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PROFILE

Recognized senior expert within human rights law, public international law and the rule of law with long-term administrative and operational experience. Specific competence on national implementation of international human rights obligations, regional mechanisms, and civil and political rights. Assignments for development agencies, foreign ministries, universities, major NGOs and business enterprises. Wide range of human rights publications and human rights teaching, including four books used as reading material at universities. Long-term experience on giving advice and process support in delicate situations.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Director, ILPI

- Founding partner of ILPI (with Nystuen and Tronvoll), responsible for administration, budgets, personnel and strategy.
- Academic focus on human rights law, constitutional law and corporate social responsibility, assignments on human rights, public international law, constitutional reform, anti-corruption, universal and regional monitoring mechanisms, national implementation and teaching.

2009
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Associate Partner, Bull & Co Law Company

- Establishing corporate social responsibility as part of Bull & Co's business portfolio. Part time assignment.

2009 – 2011

Head of National Human Rights Institution, University of Oslo

- Responsible for administration, budgets, personnel and strategy as well as academic work, such as editing the Yearbook on Human Rights in Norway, advice on legislation, advice on incorporation of human rights conventions, arranging seminars, representing the institution before international human rights bodies in Norway and abroad (including the UPR-process), participating in CSR bodies, Norway's human rights dialogues, seminars, media contacts, teaching, etc.

2007 – 2009

Research Fellow, Norwegian Centre for Studies on Holocaust and Religious Minorities

- Writing papers and holding lectures especially on freedom of religion and belief, on freedom of speech, anti-discrimination, transitional justice and international criminal law. Member of the steering committee on setting up the Centre and its permanent exhibition. Part time assignment

2003

PhD Candidate, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo

- Research fellow on the dissertation project "Freedom of Religion and Belief in Norway"; advisors Martin Scheinin and Lucy Smith (included leave of absence).

2001 – 2006

<p>Editor Norwegian Human Rights Plan of Action, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drafted and edited text, participated in meetings with different ministries and NGOs, follow-up work nationally and internationally (Denmark, Sweden, Thailand, Indonesia and Switzerland). Follow-up assignments on inter alia evaluation of Norwegian Human Rights Dialogues, implementation of human rights conventions in Norwegian legislation, Human rights in Norwegian higher education 	1998 – 2000
<p>Deputy Director, Norwegian Institute for Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Responsible for administration, budgets, personnel and strategy as well as academic work. Participated in Norway's human rights dialogues, represented the institute in international and national fora, arranged seminars and conferences, networking activities etc. Special focus on human rights training, implementation of international norms in Norwegian legislation and on regional human rights mechanisms. 	1995 – 1998
<p>Deputy Judge, Sorumsand District Court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrating case and court proceedings (both civil and criminal), writing judgments, interviewing witnesses and accused in holding court sessions, guiding lay judges, running ex officio matters. 	1993 – 1995
<p>Key consultancies (selected)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Human Rights Training in Angola (2013): Contracted by the Norwegian Embassy in Luanda to set up a human rights training mechanism in cooperation with the Angolan Ministry of Justice and Human Rights. The training is directed towards government, civil society and academic institutions. The project period is two years, with an option of additional two. ▪ Religious Minorities Project (2012): Expert technical assistance to the Norwegian MFA project on religious minorities, including strategic planning and setting up an international conference in Oslo on right-wing extremism and hate crimes and producing guidelines for the MFA. ▪ Human Rights and Development Assistance (2011): Expert contracted by the World Bank in Washington D.C. to conduct a thematic study on human rights and development assistance in context of violent conflict and social fragility, relevant for the World Bank Middle East and North Africa Region flagship study on Peace, Stability and Development. ▪ Zanzibar Good Governance (2011): Expert on the ILPI team providing support to the Zanzibar Ministry of Public Service and Good Governance (MPSGG) on political, policy and legal matters. This included support for the development of a Good Governance Policy and Strategic Plan; and provision of legal advice and input to Zanzibar's new anti-corruption legislation and monitoring body. ▪ Foreign Economic Support to Religious Organisations in Norway (2011): Evaluation of national and international norms related to foreign economic support to religious organisations, based upon the "Tromsø case" (for the Norwegian Ministry of Culture) ▪ Human Rights Education in Norway (2009): Evaluation of human rights in higher education in Norway for the Norwegian Ministry of Education, with ideas on how to further strengthen and coordinate. ▪ Human Rights Dialogue Evaluation (2004): In-house evaluation of Norwegian human rights dialogue experiences with especially China, Cuba, Indonesia, Turkey and Vietnam, establishing guiding principles for continued dialogues and human rights consultations (for the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs). 	

- **Human Rights Law Lectures and Reports:** Lectures and reports for the University of Oslo (law, theology, and social sciences), the Nansen College, the Norwegian Parliamentary Ombudsman, the Norwegian Ombudsman for Children, the Norwegian Ombudsman on Equality, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Norwegian Ministry of Justice, the Norwegian Ministry of Children, the Norwegian Ministry of Education, The Norwegian Ministry of Culture, the Norwegian Bar Association, the Association of Norwegian Judges, Edgartown Public Library, Neto University etc
- **Lectures on International Human Rights Monitoring Mechanisms;** Lectures for the University of Oslo, Oslo University College, University of Indonesia, Norwegian Embassy Dar es Salaam, the Norwegian Embassy in Washington DC, the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, etc
- **Lectures on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR);** Lectures for HSH Norway, PLAN Norway, Dimoso Law Company Zanzibar, Rotary Clubs in Norway and the US, Norwegian Forum for Environment and Development, Amnesty International Norway, etc
- **Lectures on Human Rights (in general);** Lecture series for the Norwegian Red Cross, Amnesty International Norway, Save the Children Norway, UNICEF Norway, the UN Association Norway, CISV, the Norwegian Refugee Association, etc

EDUCATION

University of Oslo, Norway	2001-2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PhD program Faculty of Law 	
University of Oslo, Norway	1993
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LLM (cand. jur.) 	
University of Oslo, Norway	1984
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Examen Philisophicum 	

LANGUAGES

- **Norwegian** — Fluent (mother tongue)
- **English** — Fluent
- **French, German** — Basic knowledge

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

- Høstmælingen, N, Kjørholt, & Sandberg (eds) 2012, *UN Convention on the Rights of the Child*, 2nd edn,
- Høstmælingen, N 2012, *International Human Rights*, 2nd edn, Universitetsforlaget, Oslo.
- Høstmælingen, N 2011, *Human Rights in a nutshell*, 2nd edn, Universitetsforlaget, Oslo.
- Høstmælingen, N & Høgberg, AP 2009, 'The Rights to Privacy', in *NOU* 2009 No.1 (White Paper to the Parliament)
- Høstmælingen, N 2008, 'Mekanisme Pemantauan Hak Asasi Manusia Internasional [UN monitoring mechanisms]', in *Hukum Hak Asasi Manusia*, PUSHAM UII, Yogyakarta. ISBN 978-979-18057-0-4. pp. 169-237.
- Høstmælingen, N 2008, 'Human Rights in 60 years', *FN-magasinet*, vol. 2, no. 2, pp. 4-7.

- Høstmælingen, N 2007, 'A Norwegian Fairytale? The reception of international human rights law in Norway', in *Implementing Human Rights. Essays in Honour of Morten Kjærum*, The Danish Institute of Human Rights
- Høstmælingen, N, Lindholm & Plesner (eds) 2006, *State, church and human rights*, Abstrakt forlag
- Høstmælingen, N, Lien & Ali (eds) 2006, 'The Norwegian Democracy', in *Ulfstein*, Statsborgerboken, AID
- Høstmælingen, N 2005, 'Mandatory Religious Education: Lessons to be Learned from Norway?', *International Journal of Children's Rights*, vol. 13, no. 4, pp. 403-412.
- Høstmælingen, N 2004, *Hijab in Norway*, Abstrakt forlag

Additional academic articles on inter alia The convention on the rights of the child, Freedom of religion, The right to health, Economic, social and cultural rights, Human rights as a source of law, Human rights in Norway, etc.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE OF RELEVANCE

- Member of the board of the Norwegian Red Cross
- Member of the board of the Norwegian International Law Association
- Member of the Advisory Committee on Human Rights Education at the Norwegian Lawyers' Association
- Member of the Advisory Committee on Human Rights Education at the Norwegian Lawyers' Association
- Member of the Human Rights Journalist Award for the Ministry of Culture
- Former lay Judge at Oslo City Court
- Former lay Member of the Norwegian Immigration Appeals Board
- Former editor of the Nordic Journal of Human Rights
- Former member of the board of the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights
- Former member of UNICEF Norway's human rights advisory board
- Former member of Amnesty International Norway's Prize Committee
- Former member of the Norwegian Bioethical Advisory Board