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PROFILE

Torbjørn Graff Hugo holds an M.Phil. in Peace and Conflict Studies and a BA in International Studies from the University of Oslo. He has worked and studied in a range of different countries, including Sri Lanka, Kenya, France, Spain, Japan and the USA. Before joining ILPI, Hugo worked in the Section for Disarmament and Non-proliferation in the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Oslo.

Hugo has extensive practical and theoretical experience in the field of nuclear disarmament, including from the Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations in New York. For the past three years he has been attached to ILPI's Nuclear Weapons Project, and since January 2014 as project coordinator.

Hugo further has a particular interest in the issue of ethnic conflict and constitutional design for multi-ethnic societies. He has previously been attached to the Peace Research Institute Oslo and wrote his master thesis on the relationship between ethnic heterogeneity and civil war. He is also linked to the ILPI Centre for African Studies and acts as ILPI's Resident Representative in Nairobi, Kenya.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Advisor, International Law And Policy Institute, Oslo

Sep 2011
— Present

- Mainly working on ILPI's Nuclear Weapons Project, involving analysis, communication, outreach and external liaising (NGOs, academia). Since 2014 as project coordinator. Also responsible for web design and visual profile at ILPI.

Higher Executive Officer, Norwegian Ministry Of Foreign Affairs, Oslo

Aug 2001
— Aug 2011

- Section for Disarmament and Non-proliferation. Involved text production (background documents, articles, speeches/statements, press releases), representation, aid flow management and external liaising (incl with NGO comm.).

Assistant Attaché, Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations, New York

Jan 2009
— July 2009

- Involved regular reporting to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on issues related to peace and security, including the Security Council and the UN Disarmament Commission. Also organized various events and prepared visits from capitol.

Intern, Africa Alliance of YMCAs, Nairobi, Peace Corps

Aug 2003
— May 2004

- Involved general outreach, PR, strategic planning, and graphic design.

National Service, International Department of YMCA-YMCA of Norway, Oslo	Mar 2002 — May 2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Involved project reporting, PR, webpage dev., communication with partners. Issues related to peace and security, including the Security Council and the UN Disarmament Commission. Also organized various events and prepared visits from capitol. 	

Intern, National Council of YMCA of Sri Lanka, Colombo	Sept 2000 — Dec 2000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Involved social and youth work, leadership training, administration, and PR. 	

EDUCATION

University of Oslo, Norway / Peace Research Institute Oslo	Aug 2008 — June 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Masters in Peace and Conflict Studies ▪ Interdisciplinary, covering courses in peace and conflict theory, methods, international negotiation. ▪ Thesis: 'Statistical analysis of ethnic heterogeneity and civil war', (grade A). ▪ Scholarship awarded by the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) for 2009/10. 	

University of Oslo, Norway	Aug 2005 — June 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BA in International Studies ▪ Interdisciplinary, covering courses in international relations, -economy, -law, and -history, methods, and political theory (<i>est. top 5%</i>). 	

University of Complutense, Madrid	Aug 2006 — Feb 2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Erasmus Exchange Program. ▪ Covering courses in Latin American integration, int. labor law and diplomatic and consular law. All courses in Spanish. (<i>est. top 10%</i>) 	

Oslo University College	Jan 2001 — May 2004
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Diploma in Development Studies (2 x 30 ECTS). Paper on the PRSP-process in Kenya (15.000 words, grade A). Part time. (<i>est. top 10%</i>) 	

LANGUAGES

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- **Norwegian** — Fluent (mother tongue)
 - **English** — Fluent
 - **Spanish** — Working Knowledge
 - **French** — Working Knowledge
 - **Japanese** — Basic
 - **German** — Basic
 - **Swahili** — Basic