

Curriculum Vitae

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KEY COMPETENCIES: GENDER, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATION

EDUCATION:

08. 2008- M.A IN HUMAN GEOGRAPHY, UNIVERSITY OF OSLO/UC BERKELEY

Thesis outline

In my thesis, I will perform a comparative discourse analysis of how gender relations are constructed in discourses about rape in Norway and the U.S. I believe a comparison of these two countries provides an interesting point of departure for studying the geography of rape and gender relations in a most similar-most different research design. Uncovering the geography of gender relations and how they are constructed in relation to rape may offer a deeper understanding of what ideological discourses dominate explanations and solutions in dealing with sexual violence. Finally, I will discuss how progress towards gender equality is influenced by prevailing discourses and pose some challenges for the intellectual community of feminist and political geographers, and within the feminist movement/s, in dealing effectively with sexualized violence in the future. The research questions addressed in the thesis are as follows:

- a) How is rape discursively constructed in Norway and the U.S?
- b) How can the geographical embeddedness of discourse and the ideological differences and similarities between the cases be explained?
- c) What are the power effects of prevailing discourses about rape?

Master courses:

Thinking and Methodology in Human Geography (A), Political Geography: Perspectives and Debates (A), Political Geography: Research Topics and Research Design (A), Qualitative Methods (B)

08. 2004-12.2007: B.A IN HUMAN GEOGRAPHY, UNIVERSITY OF OSLO

B.A dissertation: *Nigeria's oil adventure: CSR – possibility or obstacle to development?*(A)

Gender courses:

Gender Equality in the Nordic countries (A), Sexuality Studies (A), Feminist Theory of Science (A), Gender and science (B), Masculinity studies (B), Introduction to Women's Studies and Gender Research (pass)

Human geography courses:

Economical Globalisation and Regional Development (A), The Environment & Society (A), Development Geography (B), Human Geography Research Methods (B), North-South development (B), Globalisation and Local Politics (A), Introduction to Human Geography (B), Social Anthropology Development (C), Sociological Classics and Modern Society (B), Examen Facultatum Social Science variant (A), Examen Philosophicum (B)

09.2000- 06. 2004: MANAGEMENT, KAOSPILOT UNIVERSITY, DENMARK

Project leadership education in entrepreneurship and leadership with focus on innovation and intercultural understanding. Understanding group dynamics, strategic planning, project theory and business design.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

08. 2000-: FREELANCE JOURNALIST

Writing articles for a range of newspapers and magazines with a special focus on women's rights, feminism and international development issues, including Fett, Aftenposten, Dagsavisen and Ny Tid.

03. 2009-12. 2009: PROGRAMME ADVISOR, FORUM FOR WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT (FOKUS)

Managed FOKUS' project portfolio in Thailand, Timor Leste, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Nicaragua and South Africa. Responsible for developing a cross-sectional rights-based policy approach, including human rights training and local mobilization.

02. 2009-06.2009-: RESEARCHER, GLOBAL EDUCATION NETWORK EUROPE (GENE)

Mapping the cultural and political context for Global Education (i.e. development education and human rights education) in Norway and researching on the role of The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Ministry of Environment and The Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) in providing global education for the public.

05. 2008-12.2008: «TRADE CAMPAIGN»

Coordinator. The «Trade campaign» is a coalition of 16 organisations working with trade policy vis-à-vis Norwegian authorities related to the ongoing negotiations in the World Trade Organization (WTO). Responsible for newsletter, PR, homepage and contact with financial stakeholders in The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and The Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad).

09. 2005-10.2007: FETT (FEMINIST JOURNAL)

Editorial assistant and journalist. Daily management and administration of the office. Fett is a feminist journal with four editions per year.

02. 2004- 06. 2004: NORWEGIAN CHURCH AID

Project leader for a campaign on Coca-Colas corporate social responsibility in India. Responsible for campaigning material and webpages, co-ordination of press releases and external information. Preparatory work for national mass mobilisation and training of activists. Lobbywork vis-à-vis Norwegian authorities, strategic planning in Norway and India.

08. 1999-09.2000: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL NORWAY

Membership officer. Responsible for quantitative and qualitative development of active members, primarily youth and students. Recruitment and counselling of members, executive and strategic work, international representation and arrangement of annual meetings. Budget, accounting and reporting.

VOLUNTARY EXPERIENCE:

09.2007- : AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL NORWAY

Theme coordinator for *Stop Violence Against Women*-campaign. Design of newsletter and the campaign's web pages.

06. 2003-12.2003: NORWEGIAN CHURCH AID

Communications coordinator. Responsibility for the development of a communication strategy for the project *Trade Justice Voyage*, about fair trade as a tool for achieving the UN millennium development goals. Leader of reference group.

02. 2002-04.2002: AFRICAN CENTRE FOR THE CONSTRUCTIVE RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES, SOUTH AFRICA.

Internship.

01.1999-04.1999: THE NORWEGIAN SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE FOR LATIN-AMERICA IN NORWAY

Solidarity work in El Salvador and Venezuela. Participated as election observer during the presidential elections in El Salvador.

02.1998-02.2000: OSLO AMNESTY (OSAM)

Board member. Coordination of local groups' work with campaigns and strategic development of OSAM as a district office.

12.1997-12.1998: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL NORWAY, SPECIALGROUP ON CHILDRENS RIGHTS

Worked with files on human rights violations committed against children and youth.

08.1996-07.1997: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL DENMARK

Youth coordinator. Leader for college youth group.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

SUMMER 2008: THE NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA)

Research trip to Tanzania. Theme: Female gender mutilation and reproductive health.

AUTUMN 2007: FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION FOUNDATION

Research trip to New York and Washington DC. Theme: American feminism.

PROJECTS:

03.2007-04.2007: CONSULTANT, FORUM FOR WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT (FOKUS)

External consultant on FOKUS five year strategic plan.

09.2006-11.2006: THE NORWEGIAN COUNCIL FOR AFRICA

Translated and edited articles for The Norwegian Council for Africas yearbook "Oljespill – Jakten på Afrikas svarte gull" (2007).

08.2004-09.2004: CONSULTANT, NORWEGIAN CHURCH AID

Wrote the application for funding through Operasjon Dagsverk. The application was admitted and NCA received 30 million NOK for projects aimed at combating trafficking in Brazil.

COURSES:

06. 2009: RIGHTS BASED APPROACHES (RBA), BISTANDSTORGET

06. 2009: LOGICAL FRAMEWORK APPROACH (LFA)

03. 2009: INDICATORS AND RESULTS BASED MANAGEMENT IN AID

**02. 2002: AFRICAN CENTRE FOR THE CONSTRUCTIVE RESOLUTION
OF DISPUTES, SOUTH AFRICA**

Course in conflict analysis- and management.

02. 1999: CENTRO DE INTERCAMBIO Y SOLIDARIDAD, EL SALVADOR

Compulsory course for election observers.

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