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I am a senior researcher in the Global Order and Diplomacy research group at NUPI. My work primarily explores the (dis)functioning of international institutions and the intersection of international and domestic politics. Using eclectic methods and spanning global environmental politics, international political economy, and security studies, my research has been published in numerous peer-reviewed IR journals, including the *European Journal of International Relations*, *Contemporary Security Policy*, *International Studies Review*. I also have published two single authored monographs (Oxford University Press and Palgrave) and co-edited an edited volume with Bristol University Press. From 2025, I will lead the ERC-funded project “Navigating the Era of Indicators”, which explores how domestic and international actors are adapting to the explosion of quantified performance indicators within global governance. Committed to fostering pluralistic, rigorous and theoretically informed research within the discipline of IR and adjacent fields, I am currently an editor of the Nordics’ leading IR journal *Cooperation and Conflict*.

Employment History

2020-	Senior Researcher, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)
2015-2020	PhD in International Environment & Development Studies, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU)
2019	Visiting Scholar, The University of Cambridge, The Department of Politics and International Studies (6 months)
2012-2015	Academic Writing Advisor & Presentation Skills Teacher, NMBU
2007-2012	English Teacher: Poland, Czech Republic, Argentina, Japan, Norway

Education

2015-2020	Ph.D. International Environment & Development Studies, NMBU
2011-2014	M.Sc. International Relations, NMBU (Grade A)
2004-2006	2:1 B.A. Economic History, London School of Economics

Principal Investigator

2025-2030	NAVIGATOR: Navigating the Era of Indicator, European Research Council Starting Grant (€1.5m/18m NOK)
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Books

2025	<i>Governing Nature and the Making of World Order</i> , (eds with Elana Wilson Rowe & Lucas De Oliveira Paes). Bristol University Press.
2024	<i>The Grammar of Status Competition: International Hierarchies as Domestic Practice</i> . Oxford University Press.
2021	<i>Performing Nuclear Weapons: How Britain Made Trident Make Sense</i> . Palgrave Studies in International Relations

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2024 Writing for Reflexivity and Breaking Writing Rules, *Political Anthropological Research on International Social Sciences*
- 2024 Rational Illusions: Rational Illusions: Everyday Theories of International Status and the Domestic Politics of Boer War, *Politics and Governance*
- 2024 Prestige and Punishment: The Danger of Seeking Status on White Elephants. *Cooperation and Conflict* (equal co-author with Cris Maglia and Lucas De Oliveira Paes)
- 2024 Status Symbols in World Politics. *Cooperation and Conflict* (with Pål Røren)
- 2024 Reimagining NATO after Crimea: Defender of the rule-based order and truth?." Contemporary Security Policy (2024): 1-30. (first author, with Julie Wilhelmsen, and Kristian Lundby Gjerde.)
- 2023 Reflex to Turn: A History of Turn-Talk in International Relations. *European Journal of International Relations*. (co-author with Jaakko Heiskanen)
- 2023 Everyday migration hierarchies: negotiating the EU's visa regime. *International Relations*, 00471178231205408 (first author with Katherina Glaab). (2023).
- 2023 Whose Revisionism, Which International Order? Social Structure and Its Discontents. *Global Studies Quarterly*, 3(1), ksad009. (With Jorg Kustermans and Ben de Carvalho)
- 2022 Space, Nature, and Hierarchy: The Ecosystemic Politics of The Caspian Sea. *European Journal of International Relations*. (First author, with Elana Wilson Rowe)
- 2022 Coping with Complexity: Toward Epistemological Pluralism in Climate–Conflict Scholarship. *International Studies Review*. DOI: viac055 (First author, with Cedric De Coning)
- 2022 Norges oljedilemma etter Glasgow: Et umoralsk argument for et raskt grønt skifte. *Inernasjonalt Politikk*. 80(1), 210–220 (equal co-author with Anne Funnemark)
- 2021 The Rankings Game: A Relational Approach to Country Performance Indicators. *International Studies Review*. (First author, with Ann Towns)
- 2019 Brexit and EU Legitimation: Unwitting Martyr for the Cause? *New Perspectives*. 27(3)
- 2019 Grading greatness: Evaluating the status performance of the BRICS. *Third World Quarterly*, 40 (3). (equal co-author with Pål Røren)
- 2017 Brexit, Retrotopia and the perils of post-colonial delusions, *Global Affairs*, 3 (4-5)

Book Chapters

- 2025 Nature and Order in World Politics (with Elana Wilson Rowe, & Lucas De Oliveira Paes)
- 2025 Seeing like a Planet: Conclusion and pathways for IR scholarship (with Elana Wilson Rowe, & Lucas De Oliveira Paes)
- 2025 Nature's hierarchies? Ecosystems and Order-Making (with Elana Wilson Rowe, & Lucas De Oliveira Paes)

- 2024 The Construction of Status in Security Politics: Rules, Comparisons and Second-Guessing Collective Beliefs. In Thomas Muller, Mathias Albert and Kerrin Langer (Eds). *Comparisons in Global Security Politics Representing and Ordering the World*. Bristol University Press.
- 2020 Brazil's status struggles: why nice guys finish last. (equal co-author Pål Røren). In edited volume: *Status and the Rise of Brazil: Global Ambitions, Humanitarian Engagement and International Challenges*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Academic Teaching Experience

- 2015-2019 *Lecturer*: master's level International Relations' courses at NMBU. Including lectures on Realism Theory, Liberalism, Feminist Theory, Post-Structuralism, Critical Theory, Constructivism, Introduction to International Relations, Political Economy of War; International Institutions and Security, Discourse Analysis, Foreign Policy and Status Seeking.
- 2015-2017 *Seminar leader* for the master's level International Relations Theory course at NMBU
- 2015-2016 *Course Convener* for International Relations Theory Module (Sep-Jan), exam setter and grader, and general organizer of course.
- 2016-2020 *Supervised* to completion 7 student master's theses
- 2014-2015 *Presentation Skills Workshop Leader*: Developed and taught academic presentation skills workshops for NMBU's Writing Centre.
- 2012-2015 *Academic Writing Advisor*: providing detailed feedback on students' term papers, bachelor and master's theses, as well as feedback and grading of the weekly writing-tasks for the academic writing courses at NMBU. Trained new writing advisors.
- 2013-2015 *Website Developer and Editor*: Established and produced content for NMBU's Writing Centre's academic writing-resources website – *Writing Wrongs*.

Project Experience

- 2022- DEVINT: Public-Private Development Interfaces in Ethiopia: three articles and co-editing edited volume (in progress)
- 2022-23 WARU: When every act is war: Post-Crimea conflict dynamics and Russian foreign policy: One co-authored article and op-ed. (RCN)
- 2022 DEVANT: Developmentality and the anthropology of partnership: one peer reviewed article (RCN)
- 2021-2022 Researching and writing two peer reviewed articles, and op-ed for the Climate-Related Peace and Security Risks project. (MFA)
- 2020- LORAX Understanding Ecosystemic Politics. Co-authoring one articles, co-authoring 3 chapters, and co-editing volume (ERC)
- 2016-2019 BRAGS: Contributed a co-authored peer-reviewed article and book chapter, and participated in public seminars for the NUPI and PRIO's project: Brazil's Rise to the Global Stage

- 2015 Employed as a Junior Research fellow on NUPI's RCN-funded project: Protection of Civilians. From Principle to Practice. Co-authored a working paper (120 hours)
- 2012 Intern on the International Law and Policy Institute's MFA funded Nuclear Weapons Project (6 months part-time). Published two circa 15 page policy papers, and among other shorter policy texts.

Policy Papers and Reports

- 2016 Being Peacekept? The Implicit Assumptions that Hamper the Protection of Civilians. *Working Paper, Protection of Civilians from Principle to Practice project*. Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (3rd author, with Niels Nagelhus Schia and Benjamin de Carvalho)
- 2014 The Curious Case of British Nuclear Weapons Retention. Nuclear Weapons Project Policy Paper no 6, *International Law and Policy Institute*, Oslo , pp1-13 ([Link](#))
- 2013 The UK's Nuclear Renewal [Policy Brief] *International Law and Policy Institute*, Oslo, pp.1-3.
- 2012 An Introduction to the Issue of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean. Nuclear Weapons Project Background Paper No 2, *International Law and Policy Institute*, Oslo pp.1-16 ([link](#))
- 2012 Iran's Nuclear Program. Nutshell Paper [Policy Brief] *International Law and Policy Institute*, Oslo, pp.1-3.

Selected Academic Essays

- 2024 Review of Transnational Lawmaking Coalitions for Human Rights *International Studies Review*
- 2023 Introduction: Is the time nigh for ecological security?. *New Perspectives*, 31(1), 5-10. [Editor of forum]
- 2021 Book Review of Matt McDonald's "Ecological Security: Climate Change and the Construction of Security", *International Studies*. ([Link](#))
- 2021 Studying Nuclear Storytelling: How Britain makes its bomb make sense. *NUPI News and Noragric Blog* ([Link](#))
- 2020 Apocalypse Yesterday. *The Disorder of Things* ([Link](#))
- 2020 Brexit futures: Between a model and a martyr. *New Perspectives*. 28(2) ([Link](#))
- 2019 It's in the EU's interest for Brexit to go badly-but not too badly. *LSE European Politics and Policy Blog* ([Link](#))
- 2019 Understanding Boris Johnson's 'Retrotopian' Appeal to Conservatives. *LSE Brexit Blog* ([Link](#))
- 2018 Divides and Rule: Corbyn and the Labour Party. *British Politics Review*. 13(4) ([Link](#))
- 2017 Fighting, Dancing and Thumb-Biting: Developing a Typology of Citations. *The Duck of Minerva* ([Link](#))
- 2017 Citing Smart. *E-IR* ([Link](#))

- 2015 Back to the Future: Is it Cameron or Corbyn who is living in the past?
British Politics Review. 10(4) ([Link](#))

Selected Opinion Editorials and Public Engagement¹

- 2024 Hvordan skal disse to klare å samarbeide? *Dagsavisen* (with Øyvind Svendsen) ([link](#))
- 2024 Vil et mer ydmykt Nato være et sterkere Nato? *Aftenposten* (with Julie Wilhelmsens, Paul Beaumont Kristian Lundby Gjerde)([link](#))
- 2023 Høyres seier i skoledebatten på 2000-tallet var ikke en seier for norsk skole, *Aftenposten*
- 2023 Norges lærerkrise: Er «økt status» den magiske løsningen? *Aftenposten*
- 2021 En Tidlig Jul for Labour i år?, *Klassekampen*. (not online)
- 2021 Hvem har tid til å delta?, *Klassekampen* ([link](#))
- 2021 Hvis ikke Norge går i bresjen for en grønn omstilling, hvem da? *Aftenposten* (with Cedric de Coning & Elisabeth Rosvold)([link](#))
- 2021 Understanding Boris Johnson's Nuclear Policy: New Weapons, Old Delusions. *Forsvarets Forum* ([English](#), [Norwegian](#) versions)
- 2020 Redd kulturlivet – planlegg en post-koronafest!, *Aftenposten* ([link](#))
- 2020 Apokalypse i-går. *Aftenposten* ([link](#))
- 2019 Ut av PISA?. *Klassekampen*
- 2019 Det er et farlig hull i den norske svangerskapsomsorgen. Det hullet heter Nav. *Aftenposten* ([link](#))
- 2019 Retten til fødselspenger er lik for alle, men likevel ikke rettferdig. *Aftenposten* ([link](#))
- 2018 Podcast *Insight Out* (discussing my PhD Research) ([link](#))
- 2016 Workshop training young leaders for the International Campaign for the Abolishment of Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) in Oslo.
- 2016 Interview on TV2 about Brexit result
- 2015 En Estrem Kandidat?. *Klassekampen*
- 2015 Redd SV fra seg selv!. *Aftenposten* ([link](#))
- 2014 Skyte seg selv i foten, hinke videre. *Klassekampen*
- 2014 Forestillingen om Norge. *VG* ([link](#))
- 2013 Egoismens nye tidsalder. *Dagsavisen* ([link](#))
- 2012 Skal vi ta noen brus? *Aftenposten* ([link](#))
- 2012 Tre myter om Norge. *Aftenposten* ([link](#))

Commissions of Trust

- 2024 Christmas Party Committee member and appointed “games master”
- 2024– Deputy of NUPI's Forskerforbundet (the primary academic union)
- 2023– Editor of *Cooperation and Conflict*, Leading journal of IR in Nordics.
- 2022 Scientific Committee for NUPI senior researcher/professor position.
- Sep 2020–2023 Associate Editor of *New Perspectives*, a peer-reviewed journal of International Relations.

¹ *Aftenposten* is Norway's leading serious daily newspaper, while *Klassekampen* is the leading left-leaning newspaper in Norway.

- 2021 Workshop Co-Convener, together with Pål Røren, of the “Status Symbols in World Politics” European International Studies Association Workshop, Brussels ([link](#))
- 2018 & 2019 Co-Chair, together with Ann Towns, of the “Hierarchies in Global/Local Politics” section at the Pan European Conference on International Relations
- 2018 & 2019 Served as a discussant on panels at the European International Studies Association Conferences in Prague and Sofia respectively.
- 2017- Peer Reviewer for: *International Organisation*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *Cooperation and Conflict*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, *Global Affairs*, *Hague Journal of Diplomacy*, *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, *Revista Brasileira de Política Internacional*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *New Perspectives*, *International Political Sociology*
- 2017-2019 Member of the Noragric Security Committee. Evaluated security risks and ensured faculty members conducted field work safely.
- 2015-2016 Organizer and chair of Noragric’s “Brown Bag” seminar series.
- 2013 Editorial Board, UMB Student Journal of Development and Environmental Studies, Vol. 3

Invited Talks and Selected International Conference Papers

- 2021 “Re-imagining the World after the Covid19 Pandemic?” Plenary at the European Studies Association Workshops (EWIS)
- 2021 “Grammar of Status Competition”. Invited talk at Gothenburg University
- 2021 Turning IR Inside Out and Round and Round: The Curse of Reflexivity in the Neoliberal University, *International Studies Association Annual Convention*
- 2020 Chair, organizer and participant of a roundtable: The Status of Status Research: Looking forwards and Backwards. *International Studies Association Annual Convention*, Honolulu (Cancelled due to Covid)
- 2019 “Ranking the World: Globalizing Status Competition in International Society”. Invited talk at Cambridge, Centre for Research in the Arts Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASH).
- 2019 Seeing Like a Successful State. *International Studies Association Annual Convention*, Toronto.
- 2019 The Unrepresented Peoples and Nations Organization, Ontological Security and the Struggle for Status. *International Studies Association Annual Convention*, Toronto & *European International Studies Association Conference*, Sofia.
- 2018 All these Rankings Yet the Bodies Keep Piling Up: Global Governance, Nation Branding and the Soft Power Industrial Complex. *International Studies Association Annual Convention*. San Francisco & *European International Studies Association Conference*, Prague.
- 2017 Status Hierarchies and Change: A Framework for Analysis. *International Studies Association Annual Convention*, Baltimore

- 2017 Everyday Migration Hierarchies: Negotiating the EU's Visa Regime, *International Studies Annual Convention*, Baltimore & *European International Studies Association Conference*, Barcelona.
- 2016 Brazil's Status Struggles: Why nice guys finish last. *International Studies Association Annual Convention*, Atlanta.

Professional Affiliations

- 2016-present International Studies Association member
- 2017-present European Studies Association member
- 2016-present Member of the International Studies Association "Theory Section" and the "Historical International Relations Section".

Languages

- English Native
- Norwegian B2 speaking C1 writing. Grade A on Oslo University's Norwegian for Academics Level III ([link](#)), course in 2022.

References

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