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PROFILE

Øyvind Eggen combines academic expertise with practical experience from development cooperation. Initially trained as a social anthropologist, he holds a PhD in cross-disciplinary development studies specializing in the effects of development aid on governance, and has later specialized in the intended and unintended effects of development aid, international development policies and the global aid architecture. His academic research builds on broad experience from management positions and consultancies for development agencies. From his position as Policy Director for evaluation at the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad), he has gained insight in practically all aspects of Norwegian development cooperation. He is the main author of *'Western aid at a Crossroads: The End of Paternalism'* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013).

WORK EXPERIENCE

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| <p>Programme Director, ILPI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project development and quality assurance within political analysis and conflict, and responsibility for the Africa project portfolio. | 2016 – present |
| <p>Policy Director, the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Responsibility for methodology development and quality assurance in evaluations initiated by the Evaluation Department, under a mandate to evaluate any spending under the Norwegian aid budget. | 2013 - 2016 |
| <p>Senior researcher/researcher, the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Academic research on the intended and unintended effects of aid, in particular on formal and informal governance arrangements; international development discourse and global governance. Commissioned studies and consultancies. Researcher 2007-2011, senior researcher 2011-2013. | 2007-2013 |
| <p>Independent consultant for development agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research, evaluations and consultancies for aid agencies within policy and strategy development, programme design and implementation, evaluations, and thematic studies. | 2006-2007 and 2000 |
| <p>Programme Director, the Development Fund (<i>Utviklingsfondet</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Management responsibility for development aid in about 15 countries, primarily within civil society development, policy/advocacy and natural resource management. | 2004-2006 |

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| Research fellow, Diakonhjemmet University College <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordination of the bilateral health cooperation between Botswana and Norway (at NOK 90 mill). Research within health and social sector in Southern Africa, emphasizing the role of Christian churches. Consultancies relating to development cooperation in Southern Africa and on Corporate Social Responsibility. | 2001-2004 |
| Director, the Association of International Water and Forest Studies (FIVAS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Studies on social and environmental impacts of industrial projects in developing countries. Corporate Social Responsibility. | 1997-1999 |
| Journalist, regional newspapers (<i>Stavanger Aftenblad, Nordlys</i>) and broadcasting (<i>NRK Troms</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Freelance and short-term assignments equivalent to about 3 years of full-time work in the period 1990-2000. | 1990-1997 |

EDUCATION

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| Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Ås, Norway (NMBU) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PhD in development studies. Thesis title: <i>Dissonance in Development. Foreign Aid and State Formation in Malawi</i>. The thesis was based on one year ethnographic fieldwork in Malawi. | 2007-2011 |
| University of Tromsø, Norway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cand.polit (equivalent to M.Phil), Social Anthropology | 1997 |

LANGUAGES

- Norwegian (mother tongue)
- English (fluent)

OTHER EXPERIENCE OF RELEVANCE

Professional experience

- **Academic assignments.** Lecturer, supervisor, external examiner, member of evaluation committees, academic referee in academic journals etc. since 2001.
- **Editor,** *Forum for development studies*, 2012-2013. Book review editor 2010-2012.
- **Team leader** and **team member** in many studies and evaluations of aid programs and

strategies, and thematic studies commissioned by development agencies, 2007-2013.

- **Coordinator** for the research programme “Foreign policy and global health challenges”, a five-country research collaboration funded by Norway’s MFA, 2010-2012.
- Coordination of the **bilateral health cooperation** between Botswana and Norway, a NOK 90 mill programme. Ministry of Health, Botswana, 2001-2004.
- **Acting director** in the start-up phase of Ethical Trade Initiative Norway, 2001.

Personal assignments

- Member of the **steering group** for the think tank *Civita*’s work on development policy, since 2014.
- **Chairperson**, the national Committee on International Affairs (*Internasjonalt Utvalg*) of the political party *Venstre*, 2006-2008. Member of the same committee 2008-2016. Several other assignments for the same party.
- **Member of board**, *Polyteknisk Forening*, sub committee «*Internasjonal politikk og økonomi*», since 2013.
- **Expert adviser**, *Operasjon Dagsverk*, 2009-2013.
- **Expert member**, *Forum for Development Cooperation with Indigenous Peoples*, 2009-2013.
- **Member of Board**, *Framtiden i Våre Hender*, 2006-2013.
- **Council member**, Norwegian Burma Council, 2002-2004 and 2006-2009.
- **Member of Board**, Norwegian Church Aid, 2003-2004.
- **Member of Board**, Rainforest Foundation Norway, 2001-2004.
- **President**, the Norwegian Council for Africa, 2000-2001.

KEY PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

- ‘*Ekspertkilde eller politiker? Medias bidrag til underskudd på utenrikspolitisk debatt*’. Norsk medietidsskrift 02/2015 (first author, with Halvar Leira and Katrine Ziesler).
- ‘*Western aid at a crossroads: The end of Paternalism*’. Palgrave Macmillan 2013 (first author, with Kjell Roland)
- ‘*Making and Shaping Poor Malawians. Citizenship Below the Poverty Line*’. Development Policy Review 31(6), 6/2013.
- ‘*Bistand som politisk markering*’. Oslo, Internasjonal Politikk 71(3), 2013.
- ‘*Recent contributions to research on health and foreign policy*’ (first author, with Ole Jacob Sending). NUPI, 2012.
- ‘*Performing good governance. The Aesthetics of Bureaucratic Practice in Malawi*’. Ethnos, journal of Anthropology, 77(1), 2012.
- ‘*Global helse*’ (with O.J. Sending). Internasjonal Politikk 70(2), 2012.

- *'Dissonance in Development. Foreign Aid and State Formation in Malawi'*. PhD Thesis, University of Life Sciences, Ås, Norway, 2011.
- *'Chiefs and Everyday Governance. Parallel State Organisations in Malawi'*. Journal of Southern African Studies, 37(2), 2011.
- *'Virker bistand? Ulike bidrag til siste års bistandsdebatt'*. Internasjonal Politikk, vol. 66, no 1 (2008).
- Several articles, book reviews and essays in *Forum for Development Studies* and *Internasjonal Politikk*.
- *'De fattige afrikaneres kirke'*, Kirke og Kultur 4/2004, Oslo, Universitetsforlaget.
- *'Dealing with misfortune in church: concepts and practises of healing related to HIV/AIDS in South African churches'*. Oslo, Diakonhjemmet University College 2004.
- *"Endring og kontinuitet i en læstadiansk menighet"*, introductory chapter to Øyvind Norderval and Sigmund Nesset (eds): "Vekkelse og Vitenskap. Lars Levi Læstadius 200 år", University of Tromsø 2000.
- *'Churches as Agents in Civil Society in Malawi'*. Oslo: Diakonhjemmet University College 2003
- Many studies and reports related to consultancy work, 2000-2013.
- Popular articles and op-eds in Norwegian media on aid effectiveness, development discourse and development policies, 2001-2013.
- More than 600 newspaper articles, 1990-1997.
- Innvikling.blogspot.com: Norway's most cited blog on development policy issues, 2012-2016.