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## Education

- 2003-07 PhD, Sciences-Pô Paris, Department of Political Science.
- 1999-01 MPhil, Oxford University (Balliol College), Faculty of Oriental Studies.
- 1996-99 BA, Oxford University (Balliol College), Faculty of Oriental Studies.

## Employment

- 2022- Senior Research Fellow, All Souls College, Oxford University.
- 2001-22 Research Fellow, Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI).
- 2015-20 Adjunct Professor of Political Science, Oslo University.
- 2012-13 Zuckerman Fellow, Stanford University (CISAC).
- 2009-10 William D. Loughlin Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton.
- 2008-09 Fellow, Harvard University (Belfer Center).
- 2007-08 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Princeton University (PIIRS).

## Publications

### Books

- [6] Diego Gambetta and Thomas Hegghammer, ed. *Fight, Flight, Mimic: Identity Mimicry in Conflict*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2024.
- [5] Thomas Hegghammer. *The Caravan: Abdallah Azzam and the Rise of Global Jihad*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020.
- [4] Thomas Hegghammer, ed. *Jihadi Culture: The Art and Social Practices of Militant Islamists*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017.
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## Articles

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- [21] Thomas Hegghammer and Neil Ketchley. "Plots, Attacks, and the Measurement of Terrorism". *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 69:1, pp. 100-126, Dec. 2023.
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- [15] Thomas Hegghammer and Petter Nesser. "Assessing the Islamic State's Commitment to Attacking the West". *Perspectives on Terrorism*, 9:4, pp. 14-30, Jul. 2015.
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- [11] Thomas Hegghammer and Joas Wagemakers. "The Palestine Effect: The Role of Palestinians in the Transnational Jihad Movement". *Die Welt des Islams*, 53:3-4, pp. 281-314, 2013.
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- [9] Thomas Hegghammer. "The Rise of Muslim Foreign Fighters: Islam and the Globalization of Jihad". *International Security*, 35:3, pp. 53-94, 2010.
- [8] Thomas Hegghammer. "Jihad, Yes, but Not Revolution: Explaining the Extroversion of Islamist Militancy in Saudi Arabia". *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 36:3, pp. 395-416, 2009.
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- [5] Thomas Hegghammer. "Review of Najwa bin Laden et al., Growing up Bin Laden". *The National*, Jan. 2010.
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- [3] Thomas Hegghammer. "Review of Laurent Murawiec, Mind of Jihad". *Times Higher Education*, Jun. 2009.
- [2] Thomas Hegghammer. "Review of Mahmoud al-Massad, Recycle". *The National*, Feb. 2009.
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- [21] Diego Gambetta and Thomas Hegghammer. "Impostors at War". *Project Syndicate*, Dec. 2024.
- [20] Thomas Hegghammer. "Why Jihadists Loved America in the 1980s". *The Atlantic*, Mar. 2020.
- [19] Thomas Hegghammer. "The Mysterious Assassination That Unleashed Jihadism". *History News Network*, Nov. 2019.
- [18] Thomas Hegghammer. "Europe to Terrorists: It's No More Monsieur Nice Guy". *Wall Street Journal*, Oct. 2018.
- [17] Thomas Hegghammer. "The Soft Power of Militant Jihad". *The New York Times*, Dec. 2015.
- [16] Thomas Hegghammer. "Will ISIS 'weaponize' foreign fighters?" *CNN.com*, Oct. 2014.
- [15] Thomas Hegghammer. "Number of foreign fighters from Europe in Syria is historically unprecedented. Who should be worried?" *The Washington Post*, Nov. 2013.
- [14] Thomas Hegghammer. "Syria's Foreign Fighters". *Foreign Policy*, Dec. 2013.

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- [8] Thomas Hegghammer. "Yemeni Threat in Saudi Arabia". *Foreign Policy*, Mar. 2010.
- [7] Thomas Hegghammer and Dominic Tierney. "Why Does Al Qaeda Have a Problem with Norway?" *The Atlantic*, Jul. 2010.
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- [5] Thomas Hegghammer. "Norske fremmedkrigere igår og idag". *Norsk statsvitenskapelig tidsskrift*, 30:4, pp. 277-288, 2014.
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[5] Thomas Hegghammer. *Trender og utviklingstrekk i internasjonal terrorisme siden 11. september 2001*. Oslo: 22 July Commission, Jan. 2012.

[4] Laila Bokhari, Thomas Hegghammer, Brynjar Lia, et al. *Paths to Global Jihad: Radicalization and Recruitment to Terror Networks*. Kjeller: Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI), 2006.

[3] Thomas Hegghammer. *The Iraq Hostage Crisis: Abductions in Iraq, April-August 2004*. Kjeller: Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI), 2004.

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[1] Brynjar Lia, Thomas Hegghammer, Rolf-Inge Vogt Andresen, et al. *Atommateriale, gass og mikrober som terrorvåpen? En undersøkelse av terrorgruppers interesse for og bruk av ikke-konvensjonelle våpen*. Kjeller: Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI), 2002.

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[1] Thomas Hegghammer. "Anmeldelse av Steve Coll, The Bin Ladens: An Arabian Family in the American Century". *Morgenbladet*, Jun. 2008.

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- [8] Thomas Hegghammer. “Ensporet terrorforskning?” *Aftenposten*, p. 36, Aug. 2011.
- [7] Thomas Hegghammer. “Sikkerhetspolitiske implikasjoner av folkeopprørene i Midtøsten”. *Kortinfo*, May. 2011.
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- [4] Thomas Hegghammer. “Mer terror under en krig mot Irak?” *Aftenposten*, p. 20, Feb. 2003.
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- [1] Thomas Hegghammer. “Bomber mot terrorisme?” *Aftenposten*, p. 15, Nov. 2001.

### **Manuscripts in preparation**

Mujahidin: A History of Islamist Militants. Book under contract with Penguin (UK) and Farrar, Strauss & Giroux (USA).

### **Software and datasets**

“daiR: An R package for Google Document AI” (<https://dair.info>, on CRAN in June 2021).

“Noisy OCR Dataset (NOD)”, Zenodo, June 2021.

### **Awards**

- 2014 Article of the Year Award, Fulbright Norway.
- 2012 Fulbright fellowship (for 2012-13 academic year at Stanford).
- 2011 Arthur Ross Book Award (silver), Council on Foreign Relations (for Jihad in Saudi Arabia).
- 2011 Young Scholar of the Year Award, Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters.
- 2000 Chevening Scholarship, British Council.
- 1999 Jenkyns Prize, Balliol College, Oxford University.

### **Grants**

- 2022 “Machine learning and threat actors”, 1-year pilot project (EUR 100k), Norwegian Ministry of Defence.
- 2020 “The Socio-economics of Islamist Radicalization in the West”, Norwegian Research Council (EUR 1M). 4-year project involving FFI, LSE, and PRIO.



2003 “Salafi Jihadism in Saudi Arabia”, 3-year PhD grant, Norwegian Ministry of Defence.

## **Editorial board memberships**

Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict; European Journal of International Relations; Perspectives on Terrorism; Politics, Religion and Ideology; Terrorism and Political Violence

## **Teaching**

Norwegian Defence Research Establishment, “R for qualitative research”, winter 2020-2021.

Oslo University (Political Science), “Terrorism in Western Democracies”, spring 2019.

Norwegian Defence Research Establishment, “Publishing craft for security scholars”, autumn 2014, spring 2022.

Stanford University (Political Science), “Terrorism”, spring 2012.

Princeton University (Near East Studies), “Militant Islamism”, spring 2008.

## **Supervision and examination**

*PhD supervision:* Erik Skare (University of Oslo).

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## **Public service**

*Parliamentary testimonies:* Danish Parliament (2006); Canadian Senate (2005 and 2010); US Congress (2013); British Parliament (2014).

*Board and committee memberships:* Board member, Norwegian Centre for Conflict Resolution (NOREF) (2017-2022); Advisory group member, Polyteknisk forening (2017-2019); Board member, Norwegian Defence University College (2011-2015); Expert Advisory Group member, Statoil investigation of In Amenas attack (2013).

## **Other**

Norwegian “professorial competence” (equivalent to the continental “Habilitation”) obtained in June 2014