New Perspectives*. 27(3) ([link to article](#))
- 2019 Grading greatness: Evaluating the status performance of the BRICS. *Third World Quarterly*, 40 (3). ([link to article](#)) (equal co-author with Pål Røren)
- 2017 Brexit, Retrotopia and the perils of post-colonial delusions, *Global Affairs*, 3 (4-5) ([link to article](#))

Book Chapters

- 2020 Brazil's Status Struggles: Why Good Guys Finish Last. Chapter in edited volume: *Status and the Rise of Brazil: Global Ambitions, Humanitarian Engagement and International Challenges*. Palgrave. ([link to book](#))(equal co-author with Pål Røren)

PhD Monograph

- 2020 *The Grammar of Status Competition: International Hierarchies as Domestic Practice*. Noragric, NMBU.

Reviews of external committee members:

“Overall, this is a thought-provoking, and enjoyable dissertation and remarkably ready for submission to a leading publisher as a book. It will make a splash in the discipline”
Professor Rebecca Adler Nissen, Copenhagen University, Associate Editor of *International Organization*

“This is an impressive and important piece of scholarship. I expect it in one form or another to have a strongly positive effect on future research” On the chapter on the nuclear arms race: “Overall, this is simply brilliant. Wonderful evidence”
Professor William Wohlforth, Dartmouth College, Editor of Princeton University Press

Research Under Review or Nearing Submission (Available upon request)

- Monograph The Grammar of Status Competition: International Hierarchies as Domestic Practice. (3 chapters under review at Oxford University Press)
- Research Article Ecosystem Cooperation and Hierarchy Formation: Scaling the Caspian Sea (Co-authored w/ Elana Rowe –under review at *Global Environmental Politics*)
- Theory Note The Social Meaning of Status Symbols:^[1] Rethinking Status in International Relations – under review at *International Organization* (Co-authored with Benjamin de Carvalho, Halvard Leira, and Pål Røren)
- Research Article Symmetry Over Strategy: How Status Suckered the Superpowers at SALT (soon to be sent to *International Security*)

- Research Article Everyday Migration Hierarchies: Negotiating the EU's Visa Regime. (with Katharina Glaab – full manuscript available, submitting to Journal of International Relations in August 2021)
- Research Article The Value of the Hunt: The Unrepresented Peoples and Nations Organization, Ontological Security and the Struggle for Status. (with Pål Røren – full manuscript, soon to be sent to *International Theory*)
- Turning IR Inside Out and Round and Round: The Curse of Reflexivity in the Neoliberal University (with Jaakko Heiskanen – full working paper, journal TBC)
- Edited Volume Status Symbols in World Politics – introduction written, while several draft chapters were presented at EWIS workshop in July 2021. Soon to be sent to Manchester University Press.

Academic Teaching Experience

- 2015-2019 *Lecturer*: master's level International Relations' courses at NMBU. Including lectures on Realist theory, Feminist Theory, Post-Structuralism, Critical Theory, Constructivism, Introduction to International Relations, Political Economy of War; International Institutions and Security, Nuclear Weapons and Discourse Analysis, Foreign Policy and Status Seeking.
- 2020 Helped with lesson planning, recording online lectures, revising course description and syllabus on IR theory module (EDS374)
- 2015-2017 *Seminar leader* for the master's level International Relations Theory course at NMBU
- 2015 *Course Convener* for International Relations Theory Module (Sep-Jan), exam setter and grader, and general organizer of course.
- 2016-2020 *Supervised* to completion 7 student master's theses
- 2014-2015 *Presentation Skills Workshop Leader*: Developed and taught academic presentation skills workshops for NMBU's Writing Centre.
- 2012-2015 *Academic Writing Advisor*: providing detailed feedback on students' term papers, bachelor and master's theses, as well as feedback and grading of the weekly writing-tasks for the academic writing courses at NMBU.
- 2013-2015 *Blog Editor*: Established and produced content for NMBU's Writing Centre's academic writing-resources website – *Writing Wrongs*.

Project Experience

- 2021- Researching and writing an article, policy brief, and op-ed for the MFA funded Climate Peace and Security Risks project.
- 2020- Co-authoring two articles and conducting public outreach for ERC-funded Lorax Project: Understanding Ecosystemic Politics.
- 2021 Lead Author on "Navigating the Era of Indicators" RCN application (under review)
- 2016-2019 Contributed a co-authored peer-reviewed article and book chapter, and participated in public seminars for the NUPI and PRIO's project: Brazil's Rise to the Global Stage (BraGS)

- 2015 Employed as a Junior Research fellow on NUPI's NRC funded project: Protection of Civilians. From Principle to Practice. Co-authored a working paper (120 hours)
- 2012 Intern on the International Law and Policy Institute's MFA sponsored Nuclear Weapons Project (6 months part-time). Published two 10-20page policy papers, and two policy briefs.

Policy Papers and Reports

- 2016 Being Peacekept? The Implicit Assumptions that Hamper the Protection of Civilians. *Working Paper, Protection of Civilians from Principle to Practice project*. Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (3rd author, with Niels Nagelhus Schia and Benjamin de Carvalho)
- 2014 The Curious Case of British Nuclear Weapons Retention. Nuclear Weapons Project Policy Paper no 6, *International Law and Policy Institute*, Oslo , pp1-13 ([Link](#))
- 2013 The UK's Nuclear Renewal [Policy Brief] *International Law and Policy Institute*, Oslo, pp.1-3.
- 2012 An Introduction to the Issue of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean. Nuclear Weapons Project Background Paper No 2, *International Law and Policy Institute*, Oslo pp.1-16 ([link](#))
- 2012 Iran's Nuclear Program. Nutshell Paper [Policy Brief] *International Law and Policy Institute*, Oslo, pp.1-3.
- 2012 Editor of report: "Exportable? How To Make The Norwegian Debt Audit Transferable To Other Countries" *The Norwegian Coalition for Debt Cancellation* (SLUG) ([Link](#))
- 2012 Editor of report "Ethical Deficit - Lending by the Norwegian Sovereign Wealth Fund" *The Norwegian Coalition for Debt Cancellation* (SLUG).

Selected Academic Essays

- 2021 Studying Nuclear Storytelling: How Britain makes its bomb make sense. *Noragric Blog*
- 2020 Apocalypse Yesterday. *The Disorder of Things* ([Link](#))
- 2020 Brexit futures: Between a model and a martyr. *New Perspectives*. 28(2) ([Link](#))
- 2019 It's in the EU's interest for Brexit to go badly-but not too badly. *LSE European Politics and Policy Blog* ([Link](#))
- 2019 Understanding Boris Johnson's 'Retrotopian' Appeal to Conservatives. *LSE Brexit Blog* ([Link](#))
- 2018 Divides and Rule: Corbyn and the Labour Party. *British Politics Review*. 13(4) ([Link](#))
- 2017 Fighting, Dancing and Thumb-Biting: Developing a Typology of Citations. *The Duck of Minerva* ([Link](#))

- 2017 Citing Smart. *E-IR* ([Link](#))
- 2015 Back to the Future: Is it Cameron or Corbyn who is living in the past?
British Politics Review. 10(4) ([Link](#))

Selected Opinion Editorials and other Public Engagement

- 2021 Understanding Boris Johnson's Nuclear Policy: New Weapons, Old Delusions. *Forsvarets Forum* ([English](#), [Norwegian](#) versions)
- 2021 Redd kulturlivet – planlegg en post-koronafest!, *Aftenposten* ([link](#))
- 2020 Apokalypse i-går. *Aftenposten* ([link](#))
- 2019 Ut av PISA?. *Klassekampen*
- 2019 Det er et farlig hull i den norske svangerskapsomsorgen. Det hullet heter Nav. *Aftenposten* ([link](#))
- 2019 Retten til fødselspenger er lik for alle, men likevel ikke rettfærdig. *Aftenposten* ([link](#))
- 2018 Podcast *Insight Out* (discussing my PhD Research) ([link](#))
- 2016 Workshop training young leaders for the International Campaign for the Abolishment of Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) in Oslo.
- 2016 Interview on TV2 about Brexit result
- 2015 En Estrem Kandidat?. *Klassekampen*
- 2015 Redd SV fra seg selv!. *Aftenposten* ([link](#))
- 2014 Skyte seg selv i foten, hinke videre. *Klassekampen*
- 2014 Forestillingen om Norge. *VG* ([link](#))
- 2013 Egoismens nye tidsalder. *Dagsavisen* ([link](#))
- 2012 Skal vi ta noen brus? *Aftenposten* ([link](#))
- 2012 Tre myter om Norge. *Aftenposten* ([link](#))

Commissions of Trust

- Sep 2020- Associate Editor of *New Perspectives*, a peer-reviewed journal of International Relations.
- 2021 Workshop Co-Convener, together with Pål Røren, of the “Status Symbols in World Politics” European International Studies Association Workshop, Brussels ([link](#))
- 2018 & 2019 Co-Chair, together with Ann Towns, of the “Hierarchies in Global/Local Politics” section at the Pan European Conference on International Relations
- 2018 & 2019 Served as a discussant on panels at the European International Studies Association Conferences in Prague and Sofia respectively.
- 2017- Peer Reviewer for: *International Studies Quarterly*, *Cooperation and Conflict*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, *Global Affairs*, *Hague Journal of Diplomacy*, *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, *Revista Brasileira de Politica Internacional*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*.
- 2017-2019 Member of the Noragric Security Committee. Evaluated security risks and ensured faculty members conducted field work safely.
- 2015-2016 Organizer and chair of Noragric’s “Brown Bag” seminar series.

2013 Editorial Board, UMB Student Journal of Development and Environmental Studies, Vol. 3

Invited Talks and Selected International Conference Papers

2021 “Re-imagining the World after the Covid19 Pandemic?” Plenary at the European Studies Association Workshops (EWIS)

2021 “Grammar of Status Competition”. Invited talk at Gothenburg University

2021 Turning IR Inside Out and Round and Round: The Curse of Reflexivity in the Neoliberal University, *International Studies Association Annual Convention*

2020 Chair, organizer and participant of a roundtable: The Status of Status Research: Looking forwards and Backwards. *International Studies Association Annual Convention, Honolulu* (Cancelled due to Covid)

2019 “Ranking the World: Globalizing Status Competition in International Society”. Invited talk at Cambridge, Centre for Research in the Arts Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASH).

2019 Seeing Like a Successful State. *International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto*.

2019 The Unrepresented Peoples and Nations Organization, Ontological Security and the Struggle for Status. *International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto & European International Studies Association Conference, Sofia*.

2018 All these Rankings Yet the Bodies Keep Piling Up: Global Governance, Nation Branding and the Soft Power Industrial Complex. *International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco & European International Studies Association Conference, Prague*.

2017 Status Hierarchies and Change: A Framework for Analysis. *International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore*

2017 Everyday Migration Hierarchies: Negotiating the EU's Visa Regime, *International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore & European International Studies Association Conference, Barcelona*.

2016 Brazil's Status Struggles: Why nice guys finish last. *International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta*.

Professional Affiliations

2016-present International Studies Association member

2017-present European Studies Association member

2016-present Member of the International Studies Association “Theory Section” and the “Historical International Relations Section”.

Languages

English Native

Norwegian Advanced reading, conversational speaking, intermediate writing.
Passed Oslo University's Norwegian for Academics Level II ([link](#)),
course in 2018. Currently preparing for Bergenstesten.

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