

# Cecilie Hellestveit, Cand.jur, LLM

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## PROFILE

Cand.jur and LLM in international relations, PhD in international humanitarian law. Hellestveit has conducted research on conflict studies and the laws of armed conflict, human rights law and Islamic law, transitional legal processes notably in the Middle East and Gulf region. Her PhD-dissertation at the Faculty of Law, University of Oslo (2014) concerned the rules of conduct of hostilities in non-international armed conflict. Hellestveit has been affiliated with various research institutions, notably the Peace Research Institute (PRIO), Norwegian Center for Human Rights (NCHR), NUPI and IKOS. She has served as rapporteur to the XVIII international congress of the international society for military law and the laws of war, co-authoring the General rapport on conduct of hostilities, editing the Recueil (2010). She has been a member of UNE for 8 years, serving 4 years as a member of the Stor-nemnd (refugee-law), and a member of the Ethical Committee for Medical Research – Helse Sør-Øst. She is currently a board member of the Norwegian Refugee Council. Hellestveit has conducted several appraisals, reviews and evaluations for NORAD, MFA and NGOs.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

<b>Senior Advisor, International Law and Policy Institute (ILPI), Oslo, Norway</b>	2010 – Present
<b>Phd-Fellow, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (NCHR), University of Oslo, Norway</b>	2005 – 2010
<b>Phd-Researcher, Peace Research Institute (PRIO), Oslo, Norway</b>	2002 – 2004

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mid-term review of Norwegian Peoples Aid project in Syria on local democracy councils (NOK 50,000,000 from MFA). Coordinator and author of internal and external reports</li> </ul>   | — Ongoing  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review of the petroleum sector in Cuba: Team leader and author of baseline study/political economy analysis of the petroleum sector and petroleum-related governance in Cuba. Oil for Development, NORAD.</li> </ul>          | 2013-2014  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review of the petroleum sector in Lebanon: Team leader and author of baseline-study/political economy analysis of the petroleum sector and petroleum-related governance in Lebanon, risk analysis and appraisal of</li> </ul> | 2012- 2014 |

- phase II. Oil for Development, NORAD
- Special Rapporteur: Co-Author of The General Report to the XVIII International Congress Of the International Society for Military Law and the Laws of War. Tunis 2009. Editor of the Recueil 2010. 2008 – 2010
  - Researcher. The Gulf Research Unit – Dynamics of Political Change. Petro-sam project. Institute for Cultural and Oriental Studies, University of Oslo. 2009 – 2013
  - Designing a Strategic Framework for the Palestinian Human Rights Commission: Senior consultant to the human rights commission of the Palestinian authorities (ICHR) at the request of its international donor consortium. The consultancy resulted in a redrafted long-term strategy for the ICHR, supported by detailed annual plans and budgets. 2011 – 2012
  - PhD fellow: Norwegian Center for Human Rights/Faculty of Law, University of Oslo, doctoral candidate, research fellow under the program Human Rights and Armed Conflicts. Submission of PhD thesis entitled 'Conduct of Hostilities under the International Humanitarian Law of Non-International Armed Conflict', July 2013. 2005 – 2010
  - Researcher: The Missing Peace. The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process. Peace Research Institute, Oslo (PRIO): Research program concerning the obstacles to peace in the Middle East 2004 – 2009
  - Researcher: Studies on Human Rights in Conflicts, European Union research program on human rights violations' impact on ethnic-political conflicts. 2008 – 2009
  - Election Observer: Palestinian Elections, European Union - Sto. 2006
  - Young Researcher: Ethics of Armed Conflicts. European Research Network " Applied Global Justice", PRIO's young researcher to the European research network AGJ. Associated with the Philosophisches Institute, Universität des Saarlandes, Germany/Max Planck Institute for Public International Law, Germany. 2003 – 2004
  - Project Coordinator: Norwegian Afghanistan Committee 2002 – 2003
  - Intern. Country Analysis Branch Intern on Latin American countries, United Nations Headquarters In New York. 2001
  - Peace Observer TIPH, Hebron, West Bank (Seconded By Norwegian Refugee Council), Forstcylce 1997–1998 2000 – 2001

## EDUCATION

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**University of Bergen, Norway** 1994—2002

- Cand. Jur. (LL.B/LL.M in law),
- Field of specialization: International Human Rights, Exchange Sorbonne Paris-X: International Law.

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**University of Bergen, Norway** 1992-2003

- Cand. M.Phil. (L.L.B/L.L.M)
  - Soviet Studies/Russian
  - Latin-American Studies/Spanish
  - Middle Eastern Studies/ Arabic/ Islam and human rights,
  - International Relations.

## LANGUAGES

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- **Norwegian** — Fluent (mother tongue)
- **English, French, Spanish** — Professional proficiency
- **Russian, Arabic** — Advanced
- **German, Hebrew** — Basic knowledge

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Hellestveit, C 2014, 'Fact-Finding Mechanisms. Lighting Candles or Cursing Darkness?' Chapter in edited book. Oxford University Press (forthcoming).
- Hellestveit, C 2014, 'Nuclear Weapon Free Zone', in *Nuclear Weapons Under International Law*, eds G Nystuen, SC Maslen, & AG Bersagel, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge (forthcoming).
- Hellestveit, C 2013, 'The Geneva Conventions and the Dichotomy between International and Non-International Armed Conflict – Curse or Blessing?' in *Searching for a 'Principle of Humanity' in International Humanitarian Law*, eds KM Larsen, CG Cooper, & G Nystuen, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
- Hellestveit, C 2010, 'Human Rights and Development Assistance in Contexts of Violent Conflicts, The MENA – Region. (Middle East and North Africa).' Co-author. World Bank Report.
- Hellestveit, C 2010, 'Recueil – General Report on the Practice and Customary Law in Military Operations, Including Peace Support Operations. (09 – 10). Co-author. Also published in *Revue de Droit Militaire et Droit de la Guerre*.
- Hellestveit, C 2009, 'More than 'Shiites' and 'Sunnis' – How a Post-Sectarian Strategy Can Change the Logic and Facilitate Sustainable Political Reform in Iraq.' Co-author. NUPI Report

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE OF RELEVANCE

▪ Executive Board, Norwegian Refugee Council.	2011- Present
▪ Board of Trustees, Norwegian Peace Center.	2008- Present
▪ Columnist Morgenbladet, monthly foreign policy analysis.	2005- Present
▪ Norwegian Appellate Board for Immigration (2009-2012 : also UNE Grand Chamber/Stornemnd).	2005- Present
▪ Editorial Board Internasjonal Politikk.	2005-2012
▪ Editorial Board Internasjonale Menneskerettigheter.	2005-2012
▪ Ethical Committee for Medical Research (substitute/full member).	2008-2013
▪ Executive board, NAC, humanitarian NGO operating in Afghanistan.	2006-2010 2005-2013 2002-2004

## ADDITIONAL COURSES

▪ Guest researcher, Faculty of Law, Minerva Centre for Human Rights. Hebrew University.	2005
▪ Ulpan (alef- bet) Hebrew University, Jerusalem.	2005
▪ Peace Research, ISS /PRIO Graduate Summer Course.	2001
▪ DALF ( Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française) Sorbonne – legal terminology.	2000
▪ Matrise, Relations Internationales, Sorbonne – X.	1999-2000
▪ Birzeit University, West-Bank, The Palestine Question, Arabic (advanced).	1994
▪ Arabic courses, British Council, Cairo.	1993
▪ Soviet Union : student-exchange, High school.	1990-1991