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Citizenship: Norway

Born: March 7th, 1985

Current Academic Positions

- 2020 – Present **Professor**
Department of Political Science, University of Oslo
- 2020 – Present **Research Professor (secondary affiliation)**
Peace Research Institute Oslo, PRIO

Previous Academic Positions

- 2019 – Present **Associate Professor**
Department of Political Science, University of Oslo
- 2019 – Present **Senior Researcher (secondary affiliation)**
Peace Research Institute Oslo, PRIO
- 2017 – 2019 **Senior Researcher (Full time position)**
Peace Research Institute Oslo, PRIO
- 2016 (Jan.) –
2017 (Apr.) **Postdoctoral fellow**
Department of Political Science, University of Oslo
- 2012 (Mar.) –
2015 (Dec.) **PhD fellow**
Department of Political Science, University of Oslo
- 2012–2015 **Associated Researcher** (secondary affiliation)
Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Center for the Study of Civil War
- 2010–2012 **Research Assistant**
Department of Political Science, University of Oslo

Visiting Fellow

- 2024 (Aug.) –
2025 (Jun.) Oxford University (Nuffield College, Dept. of Politics and International Relations)

2019 (Aug.) – Harvard University (Center for European Studies), Cambridge MA
2020 (Jan.)

2015(Aug.) – Columbia University, New York NY
2016 (Jan.)

2010 (Jan.) – University of Minnesota, Minneapolis MI (MA student)
2010 (Jun.)

Education

2012 – 2015 **University of Oslo** – Oslo, Norway
PhD in Political Science
Supervisors: Professors Håvard Hegre (main supervisor, 80%) and Carl Henrik Knut-
sen (co-supervisor 20%)
Ph.D. Thesis: *Beyond the Civil Democratic Peace: Subnational Political Institutions and
Internal Armed Conflict*

2009 – 2011 **University of Oslo** – Oslo, Norway
MA in Political Science
Mentors: Professors Arild Underdal and Håvard Hegre

2006 – 2009 **University of Oslo** – Oslo, Norway
BA in Political Science, minor in History

Honors, awards and scholarships

2024 Fridtjof Nansen award for excellence in science for young scientists in the social sci-
ences and the humanities, awarded by the Norwegian Academy of Science and Let-
ters.

2023 “Extraordinary reviewer” award, *Comparative Political Studies*

2021 Best paper award (APSA “Autocracy and Democracy” section)

2018 NEPS medal for best paper published in Peace Science
(Network of European Peace Scientists)

2016 His Majesty the King of Norway’s Gold Medal
for best Ph.D. Dissertation in the Social Sciences

2012 PhD fellowship grant, 4 years
University of Oslo

Publication metrics

2015-Present Published articles: 19 (24 counting R&Rs)
Books: 3
GoogleScholar citations: 5815 (April 2025)
H-index: 26
i10-index: 29

Peer-reviewed journal articles

- 2025 **Behind the throne: Regime support coalitions around the world, 1789-2020**
British Journal of Political Science, forthcoming
(with Carl Henrik Knutsen, Sirianne Dahlum and Magnus Rasmussen)
- 2025 **Cui Bono: Business elites and interstate conflict**
European Journal of International Relations, forthcoming
(with Carl Henrik Knutsen, Sirianne Dahlum and Magnus Rasmussen)
- 2024 **On the move: Capital re-locations and security threats in autocratic regimes**
Political Geography, 113(2024): 103154
(with Lee Morgenbesser and Carl Henrik Knutsen)
- 2023 **Moral logics of support for nonviolent resistance: Evidence from a cross-national survey experiment**
Comparative Political Studies, 56(3): 326-362
(with Sirianne Dahlum and Jonathan Pinckney)
2022. **Chaos on Campus: Universities and Mass Political Protest**
Comparative Political Studies, 54(3-4): 585-622
(with Sirianne Dahlum)
2021. **“Why Monarchy? The Rise and Decline of a regime type”**
Comparative Political Studies, 54(3-4): 585-622
(with John Gerring, Jan Teorell, Wouter Veenendal, and Daniel Weitzel)
2020. **“Peace above the glass ceiling: The historical relationship between female political empowerment and civil conflict.”**
International Studies Quarterly, 64(4): 879-893
(with Sirianne Dahlum)

2020. **"Patterns of Regime Breakdown since the French Revolution"**
Comparative Political Studies, 53(6): 923-958
(with Vilde Lunnan Djuve and Carl Henrik Knutsen)
2019. **"Who Revolts? Empirically Revisiting the Social Origins of Democracy"**
Journal of Politics, 81(4): 1494-1499
(with Sirianne Dahlum and Carl Henrik Knutsen)
2019. **"Introducing the Historical Varieties of Democracy Dataset: Political Institutions in the Long 19th Century"**
Journal of Peace Research, 56(3): 440-451
(with Carl Henrik Knutsen, Jan Teorell, Agnes Cornell, John Gerring, Haakon Gjerløw, Svend Erik Skaaning, Daniel Ziblatt, Kyle Marquardt, Dan Pemstein, and Brigitte Seim)
2019. **"Educating Demonstrators: Education and Mass Protest in Africa"**
Journal of Conflict Resolution, 63(1): 3-30
(with Sirianne Dahlum)
2018. **"Which Groups Fight: Customary Institutions and Communal Conflicts in Africa"**
Journal of Peace Research, 53(4): 509-524
(with Daniela Kromrey)
2017. **"Autocratic Elections: Stabilizing Tool or Force for Change?"**
World Politics, 69(1): 98-143
(with Carl Henrik Knutsen, Håvard Mogleiv Nygård)
2017. **"Mining and Local Corruption in Africa"**
American Journal of Political Science, 61(2): 320-334
(with Carl Henrik Knutsen, Andreas Kotsadam and Eivind Hammersmark Olsen)
2016. **"Peace from the Past: Pre-colonial Political Institutions and Civil War in Africa"**
Journal of Peace Research, 53(4): 509-524
2016. **"Cues to Coup Plotters: Elections as Coup Triggers in Dictatorship"**
Journal of Conflict Resolution, 60(5): 787-812
(with Espen Geelmuyden Rød)
2016. **"Local Institutional Quality and Conflict Violence in Africa"**
Political Geography, 53: 30-42
(with Andreas Forø Tollefsen)

2015. **“Government Turnover and the Effects of Regime Type: How Requiring Alternation in Power Biases against the Estimated Economic Benefits of Democracy”**
Comparative Political Studies, 48(7): 882-914
 (with Carl Henrik Knutsen)
2015. **“Updated data on institutions and elections 1960–2012: Presenting the IAEP dataset version 2.0”**
Research & Politics, 2(2)
 (with Håvard Hegre and Pat Regan)
2014. **“Et Kritisk Blikk på Holbergprisen”** (in Norwegian)
Nytt Norsk Tidsskrift, 2014(3): 255-265

Books

- 2022 **“The Deep Roots of Modern Democracy: Geography and the Diffusion of Political Institutions”**
Cambridge University Press
 (with John Gerring, Brendan Apfeld, and Andreas Forø Tollefsen)
- 2022 **“Årsaker til Krig: En introduksjon til freds- og konfliktforskning”** (in Norwegian)
Fagbokforlaget
- 2022 **“One Road to Riches?: How State Building and Democratization Affect Economic Development”**
Cambridge University Press
 (with Haakon Gjerløw, Carl Henrik Knutsen and Matt Wilson)

“Autocratic Threats to Science: Evidence from millions of research publications”, with Haakon Gjerløw, Siri-
 anne Dahlum, Eric Gabo Ekeberg Nilsen,
 under review

“Morality and violent extremism”, with Milan Obaidi, book chapter in “Handbook of Psychology of Violent
 Extremism”
 (Obaid and Kunst eds.), under contract at *Cambridge University Press*

“Elite commitments to Democracy: Experimental evidence from Norway”, with Kaja Bakke, Daniel Goldstein,
 Sirianne Dahlum, working paper.

“(Non-)State Authority and Legitimate Violence: A Survey Experiment on Vigilantes and the Police in Nigeria”, with Kristen Kao, Hanne Fjelde and Megan Turnbull, working paper.

“Moral norms and political violence in democracies”, with Daniel Goldstein, working paper.

“Does Industrialization Cause Democratization? Micro-level evidence from the Norwegian industrial revolution”, with Sam Van Noort and Magnus Rasmussen, working paper.

Other publications

- 2018-present V-DEM dataset 8-13.1 Most recent codebook: “V-DEM codebook (v11)”, V-Dem Working Paper. Available at <https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstractid=3802627>
(with Coppedge, Michael and Gerring, John and Knutsen, Carl Henrik and Lindberg, Staffan I. and Teorell, Jan and Altman, David and Bernhard, Michael and Fish, M. Steven and Glynn, Adam and Hicken, Allen and Lührmann, Anna and Marquardt, Kyle L. and McMann, Kelly M. and Paxton, Pamela and Pemstein, Daniel and Seim, Brigitte and Sigman, Rachel and Skaaning, Svend-Erik and Staton, Jeffrey K. and Cornell, Agnes and Gastaldi, Lisa and Gjerløw, Haakon and Mechkova, Valeriya and von Römer, Johannes and Sundström, Aksel and Tzelgov, Eitan and Uberti, Luca Jacopo and Wang, Yi-ting and Ziblatt, Daniel)
- 2018 “Children and Armed Conflict: What Existing Data Can Tell Us”, background report for Save the Children’s Global Flagship Report on children in armed conflict, *The War on Children: Time to End Grave Violations against Children in Conflict*, Oslo: Peace Research Institute Oslo, PRIO.
(with Karim Baghat, Kendra Dupuy; Gudrun Østby; Siri Aas Rustad; Håvard Strand)
- 2016 “Democratization and Civil War”
(with Håvard Hegre, Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, Baris Ari)
Comparative Democratization Newsletter, June 2016. <http://www.compdem.org/newsletter/archive>

Research project management and participation

- 2023– Present Principal Investigator on the research project “Objections to Democracy”, funded by UiO:Demokrati, (6 Million NOK)
- 2021– Present Principal Investigator on the research project “Moral Beliefs about Violent Political Conflict (MoViCon)”, FRIHUMSAM funded Research Council of Norway (RCN) project, University of Oslo (12 million NOK).

2020– Present	Co-author on Varieties of Democracy Dataset (V-DEM) (Various funders)
2021 – Present	Co-work package leader (WP1) on the project “Mobilizing for and against Democracy”, FRIHUMSAM funded RCN project, Peace Research Institute Oslo
2021 – Present	Work package leader (WP3), “Securing the victory? Understanding dynamics of short-run and long-term success in popular uprisings and democratization”, PI: Kristian Gleditsch, funded by the Research Council of Norway, TOPPFORSK grant.
2018	Coordinator of the Research Group “Governance”, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
2015–2020	Responsible for data on the DEEPI research project (funded by Research Council of Norway (RCN)), Dept. of Political Science, University of Oslo
2015-2020	Member of the Historical Varieties of Democracy Research team (Funded by RCN and other various funders)
2013-2015	Responsible for managing data collection on the PIAC research project (funded by RCN), Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
2021- Present	Contributor to the research project “Studying the Emergence, Life and Death of Authoritarian Regimes” (ELDAR) (PI: Carl Henrik Knutsen, UiO) (ERC Consolidator grant), Dept. of Political Science
2021- Present	Contributor to the research project “Policies in Dictatorships” (PoD) (PI: Carl Henrik Knutsen, UiO), FRIHUMSAM funded Research Council of Norway (RCN) project, Dept. of Political Science, University of Oslo

Teaching experience

2014- Present (Course administration and lectures, University of Oslo)	STV1020 – Introduction to methods and statistics (2019-2021) STV4232 – Causes of war in International Politics (MA level) (2018-present) STV4027 – Quantitative Causal Analysis and Prediction (MA and Phd level) (2016-2017) STV4232B – Causes of War (MA level) (2013) STV4325B – Causes of Political Violence (MA level) (2014) STV4010 – Master Thesis Design Seminar, Quantitative Methods (Master) (2012-2014)
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2012 - Present (Only lectures)	STV2350 – AUtocratic Politics (BA level)	2021-2023
	STV2360 – Democratic institutional design (BA level)	2019
	STV1200 – Introduction to International Relations (MA level)	2018
	STV4302B - Nationalism and Ethnic Politics (MA level))	2016
	STV1000 – Introduction to Political Science (BA level)	2016
	STV1020 – Methods and Statistics (BA level)	2016
	STV4323 – Causes of War (MA level)	2013 and 2014
	STV2320 – Comparative Political Economy (BA level)	2013, 2014

Dissemination

2020–Present	Bi-monthly Op-ed column in Norwegian Weekly newspaper <i>Morgenbladet</i>
2014–Present	Regular op-ed contributions to Norwegian national dailies, such as <i>Klassekampen</i> , <i>Morgenbladet</i> , <i>VG</i> , <i>Dagbladet</i> , <i>Dagens Næringsliv</i> , <i>Aftenposten</i> Regular interviews on NRK (Norwegian National Broadcasting), and major newspapers
2015–Present	Several contributions to Washington Post’s political science column <i>Monkeycage</i>

Invited talks

2025	University of Oxford, Department of Politics and International Relations
2024	Oslo House of Literature (“The History of Democracy”)
2024	University College London, Political Science
2024	University of Essex, Political Science
2023	University of Gothenburg, Political Science Department
2022	University College London, Political Science
2021	University of Barcelona, Institutions and Political Economy Research Group (IPERG)
2019	Trinity College, Dublin
2017	Quality of Government (QOG) Institute, University of Gothenburg

Mentorship

2022-present	Eric Gabo Ekeberg Nilsen (PhD student)
2016-2020	Haakon Gjerløw (PhD student)
2014–2022	Masters students: Hannes Brauer, David Felipe Triana, Erik Eriksen, Nora Scheel, Eric Nilsen, Madeleine Thorstensen, Isak Turi, Vilde Bergstad Larsen, Anders Garbom Backe, Falk Eidsvoll, Jorgen Knutson Arntzen, Einar Tornes, Jarle Aarbakke TOLLaksen

Service to the discipline

2021-present	Editorial Board Member, Journal of Peace Research
2014-Present	Regular reviewer for: American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Research & Politics, Journal of Institutional Economics, International Political Science Review, Research and Politics, British Journal of Political Science, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Political Geography, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Comparative Political Studies, Scandinavian Political Studies
2021-2023	Consultant, “Tilstandsanalyse av det norske demokratiet (TINDE)”, government report on the state of democracy in Norway
2023	Doctoral dissertation committee (opponent), Marius Swane Wishman, NTNU
2021	Scientific Advisor/expert referee, European Research Council
2020	Doctoral dissertation committee (chair), Nicholas Marsh, University of Oslo
2020	Doctoral dissertation committee (opponent), Clara Neupert-Wentz, Aarhus University, February 2020
2020	Trial defense (opponent), Tarald Laudal Berge, University of Oslo, June 2020
2019	Doctoral dissertation committee (opponent), Fenja Søndergaard Møller, Aarhus University, June 2019
2018-2019	Scientific advisor/expert referee, Riksbanken’s Jubileumsfond, 2019, 2018
2019	Scientific advisor/expert referee, Flanders Research Foundation (FWO), 2019
2018	Trial defense (opponent), Solveig Hillesund, University of Oslo, September, 2018

Administrative responsibilities

2021-present	Head of “International Relations Section” for teaching, Department of Political Science, University of Oslo, 2021-
2018-present	Head and member of different hiring committees for PhD positions, Postdoctoral positions, and Associate professor positions, Department of Political Science, University of Oslo
2020-present	Board member, Department of Political Science, University of Oslo, 2020
2020-2022	Co-coordinator of the Comparative Institutions and Regimes (CIR) seminar and other CIR activities, Dept. of Political Science, University of Oslo
2015-2019	Coordinator of the Research Group “Governance”, Peace Research Institute Oslo
2013-2021	Board member, Colloquium for Science Studies, University of Oslo, 2017-present

Memberships and conferences

2012–present	Membership and regular yearly attendance at conferences of Network of European Peace Scientists, American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, European Political Science Association
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Technical skills

Programming languages

Proficient in: R (including GIS), Stata,

