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Curriculum Vitae

Born: 17 Dec. 1973, Oslo, Norway
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University Level Education

Year	Degree/subject	Universities attended
2002-2006	Dr. polit.-degree (PhD) in political science	University of Oslo, Faculty of Social Sciences
2001	ECPR Summer School on Political Parties	Keele University, School of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy
1996-1999	Cand. polit.-degree (MA) in political science	University of Oslo, Faculty of Social Sciences
1992-1996	Cand. mag.-degree (bachelor degree)	University of Oslo

Doctoral dissertation defended February 2007: *Parties, Interest Groups and Democracy: Political Parties and their Relationship with Interest Groups in Norway*. **Doctoral advisor:** Professor Knut Heidar, University of Oslo. **Evaluation committee:** Professor Thomas Poguntke, Ruhr University, Bochum, Lars Bille, Head of Department (Political Science), University of Copenhagen, and Professor Hege Skjeie, University of Oslo.

Work Experience

Year	Positions	Institution/organization
2008-present	Postdoctoral Research Fellow	Department of Political Science, University of Oslo
2007-2008	Associate Professor II (20 %)	Department of Political Science, University of Oslo
2007-2008	Senior Researcher	Institute for Social Research (ISF)
2006-2007	Research Fellow (doctoral)	Institute for Social Research (ISF)
2004 spring	Visiting Scholar (doctoral)	Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA
2002-2006	Research Fellow (doctoral)	Department of Political Science, University of Oslo
2001-2002	Junior Researcher	Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR)
2000-2001	Research Assistant	Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR)
1997-2000	Research Assistant, part-time during my graduate studies	Department of Political Science, University of Oslo

Awards, Grants and Fellowships

- Shortlisted for the Jean Blondel PhD Prize 2008¹
- Numerous research grants from the Research Council of Norway (see below).
- PhD Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Oslo (2002-2006)
- Ella og Robert Wenzin's Scholarship Fund (2004)
- Morten Dedekam Harboe's Scholarship Fund (2004)

Research Experience in Detail (Research Projects)

- 'Party Change Revisited: From Civil Society to the State? Scandinavian Political Parties in Comparative Perspective' (postdoctoral project, 2008-2013, Department of Political Science, University of Oslo).
- As a part of postdoctoral project: Participant in 'Party Patronage in Contemporary European Democracies' (headed by Petr Kopecký, Leiden University, and Peter Mair, European University Institute, Florence (EUI), 2007-2009), supported by the Research Council of Norway as a part of the larger Norwegian project 'Political Parties and Democracy: Decline or Change?' (with Hanne Marthe Naurd and Knut Heidar, University of Oslo, 2009-2012).
- 'Demokratisk styring i et flernivåsystem: Lokal oppfølging av nasjonale politikkambisjoner i Norge' (on multi-level democratic governance and policy-making and implementation in Norway, 2007-2010, financed by the Research Council of Norway)
- 'Nye storbyregioner, endret deltakelse? Borgere, partier og frivillighet' (on political participation and the rise of urban regions, 2006-2010, financed by the Research Council of Norway).
- 'The Politics of Welfare Policy' (2005-2007, financed by the Research Council of Norway).
- 'Makten på nettet, makten i nettet: Informasjonsregimer i 24-timersdemokratiet' (on ICT and democracy, 2004-2007, financed by the Research Council of Norway).
- 'The Relation of Political Parties to Interest Groups: The Case of Norway' (doctoral project, 2002-2006, Department of Political Science, University of Oslo).
- 'New Forms of Civic Participation in Norwegian Government Administration: An Exploratory Study' (from November 2001 to February 2002, financed by the Norwegian Ministry of Labour and Government Administration).
- 'Partiene and miljøbevegelsen' (pilot study of Norwegian political parties' relationship with environmental organizations, from October 2000 to April 2001).
- Researcher for an evaluation of the Norwegian Contact Committee for Immigrants and the Authorities for the Norwegian Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development (from December 2000 to June 2002).
- 'Målstyring i nordiske kommuner – politisk retorikk eller effektiv styring?' (on 'Management-by-objectives' and political steering in Nordic local government, 2000-2002, financed by the Research Council of Norway).
- Research assistant for Professor Jan Sundberg, University of Helsinki, at the Nordic, comparative project 'Melting the Frozen Party System in Scandinavia' (from July 1997 to February 2000, Department of Political Science, Oslo).
- Research assistant for Professor Knut Heidar, in connection with different projects and publications (from 1997-1999, Department of Political Science, Oslo):

Partier uten grenser? (Parties without Borders?) (1997)

Vesteuropeiske politikk (West European Politics) (1998)

¹ ECPR's annual prize for 'the best PhD thesis in Politics (broadly conceived to include International Relations, Political Theory and Public Administration) awarded at a full ECPR member institution'.

Beyond Westminster and the Congress (2000)
Behind Closed Doors (2000)

Teaching Experience

- Undergraduate (BA) course 'Komparativ politikk 2' ('comparative politics and government') at the Department of Political Science, University of Oslo, 2007-2009 (with Professor Hanne Marthe Narud).
- Graduate (MA) course 'Politiske partier' ('Political Parties') at the Department of Political Science, University of Oslo in 2003-current (alone or together with Professor Knut Heidar).
- Graduate (MA) course on research design for all students writing MA theses within the field of comparative politics at the Department of Political Science, University of Oslo, 2007-current
- Guest lecturer at the Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, in 2007-2008 ('Scandinavian Politics and government', on party systems and voter behaviour, undergraduate (BA) course).
- Guest lecturer at the Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, 2006 ('Political Mobilization: Social Movements, Organizations and Political Parties', undergraduate (BA) course).
- Supervised all bachelor students writing term papers within the field of comparative politics, Department of Political Science, University of Oslo, three terms 2002-2003.
- Examiner of bachelor exams in comparative politics, Department of Political Science, University of Oslo, since 2001.
- Writing course colloquium for students at Western Europe Area Studies, Department of History, University of Oslo, in 1997 (for Professor Tor Egil Førland).

Related Professional Experience

- Co-editor of *Tidsskrift for samfunnsforskning* ('Journal of Social Science') 2007–2010, a cross-disciplinary Norwegian journal (covered by the Social Sciences Citation Index, included in ISI Web of Science).
- Served as referee for *Comparative Political Studies*, *Party Politics*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Politica*, and *Norsk statsvitenskapelig tidsskrift*.
- Organized the international symposium 'Challenges to Political Institutions: Democracy in the 21st Century' at the University of Oslo November 26-27 2009 (with Bjørn Høyland and Håvard Hegre).
- Organized the international symposium 'Political Parties and Democracy in the 21st Century' at the University of Oslo June 18th 2009.
- Co-chair (with Tim Bale) of the workshop 'Political Parties and Civil Society' at the ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Portugal, 14-19 April 2009.
- Co-chair (with Karina Pedersen) of workshop on 'Partier i stadig forandring' ('Political Parties in Continuous Change?') at the 14th Nordic Political Science Association Meeting, Reykjavik 11-13 August 2005.
- Co-chair of the open research seminar (series) 'Comparative Democratic Politics' at the Department of Political Science, University of Oslo since 2009 (with Bjørn Høyland and Rune Karlsen).

Invited talks

- 'The Relationship between the Norwegian Labour Party and the Confederation of Trade Unions (LO)'. Talk at seminar for a delegation from the Nigerian Social Democratic Party at the LO headquarters.
- 'Politiske partier, interesseorganisasjoner og demokrati'. Talk at internal seminar in the Norwegian Ministry of Culture and Church Affairs on the relationship between parties and interest groups (in Norway) January 19 2009.
- 'Parties and Interest Groups: Scenes from a Marriage'. Talk at the Opening Conference of the Centre for Voting and Parties, Copenhagen University, November 6-7, 2008 (with Nicholas Aylott).
- Invited contributor to the symposium 'Is There a Crisis of the Left Parties, Right Parties or All Parties?' at the 4th General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research, Pisa 6–8 September 2007.
- Speaker at the Research Section's seminar in the *Storting* (Norwegian Parliament) 6 March 2007 (on the relationship between parties and interest organizations in Norway).
- Speaker at the Institute for Social Research's public seminar 'Ap, LO and demokrati' (on the Norwegian Labour Party, trade unions and democracy), Oslo, 26 April 2007.

Publications

Monographs/Books

Allern, Elin H. (2010): *Political Parties and Interest Groups in Norway*. Colchester: ECPR Press (promoted and distributed by Columbia University Press in the U.S.).

Allern, Elin H. (2007): *Parties, Interest Groups and Democracy: Political Parties and their Relationship with Interest Groups in Norway*. Department of Political Science, University of Oslo. Doctoral (PhD) thesis. Oslo: Unipub.

Allern, Elin H. (1999): *Massepartiet: Demokratisk idealmodell på prøve? Søkelys på sammenhengen mellom partimodeller og demokrati (The Mass Party: Democratic Ideal Type on Trial? On the relationship between Party Models and Democracy)*. Oslo: University of Oslo, Department of Political Science. Cand.polit. (MA) thesis.

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

Allern, Elin H. and Tim Bale (forthcoming, eds): *Political Parties and Interest Groups: Qualifying the Common Wisdom*. Special Issue of *Party Politics*, accepted for publication.

Allern, Elin H. and Tim Bale (forthcoming): 'Political Parties and Interest Groups: Disentangling Complex Relationships'. Accepted for publication in special issue of *Party Politics*.

Allern, Elin H. and Tim Bale (forthcoming): 'Conclusion: Qualifying the Common Wisdom'. Accepted for publication in special issue of *Party Politics*.

Allern, Elin H. (2010): 'The Survival of a Majority Coalition: The Norwegian 2009 Parliamentary Elections', *West European Politics* 33 (4): 904–12.

Allern, Elin H. and Nicholas Aylott (2009): 'Overcoming the Fear of Commitment: Pre-electoral Coalitions in Norway and Sweden', *Acta Politica* 44: 259–85.

Allern, Elin H., Nicholas Aylott and Flemming J. Christiansen (2007): 'Social Democrats and Trade Unions in Scandinavia: The Decline and Persistence of Institutional Relationships', *European Journal of Political Research* 46 (5): 607–35.

Allern, Elin H. and Karina Pedersen (2007): 'The Impact of Party Organizational Changes on Democracy', *West European Politics* 30 (1): 69–92.

Allern, Elin H. and Terje Kleven (2002): 'Ånden som går? Om utbredelse og utforming av kommunal målstyring i Sverige, Danmark og Norge' ('The Walking Spirit? Management-by-Objectives in Scandinavian Local Government'), *Norsk statsvitenskapelig tidsskrift* 18 (3): 195–224.

Chapters in Edited Volumes (English)

Allern, Elin H. (forthcoming): 'Appointments to Public Administration in Norway: No Room for Political Parties?', ch. in Kopécky, Petr and Peter Mair (eds): *Party Government and Party Patronage in Contemporary European Democracies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Allern, Elin H. (2010): 'Parties as Vehicles of Democracy in Norway: Still Working after All These Years?', ch. 7 in Lawson, Kay (ed.): *Political Parties and Democracy*, vol. 2. Westport, Conn. : Praeger.

Allern, Elin H. and Jo Saglie (2008): 'Between Electioneering and "Politics as Usual": The Involvement of Interest Groups in Norwegian Electoral Politics', chapter in Farrell, David and Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck (eds): *Non-Party Actors in Electoral Politics: The Role of Interest Groups and Independent Citizens in Contemporary Election Campaigns*. Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlag.

Chapters in Edited Volumes (Norwegian/Scandinavian)

Allern, Elin H., Ann-Helén Bay and Jo Saglie (2009): 'Velferdspolitisk konsensus og elitesamarbeid? Partiprogrammer og politikkutforming på 2000-tallet' ('Welfare Policy Consensus and Elite Cooperation? Party Programmes and Policy-making in Norway'), chapter in Bay, Ann-Helén, Jo Saglie and Aksel West-Pedersen (eds): *Når velferd blir politikk: Partier, organisasjoner, opinion*. Oslo: Abstrakt forlag.

Allern, Elin H. and Jo Saglie (2009): 'Velferdens valgkamp: Arena for interesseorganisasjoner?' ('The Electoral Politics of Welfare Policy: Increasing Involvement of Interest Groups?'), chapter in Bay, Ann-Helén, Jo Saglie and Aksel West-Pedersen (eds): *Når velferd blir politikk: Partier, organisasjoner, opinion*. Oslo: Abstrakt forlag.

Allern, Elin H., Nicholas Aylott and Flemming Juul Christiansen (2008): 'Scener fra et ægteskab: Socialdemokratiske partier og fagforeninger i Skandinavi', chap. in Kosiara-Pedersen, Karina og Peter Kurrid-Klitgaard (red.): *Partier og partisystemer i forandring: Festskrift til Lars Bille*. Odense: Syddansk Universitetsforlag. Also published in English as a CVPA Working Paper – see below.

Allern, Elin H. and Knut Heidar (2001): 'Partier og interesseorganisasjoner i Norge' ('Parties and Interest Organizations in Norway'), chapter in Jan Sundberg (ed.): *Partier och interesseorganisationer i Norden (Parties and Interest Organizations in the Nordic Countries)*. København: Nord 2001:8.

Encyclopedia Articles

Allern, Elin H. (2007): 'Catch-all parti', in Østerud, Øyvind (ed.): *Statsvitenskapelig leksikon*. Oslo: Universitetsforlaget.

Allern, Elin H. (2007): 'Catch-all parti-tesen', in Østerud, Øyvind (ed.): *Statsvitenskapelig leksikon*. Oslo: Universitetsforlaget.

Allern, Elin H. (2007): 'Tingstens lov', in Østerud, Øyvind (ed.): *Statsvitenskapelig leksikon*. Oslo: Universitetsforlaget.

Published Reports, Working Papers etc.

Allern, Elin H., Nicholas Aylott and Flemming J. Christiansen (2010): 'Scenes from a Marriage: Social Democrats and Trade Unions in Scandinavia'. CVPA Working Paper 2/2010. Copenhagen: University of Copenhagen.

Allern, Elin H. and Hilde Lorentzen (2002): *New Forms of Civic Participation in Norwegian Government Administration*. Working paper 2002:113, online: www.nibr.no.

Kleven, Terje, Stig Montin, Elin H. Allern et al. (2002): *Målstyring i seks skandinaviske kommuner. Sammendrag av casestudier (Management-by-objectives in Scandinavian Local Government. Six case studies)*. NIBR report 2002:15. Oslo: NIBR.

Allern, Elin H., Marit Helgesen and Line Nyhagen Predelli (2001): *Mellom konflikt og integrasjon. Evaluering av Kontaktutvalget mellom innvandrere og myndighetene (Between Conflict and Integration. An Evaluation of the Contact Committee for Immigrants and Authorities)*. NIBR report 2001:11. Oslo: NIBR.

Allern, Elin H. (2001): *På parti med miljøbevegelsen? En forstudie av norske politiske partiers forhold til miljøorganisasjonene (Political Parties and Environmental Organizations. A pilot study of the Norwegian Parties' Relationship with the Environmental Organizations)*. NIBR working paper 2001:104. Oslo: NIBR.

Book Reviews

Peter Egemose Grib: *Partisystemet under forandring (Changing Party System)*. København. Forlaget Politiske Studier 2000. 239 p. *Tidsskrift for samfunnsforskning* 43 (2): 270–272.

Popular Science Articles and Newspaper Chronicles

Allern, Elin H. (2007): 'Allianse med datostempel?', *Aftenposten* 27.10.2007.

Allern, Elin H. (2008): 'Partidemokrati på prøve', *Samtiden* 2/2008. Reprinted in *Bonde og småbruker* 6/2008.

Allern, Elin H. (2009): 'Partidemokrati på prøve', in Jupskås, Anders, Karl K. R. Kirchhoff and Andreas Snildal (eds): *Demokratiet før og nå. Essay fra Oslostudentenes demokratiuke*. Oslo: Unipub. A slightly modified version (reprint) of the article published in *Samtiden* 2/2008.

Manuscripts under Revision for Publication and Recent Conference Papers

Allern, Elin H. (2010): 'The Relationship of the New Left and Right with Interest Groups: Similar or Special? The Case of Norway's Socialist Left Party and Progress Party'. Paper submitted to international journal.

Allern, Elin H., Bischoff, Carina, and Gunnar H. Kristinsson (2010): 'Political appointments and bureaucratic autonomy in Denmark, Iceland and Norway'. Paper prepared for 60th Political Studies Association annual conference, Edinburgh, March 2010.

Allern, Elin H. and Jo Saglie (2010): 'Political Parties as Multi-level organizations: Territorial links within Norwegian Political Parties'. Paper presented as a part of the panel 'Democratic Governance in a Multilevel System – How Local Government Deals with National Policies', Conference on 'Democracy as Idea and Practice', Oslo, 14–15 January 2010.

Allern, Elin H. (2008): 'The Internet and Party Organizations: A Comparative Analysis of Scandinavian Parties and their External Use of Websites'. Paper in progress.

Allern, Elin H. (2007): 'The "Cartel Thesis" has been one of the most widely discussed contributions to party theory in recent decades. Explain this success and evaluate the plausibility of the thesis'. Trial lecture for the degree of Dr. polit., Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Oslo.

Older Conference Papers and Presentations

Allern, Elin H. (2009/2010): 'The Relationship of the New Left and Right with Interest Groups: Similar or Special? The Case of Norway's Socialist Left Party and Progress Party'. Paper presented at the workshop 'Political Parties and Pressure Groups: Qualifying the Cartel Party Thesis', symposium on 'Challenges to Political Institutions: Democracy in the 21st century', Oslo, 26-27 November 2009 and at the Norwegian Political Science Association's Annual Conference Kristiansand, January 6-8, 2010.

Allern, Elin H. (2009): 'Party Government and Party Patronage in Contemporary European Democracies: The Case of Norway'. Paper presented to project workshop at Leiden University, November 5-6 2009. A revised version will be presented to the 'Comparative Democratic Politics' seminar at the University of Oslo Spring 2010.

Allern, Elin H. and Jo Saglie (2009): 'Informal Web of Links in the Shadow of Hierarchy? Day-to-day Politics within Norwegian Party Organizations'. Paper prepared for the panel 'Hierarchy and Stratarchy in Contemporary Party Organizations', ECPR General Conference, Potsdam, 10-12 September 2009.

Allern, Elin H. (2009): 'The Nature of Party Relationships with Interest Groups: A Framework of Analysis'. Paper presented to the workshop 'Political Parties and Civil Society' at the ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Lisbon, 14-19 April 2009.

Allern, Elin H. (2009): 'Political Parties and Democracy: Norway'. Paper presented at Norwegian Political Science Association's Annual Conference, Hønefoss, 7-9 January 2009.

Allern, Elin H., Knut Heidar and Hanne M. Narud (2008) : 'Party Members and Membership Parties in the Age of Professional Politics: A Study of Norwegian Political Parties 1980-2010'. Presentation at the PARTIREP International Conference *Party Membership in Europe: Exploration into the Anthills of Party Politics*, hosted by the Centre d'étude de la vie politique of the ULB (Cevipol) at the Université libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium, 30-31 October 2008.

Allern, Elin H. and Nicholas Aylott (2007): 'Overcoming the Fear of Commitment: Pre-electoral Coalitions in Norway and Sweden'. Paper presented at the annual British Political Studies Association conference, Bath, 11-13 April 2007 and at the annual Norwegian Political Science Association Conference, Tromsø, 28-30 April 2008.

Allern, Elin H. (2007): 'New Right-wing Parties and Interest Groups: Odd couples or Possible Allies?'. Paper presented at the annual Norwegian Political Science Conference 2007, Trondheim, 3-5 January 2007.

Allern, Elin H. (2007): 'The Radical Right and Interest Groups: The Progress Party in Norway as Deviant Case?'. Paper presented at the 4th ECPR General Conference, Pisa, 6-8 September 2007.

Allern, Elin H. and Jo Saglie (2006): 'The Changing Involvement of Interest Groups in Norwegian Electoral Politics'. Paper presented at the workshop 'Competitors to Political Parties in Electoral Politics: The Rise of Non-party Actors', ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Nicosia, Cyprus, 25-30 April 2006.

Allern, Elin H. (2006): 'The Relation of Norwegian Political Parties to Interest Organizations: A Comparative Analysis'. Presented at the ESRC Seminar 'Hollow cartels or embedded institutions? The centre-right and "civil society"', Leiden University, Leiden, 3 February 2006.

Allern, Elin H. (2005): 'The Relation of Parties to Interest Organizations: The Case of Norway'. Paper presented at the 14th Nordic Political Science Association Meeting, NOPSA'05, Reykjavik, 11-13 August 2005.

Allern, Elin H. and Karina Pedersen (2005): 'Political Parties' Development as Extra-parliamentary Organizations: Significance for Democracy at Large'. Paper presented at the workshop "Democracy and Political Parties", ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Granada, 14-19 April 2005.

Allern, Elin H. (2005): 'The Relation of Social Democratic Parties to Interest Organizations: The case of the Norwegian Labour Party'. Paper presented at the annual Norwegian Political Science Conference 2005, Hurdal, 5-7 January 2005.

Allern, Elin H. (2003): 'De politiske partiene og kontakten med interesseorganisasjonene: Analyseramme' (Political Parties and Interest Groups: Framework of Analysis). Paper presented at the annual Norwegian Political Science Congress 2003. NTNU, Trondheim, 8-10 January 2003.

Allern, Elin H. (2002): 'De politiske partiene og kontakten med interesseorganisasjonene. Forskningsoversikt og analyseramme' ('Political Parties' Contacts with Interest Organizations: A Framework of Analysis'). Paper presented at the 13th Nordic Political Science Association Meeting, NOPSA'02. Ålborg, 15-17 August 2002.

Allern, Elin H. (2001): 'Political Parties' Contacts with Voluntary Organizations in Environmental Policy Decision-Making Processes in Norway'. Paper presented at ECPR Summer School on Political Parties and Party Systems 2001. Keele, 9-22 September 2001.

Allern, Elin H. and Knut Heidar (2000): 'Parties and Interest Organizations in Norway'. Presented at the 80th Anniversary Congress of Southwestern Social Science Association. Galveston, Texas, 15-18 March 2000. Paper. (basis for the chapter in Sundberg's anthology).

Allern, Elin H. (2000): 'Signaler fra oven: Målstyring som moteord eller kommunalt styringsverktøy?' ('Signals from Above: Management-by-objectives as Catchword or Instrument for Local Governance?'). Paper presented at The Research Council of Norway's Local Government conference 2000. Tromsø 19-20 October 2000.

Allern, Elin H. (1999): 'Partier og interesseorganisasjoner i Norge' ('Parties and Interest Organizations in Norway'). Paper presented at the 12th Nordic Political Science Association Meeting, NOPSA'99. Uppsala, 19-21 August 1999.

Professional Affiliations

- Member of the Norwegian Political Science Association
- Member of the network 'Scandinavian Politics Specialist Group', affiliated to the British Political Studies Association
- Member of the network 'ECPR Standing Group on Political Parties'
- Deputy member of the Board of Department of Political Science, University of Oslo, 2004-05.

Languages

Native fluency in Norwegian (Scandinavian) languages, English (fluent), basic knowledge of French, read some Spanish.