

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

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- 2011 – 2017 PhD Fellow, Development Studies, Noragric, NMBU  
Thesis: *'Punching above their weight - Nigerian trade unions in the political economy of oil'*. Defence 1.12.2017  
Supervisors: John Andrew McNeish, Professor, Noragric, NMBU, Morten Bøås, Research Professor, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), David Jordhus-Lier, Professor, Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo (UiO)  
Evaluation committee: Associate Professor, Anna Zalik, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, Toronto, Canada; Research Professor Gordon Crawford, Centre for trust, peace, and Social Relations, Coventry University, UK; Professor Tor A. Benjaminsen, Noragric, NMBU
- 1999-2002 Master (*hovedfag*), Political science, University of Oslo  
Thesis: 'Black, White or Coloured; A discourse and mobilisation analysis of 'Coloured' in Western Cape, South Africa' (in Norwegian)
- 1994-1998 Candidatus Magistratii, University of Bergen (UiB):  
1998 Diploma in African Studies, University of Cape Town, South Africa  
1994-1997 Comparative politics, 'mellomfag', Methodology of Social Sciences, History, 'grunnfag', UiB, Examen Philosophicum, University College of Stavanger

## Employment

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- 2018 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo
- 2017- Independent consultant  
- Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (LO), mapping trade unions engagement/needs in relation to social dialogue, Ghana (February)  
- Kulturstudier, teaching, development studies, Cape Coast, Ghana (February)  
- Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR), HiOA, co-researcher for *'Synthesis study of evaluations of civil society organizations' democratisation and human rights work* (December 2017 – January 2018)  
- Fafo, participate as labour and oil expert in the study *"Mapping the Lebanese Labour Movement" with Lebanese Centre for Policy Studies (LCPS)* for Norwegian People's Aid.
- 2017-2018 HiOA/OsloMet, Framework agreement, Development Studies, (teach, grade, supervise)

2016	Noragric, NMBU, Course responsible, 'Global Political Economy', 10 credit master course under Master of International Relations,
2014	Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (LO), consultancy, including visit to Ghanaian oil workers' unions (GTPCWU) in Accra and Takoradi
2013	Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (LO), consultancy, coordinate joint conference LO and Ghana Trade Union Congress: 'The 2nd African Regional Conference on "Oil for Development – Making Oil a Blessing: NOT a curse', Ghana, March 18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>
2011-2015	NMBU, 25% teaching/supervising, as part of PhD,
2006-2011	Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (LO), Adviser on Africa
2006	The Peace Research Institute in Oslo (PRIO), Executive Officer, Preparation of Master programmer in International Studies, Research assistant at Centre for the Study of Civil War (CSCW)
2003-2006	Norwegian Council for Africa, Executive Director

## Academic publications

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- Houeland, C (forthcoming, 2018), Book review, "*Public Brainpower: Civil Society and Natural Resource Management*", by Indra Øverland. Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan. 2018, for *Democratisation*
- Houeland, C (Under review), 'Social Contract, Citizenship and Labour: Nigerian Trade Unions' Role in the Recurring Fuel Subsidy Protests', *Forum for Development Studies*.
- Houeland, C. (2018). Between the street and Aso Rock: the role of Nigerian trade unions in popular protests. *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, 36 (1): 103-120.
- Houeland, C. (2017). *Punching above their weight: Nigerian trade unions in the political economy of oil*. PhD Thesis, Aas: NMBU, Noragric.
- Houeland, C. (2015). 'Casualisation and Conflict in the Niger Delta: Nigerian Oil Workers' Unions Between Companies and Communities'. *Revue Tiers Monde*, 224, 4: 25-46.
- Houeland, C. (2002). *Svart, hvit eller farga: en diskurs-og mobiliseringsanalyse av farga i Western Cape, Sør-Afrika*. Master Thesis, Oslo: University of Oslo, Department of Political Science and Centre for Development and Environment (SUM), Dissertation and Theses No 8/2002.

## Selected non-academic publications

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| 2013 -    | Store Norske Leksikon, Editor, Nigerian history,  |
| 2018      | Braathen, Einar, Camilla Houeland and Berit Aasen (2018) <i>Synthesis study of evaluations of civil society organizations' democratisation and human rights work</i> , Norad evaluation, Oslo |
| 2008-2015 | Norwegian Council for Africa, 4 Country profiles on Nigeria, Solidaritet Forlag, Oslo   |
| 2014      | Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions, 'Decent Work in the Oil Industry. Nigeria and Ghana', Aktuell Bakgrunn series, LO, Oslo, 20p.  |

### Op.eds/blog posts

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| 2017- | Bistandsaktuelt, Regular columnist, "Utsyn"  |
| 2014- | Africa is a Country, Regular writer/blogger:<br>'On May Day, What is there to celebrate in Africa?'; 'What is Uber up to in Africa?';<br>'The crisis around Lake Chad', with Victor Adetula and Tone Sommerfelt, (also |

- published at NAI and NMBU); 'The 'Big Man' syndrom', with Sean Jacobs, (also published at NMBU); 'Labor protests in Swaziland: when no news is not good news'; 'The history of Nigeria's democracy movement'
- 2013- Op.ed.s: Dagens Næringsliv, 'En global utfordring', with Victor Adetula and Tone Sommerfelt; Vårt Land, 'Ensidig framstilling av offerbildet i Nigeria'; Dagsavisen Nye Meninger, 'Big man syndromet' (print and online), with Sean Jacobs (also published at [www.afrika.no](http://www.afrika.no)), 'Ebola-epidemiens lokale helter', (online), with Ingunn Bjørkhaug, 'Hva vil skje etter Mandela?' Dagsavisen Nye Meninger (print and online), with Sean Jacobs

## Other dissemination

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- 2012- Actively used by media, NGOs and others for interviews and presentations on Nigeria, South Africa, trade unions in Africa, Boko Haram, social movements, oil,
- Media:* NRK TV, NRK Radio, Dagens Næringsliv, Aftenposten, Vårt Land, Du Verden!, Bistandsaktuelt, RadioNova, Klassekampen, Morgenbladet
- NGOs:* Rethinking Economics, Operation Days Work, Naturvernforbundet/Friends of the Earth, Norway, Norwegian Council for Africa, Human Rights Human Wrongs Film Festival, Fafo/Pen-Norway, Litteraturhuset

## Awards

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- 2014-2015 The American-Scandinavian Foundation's Andrew E. and G. Norman Wigeland Fund, Research scholarship for research visit to Institute of African Studies, Columbia University
- 2000 The Nordic Africa Institute in Uppsala (NAI), fieldwork scholarship
- 2000 Institute for Political Sciences, University of Oslo (UiO), fieldwork scholarship
- 2000 Centre for Development and Environment, (SUM) UiO fieldwork scholarship,
- 2001 NAI, Uppsala, Sweden, library stipend/visit,

## Research affiliations

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- 2014-2015 Columbia University, Institute for African Studies, visiting scholar
- 2012 - Fafo Institute for Applied International Studies, group on Rights and Security Research, student associate
- 2012- Centre for Development and the Environment (SUM) University of Oslo, Research school, member,
- 2011- Noragric, research cluster on Rights and Power in Development (RAPID), member
- 2001-2002 Centre for Development and Environment (SUM, University of Oslo), (under the programme Local Politics and Development), student affiliate,
- 2000 Centre for African Studies, University of Cape Town, guest researcher

## Mobility

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- 2017 Election observer, short term, local elections, Georgia
- 2012-2014 Field visits for PhD project to Nigeria (Lagos, Abuja, Port Harcourt)
- 2013 Election observer, short term, Presidential election, Azerbaijan

- 2001-2014 Project visits to a range of African countries (South Africa, Mozambique, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Ghana)
- 1999 Fieldwork for M.Phil. thesis in Cape Town, five month
- 1997 Observer with returned refugees, Guatemala, for Save the Children/Latin-American Group, Norway

## Other teaching

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- 2014- 2017 Guest lecturer, 'Oil in Africa - Niger Delta; Oil, Dispossession and Resistance' and 'Oil for Development', bachelor course in 'The Political Ecology of Energy and Climate Change' at Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, HiOA
- 2014 Guest lecturer 'Work, Labor, Social Change and Politics in Africa', graduate course in 'Social Movements & Citizenship in Africa', Columbia University, New York
- 2011-2015 Various lectures, master and bachelor, Environmental and Development Studies and International Relations, NMBU
- 2012, 2013 Teaching assistant/teaching on master course, Development Theory and Policy, and bachelor course, Development Theory and Policy.

## Supervision

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- 2017 - 2018 Bachelor students in development studies, HiOA/OsloMet
- 2016 Master thesis: Asante, M.O 'China as a game changer for diplomatic relations in aid policies: A case study of Norwegian aid politics in Africa', co-supervisor.
- 2015 Master thesis: Emordi, K. E. 'Victims, villains or heroes?: The local community perception of oil bunkering in the Niger Delta.' co-supervisor
- 2013 Master thesis: Rygland, S. K 'Dogs fighting lions - Labour's troubled attempt to pursue development in South Africa.' co-supervisor
- 2013 Master thesis: Koschnick, K. 'How do NGO's influence asylum policies in Norway?: A case study on the White paper, " Children on the run"' co-supervisor.

## Academic conferences

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- 2017 Paper presentation, 'Oil, labour and the environment', at Ecological Challenges Conference 2017, UiO, 15-18 February
- 2016 Panel coordinator (with Dr Isaac A. Osuoka, York University) 'Contested Environments: The State, Civil Society and Communities of Extraction in Nigeria's Niger Delta' and paper presentation, 'Oil, labour and the environment', at African Studies Association (ASA), Washington, 1-3 December
- 2015 Paper presentation, 'Popular protest against fuel subsidy removal: Nigerian trade unions as mediator of a social contract' at ASA, San Diego, 18-22 November
- 2015 Paper presentation, 'Popular protest against fuel subsidy removal, Nigerian trade unions as protector of a social contract', at European Conference on African Studies (ECAS 2015), Paris, 8-10 July
- 2015 Paper presentation 'Casualization and conflict in the Niger Delta – Nigerian oil workers' opportunities and agency' Africa Workshop, Institute of African Studies, Columbia University
- 2013 Paper presentation 'Nigerian trade unions navigating in the political economy of oil: a case study of the 2012 fuel subsidy strike', ECAS 2013, Lisbon, 27-29 June

## **Recent elected positions/other**

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2018	Member Development Advisory Council, Agenda
2013-2014	Member of Noragric board
2013- 2014	Member of Noragric Research Committee
2013-2014	Operation Day's Work, Member, Project Council
2008-2013	Socialist Left Party of Norway (SV), Member International Council
2006-2015	Norwegian Council for Africa, member, Political advisory board
2006 -2011	SIGLA, member "bollplank" (SIGLA is a consultancy firm on corporate responsibility)
2008	Bistandsaktuelt (Development magazine), member editorial council