
Profile

An international lawyer with a doctorate in public international law from 2004, Gro Nystuen is dr. juris and has worked in the Norwegian Ministry for Foreign Affairs from 1991 to 2005. From 1995 to 1997 she was seconded to the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia and the Office of the High Representative in connection with the peace settlement for Bosnia and Herzegovina, and throughout 1999 to the UN Special Envoy for the Balkans. From 2005 she was Associate Professor of International Humanitarian Law/the Law on Armed Conflict at the University of Oslo and from 2008 also Associate Professor at the Defence Staff University College in Oslo. In addition to a number of topics covered by public international law and treaty law in general, she has worked in particular with human rights, international humanitarian law and the law of armed conflict, disarmament law and arms control law, arms export control law, constitutional law, peace agreements, international criminal law, penal law and procedural law, and corporate social responsibility. Nystuen is also an expert on international/multilateral legal procedure for international conferences and negotiation processes within the UN as well as other international fora.

She has published extensively on the above issues.

Nystuen has taken part in the negotiations of a number of treaties and participated in a number of international multi-stakeholder diplomatic processes, including the processes on the Dayton Peace Agreement in 1995, the Mine Ban Convention in 1996-97, the Kosovo negotiations in Rambouillet in 1999, the Convention on Cluster Munitions 2007-08, processes regarding the UN Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, and the process and negotiations on an international Arms Trade Treaty from 2010 - 2013.

From 2002 - 2003, Nystuen was a member of the "Graver Commission" that developed the ethical guidelines for the Norwegian Petroleum Fund (now known as the "Norwegian Government Pension Fund – Global"), and from 2004 - 2011, she chaired the Fund's Council on Ethics, and was the Vice Chair until she left the Council in January 2013.

From 2009, she has been Senior Partner at ILPI and from June 2013 she has also been Director of ILPI Centre for International Humanitarian Law.

Work Experience

Senior Partner, International Law and Policy Institute, (ILPI), Oslo, Norway

Jan 2009 –

Founding and senior partner of International Law and Policy Institute. Institute Director for legal affairs. Working on a range of issues relating to disarmament, international humanitarian law, human rights law, international process including multilateral diplomatic and multi stakeholder processes, arms export controls, arms trade, weapons of mass destruction, corporate social responsibility. Provide advice and consultancies for private corporations as well as public entities, in particular the Norwegian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Consultant/Adviser, the Norwegian MFA, Oslo

Jan 2007 –

Consultant/Adviser to the Norwegian MFA on the diplomatic process on an Arms Trade Treaty. Member of the Norwegian delegation to the negotiations from 2010 to the finalization in 2013.

Consultant/Adviser to the Norwegian MFA on the diplomatic process on Protocol VI to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons. Member of the Norwegian delegation to the negotiations from 2009 through December 2011.

Consultant/Adviser for the Norwegian MFA on the diplomatic process on a ban on cluster munitions. Member of the Norwegian delegation to the negotiations throughout the two-year period. Head of the legal secretariat during the diplomatic conference for the Convention on Cluster Munitions in May-June 2008 and the Signing Conference in Oslo December 2008.

Associate Professor, University of Oslo

Associate Professor of Law, including human rights, international humanitarian law/law of armed conflict, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo (www.jus.uio.no/smr/english/).

Jan 2006 –
2013 (leave
from 2009)

Professor, Defense Staff University College, Oslo

Part time, International Humanitarian law/Law on Armed Conflict, Defense Staff University College.

Jan 2008 –
2013

Research Fellow at the Law Faculty, University of Oslo

Doctoral thesis: "Achieving peace or protecting human rights? Conflicts between norms regarding ethnic discrimination in the Dayton Peace Agreement" (Published at Martinus Nijhoff /Brill Publishers 2005.)

Jan 2000 –
Dec 2003

Deputy General Director, Norwegian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Norway

Deputy General Director, Norwegian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, section for Human Rights and Democracy.

Jan 2004 –
Dec 2004

Senior Adviser in the Section for Peace and Reconciliation (from January to May 2004) Worked with different peace processes with a special focus on terror financing frameworks and peace agreements.

Legal adviser

Legal adviser to the United Nations Special Envoy for the Balkans (UNOSEB). Special emphasis on Kosovo and the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1244.

Apr 1999 –
Jan 2000

Head of Division, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Head of division in the legal department of the Norwegian Ministry for Foreign Affairs with responsibility for human rights, international humanitarian law and the law of armed conflict and other international law issues.

Jan 1997 –
Apr 1999

Legal Adviser to EU mediator and OHR

Legal adviser to EU mediator, and, from December 1995, the High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Carl Bildt, during and after the Dayton peace negotiations (part time from January 1997), with a special emphasis on constitutional, electoral and constitutional, human rights and international criminal law issues.

Nov 1995 –
May 1997

Legal adviser to UN mediator

Legal adviser to UN mediator Thorvald Stoltenberg at the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia (ICFY). Constitutional law, human rights, the law of armed conflict, and peace agreements.

June 1995 –
Dec 1995

Second Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Norway to the UN in Geneva

International humanitarian law and humanitarian affairs, and human rights law.

Aug 1994 –
July 1995

Executive Officer in the Legal Department in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Human rights, international humanitarian law, constitutional law, treaty law, bilateral agreements on border issues, international compensation law.

Aug 1991 –
Aug 1993

Other selected Assignments

Member of the Government Commission appointed to assess Norway's contributions in Afghanistan 2001-2014	Nov 2014- June 2016
Chair of the Council on Ethics, Norwegian Government Pension Fund – Global. Vice-chair till 2013.	December 2004 – 2011
Chair of the Ministry of Defense's Council on Decorations awarded for conduct in armed conflict.	December 2010 –
Member of the Eminent Persons Group for Business and Human Rights from 2013.	2013 –
Member of the governmental expert group on new national legislation on ethnic discrimination (Holgersen-utvalget) (NOU 2002:12)	2000-2002

Education

University of Oslo, Norway – Faculty of Law, Dr. juris (doctorate in Public International Law)	Aug 2004
Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway – Diplomatic training course	1992 - 1994
University of Oslo, Norway – Research assistant at the Institute for Public Law, Law Faculty, Student (Master) thesis on the implementation in the Norwegian legal system of the UN Convention on Racial Discrimination (ICERD).	1989 – 1990
University of Oslo, Norway – Law Faculty, Law (Master) Degree (Laudabilis).	1985 - 1991

Languages

Norwegian:	<i>Mother tongue</i>	English:	<i>Fluent</i>
German:	<i>Basic</i>	French:	<i>Basic</i>

Key Publications (Selected)

Nystuen G, with Kjølsv Egeland, in Promoting Peace Through International Law, (Ed. C Baillet and K M Larsen, 'The Potential of the Arms Trade Treaty to Reduce Violations of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law', Oxford University press 2015 (Hardback ISBN 978-0-19-872273-1)

Nystuen, G, Maslen, SC and Bersagel, A (eds.) 2014, Nuclear Weapons Under International Law, Cambridge University Press, (Hardback, ISBN 978 1 107 04274 2).

Nystuen, G and Maslen, SC 2014, 'Introduction', in Nuclear Weapons Under International Law, eds Nystuen, SC Maslen, and A Bersagel, Cambridge University Press, (Hardback, ISBN 978 1 107 04274 2).

Nystuen, G 2014, 'Threats of use of Nuclear Weapons and International Humanitarian Law', in Nuclear Weapons Under International Law, eds G Nystuen, SC Maslen, and A Bersagel, Cambridge University Press, (Hardback, ISBN 978 1 107 04274 2).

Nystuen, G and Graff Hugo, T 2014, 'The Non-Proliferation Treaty', in Nuclear Weapons Under International Law, eds G Nystuen, SC Maslen, and A Bersagel, Cambridge University Press, (Hardback, ISBN 978 1 107 04274 2).

Nystuen, G 2014, 'Conclusions on the Status of Nuclear Weapons under International Law', in Nuclear Weapons Under International Law, eds G Nystuen, SC Maslen, and A Bersagel, Cambridge University Press, (Hardback, ISBN 978 1 107 04274 2).

Nystuen, Gro with Kjetil Mujezinovic Larsen and Camilla Guldahl Cooper (Editors) Searching for a 'Principle of Humanity' in International Humanitarian Law, Cambridge University Press, September 2012 (Hardback, ISBN: 9781107021846).

Nystuen, Gro with Andreas Follesdal and Ola Mestad, (Editors) Human Rights, Corporate Complicity and Disinvestment, Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Nystuen, Gro. Divestment on the basis of corporate contribution to human rights violations, in Corporate Complicity, Human Rights Violations and Disinvestments – Legal and Philosophical Perspectives, Editors Gro Nystuen, Andreas Føllesdal, Ola Mestad. Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Nystuen, Gro. CCW Draft Protocol VI on Cluster Munitions – a Step Backwards. TOAREP (Torkel Opsahl Academic EPublisher, FICHL Policy Brief Series No 5, 2011.

Nystuen, Gro and Maslen, Stuart (Editors and co-authors) The Convention on Cluster Munitions – A Commentary, Oxford University Press, October 2010. 820 pages.

Nystuen, Gro. A New Treaty Banning Cluster Munitions: the Interplay between Disarmament Policy and Humanitarian Requirements, i Security: A Multidisciplinary Normative Approach, ed. Cecilia Baillet, Martinus Nijhoff, September 2009.

Nystuen, Gro; Tronvoll Kjetil. The Eritrean-Ethiopian Peace Agreement: Exploring the Limits of Law. Nordic Journal of Human Rights, Vol. 26, Nr.1:2008, p. 16-38.

Nystuen, Gro. Investment policies and arms production – experiences from the Norwegian Pension Fund – Global. Article in i "Disarmament as Humanitarian Action, Volume III, Thinking Outside the Box in Multilateral Disarmament and Arms Control Negotiations, December 2006, p. 207 – 224.

Nystuen, Gro; O'Brien, James. Changing Bosnia's Constitution. The Western Balkans: A European Challenge, Ed. Milan Bufon, Anton Gosar, Safet Nurkovic, André-Louis Sanguin, Koper (Ljubljana) 2006 (ISBN 961-6033-79-4), p. 31-46.

Nystuen, Gro. The Security Council as a "Legislator" for the International Community. I: dog Fred er ej det Bedste... Festskrift til C.A. Fleischer på hans 70-årsdag 26. august 2006. Oslo : Universitetsforlaget 2006. ISBN 82-15-00960-3. p. 427-444.

Nystuen, Gro. Karlstad-konvensjonen om nøytral grensesone og de hemmelige klausuler om nedleggelsen av norske festninger. Rett, nasjon, union. - Oslo: Universitetsforlaget., 2005, p. 445-451. (The Norwegian-Swedish Peace Agreement of 1905, in Norwegian.)

Nystuen, Gro. Achieving Peace or Protecting Human Rights? Conflicts between Norms Regarding Ethnic Discrimination in the Dayton Peace Agreement. Leiden: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers 2005. ISBN 9004146520. 298 pages.

Nystuen, Gro, Høibråthen, Steinar, Arnesen, Odd Harry, Busmundrud Odd, Kippe, Halvor, Rahmi Reza. Ikke-dødelige våpen for norske styrker, FFI-rapport-2004/01169, 57 p. (Non-lethal weapons for Norwegian armed forces.)

Nystuen, Gro. Ikke-dødelige våpen og internasjonal humanitær rett, FFI rapport, Forsvarets forskningsinstitutt, Kjeller, 2003, 36 p. Bestillingsnummer: FFI/RAPPORT-2003/01471, ISBN 82-464-0799-6 (h.) (Non-lethal weapons and the relationship to international humanitarian law, in Norwegian and English.)

Nystuen, Gro. Problemnotat om folkerettslige spørsmål som kan aktualiseres innenfor utvalgets mandat. Vedlegg 3 til Straffelovkommisjonens delutredning VIII (NOU 2003:18 Rikets sikkerhet). Oslo: Statens forvaltningstjeneste 2003. ISBN 82-583-0717-7. 18 p. (On international obligations and potential emergency measures, in Norwegian).

Nystuen, Gro. Terrorbekjempelse og folkerettslige normkonflikter. *Mennesker og rettigheter* 2002; 20(3): p. 2-32. (The fight against terror and international law – potential conflicts between measures regarding terrorism and human rights law, in Norwegian.)

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Nystuen, Gro. Racial discrimination: Norwegian legislation regarding racist expressions and racist organisations, in Norwegian. *Institutt for offentlig retts skriftserie*; 4/1991 Oslo: Institutt for offentlig rett, Universitetet i Oslo, 1991, 133, Student master thesis – University of Oslo, 1991.