

CURRICULUM VITAE

KEY COMPETENCIES: INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, GENDER AND COMMUNICATION

EDUCATION

2008-2010: M.A. HUMAN GEOGRAPHY, UNIVERSITY OF OSLO/UC BERKELEY

M.A. thesis: The Geography of Rape: Spaces of Shame and Risk (A)

The thesis is a critical discourse analysis of rape discourses in American media. It draws on a broad range of theories about rape and analyzes contemporary configurations of power in the U.S. through the construction of gender, race and nationalism.

Master courses:

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

2004-2007: B.A. HUMAN GEOGRAPHY, UNIVERSITY OF OSLO

B.A. thesis: Nigeria's oil adventure: CSR – Possibility or Obstacle to Development? (A)

Human geography courses:

Economical Globalization and Regional Development (A), The Environment & Society (A), Development Geography (B), Human Geography Research Methods (B), North-South Development (B), Globalization 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)

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)

2000-2004: KAOSPILOT UNIVERSITY, DENMARK

Project leadership education in entrepreneurship with focus on corporate social responsibility, innovation and intercultural understanding. Gained an understanding of group dynamics, strategic planning, management, coaching, project theory and business design.

WORK EXPERIENCE

02. 2011-present: WEB JOURNALIST, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL NORWAY

Writing articles about issues about poverty elimination and socio-economic rights in relation to the organization's Demand Dignity-campaign.

08. 2005-present: EDITOR, FREELANCE JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR

Writing articles for a range of newspapers and magazines (including Aftenposten, Dagsavisen, Dagbladet, Ny Tid, Kvinner Sammen and Fett) focusing on human rights, feminism and

international development issues. Political editor in the feminist magazine Fett. Currently co-writing a book about rape in Norway where the social and legal status of rape victims in the media and court room is assessed and discussed. The project is carried out with financial support from Freedom of Expression Foundation. See portfolio of writing samples at www.annebitsch.com

02. 2011-02. 2011 RESEARCH OFFICER, INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH

Worked with development of the webpages of the Nordic Migration Research network.

01.2011-02.2011 PROJECT ASSISTANT, SEX AND POLITICS

Developed the webpages www.sexfordeg.no for a campaign on sexual and reproductive rights and health directed at youth in secondary school. Conducted various sorts of administrative and PR-related tasks, including press briefings and releases.

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

Managed FOKUS' project portfolio in Thailand, Timor Leste, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania, North-West Balkans, Bangladesh, Nicaragua and South Africa. Performed quality assurance of development projects and was in charge of developing a cross-sectional rights-based policy approach, including human rights training and local mobilization.

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

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

05. 2008-12.2008: COORDINATOR, TRADE CAMPAIGN

Responsible for newsletter, homepage and contact with financial stakeholders in The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and The Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation. The Trade Campaign is a coalition of 16 organizations working with trade policy vis-à-vis Norwegian authorities related to the ongoing negotiations at the World Trade Organization (WTO).

09. 2005-10.2007: EDITORIAL ASSISTANT AND JOURNALIST, FETT

Daily management and administration of the office. Management of customer database, accounting, archive, mail and other administrative tasks. Fett is a feminist journal with four editions per year.

02. 2004- 06.2004: PROJECT LEADER, NORWEGIAN CHURCH AID

Project leader for a campaign on Coca-Cola's corporate social responsibility in India. In charge of developing campaign material, and co-ordination of press releases and external information. Preliminary work for national mass mobilization and training of activists. Lobby work vis-à-vis Norwegian authorities, strategic planning in Norway and India.

08. 1999-09.2000: MEMBERSHIP OFFICER, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL NORWAY

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

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

09. 2007- 12.2009: THEME COORDINATOR, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL NORWAY

Theme coordinator for the “Stop Violence Against Women”-campaign. Wrote newsletters and articles for the campaign’s web pages.

06. 2003-12.2003: COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR, NORWEGIAN CHURCH AID

In charge of developing a communication strategy for the project Trade Justice Voyage, about fair trade as a tool for achieving the UN millennium development goals.

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

Internship at the organization’s South Africa branch.

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

Participated as election observer during the presidential elections in El Salvador.

02.1998-02.2000: BOARD MEMBER, OSLO AMNESTY

Coordinated of local groups’ work with campaigns and strategic development of Oslo Amnesty as a regional office.

12.1997-12.1998: SPECIALGROUP ON CHILDREN’S RIGHTS, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL NORWAY

Managed files on human rights violations committed against children and youth and arranged public meetings.

08.1996-07.1997: YOUTH COORDINATOR, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL DENMARK

Leader for high school action group. Coordinated the groups work with mobilizing for campaigns and public meetings on human rights issues, in particular the death penalty.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Spring 2011: FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION FOUNDATION

Grant for writing a book about rape in Norway.

Summer 2008: THE NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Grant for conducting research trip to Tanzania. Interviewed grassroot activists and organizations and wrote articles about female gender mutilation and reproductive health.

Fall 2007: FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION FOUNDATION

Grant for conducting research trip to New York and Washington DC. Interviewed a broad range of scholars and activists and wrote articles about American feminism and issues of social justice.

PROJECTS

03.2007-04.2007: CONSULTANT, FORUM FOR WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT

External consultant on the organization's five-year strategic plan.

09.2006-11.2006: EDITORIAL MEMBER, THE NORWEGIAN COUNCIL FOR AFRICA

Translated and edited articles for The Norwegian Council for Africa's yearbook about oil and development, "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 & CERTIFICATES

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
Course in conflict analysis- and management.

02.1999: Centro de Intercambio y Solidaridad, El Salvador
Compulsory course for election observers.