

Positions

- 2016 - Professor, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen
2015 - Associated Senior Researcher, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), 10%.

Appointments and Educational Background

Associate Professor, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, 2013 – September 2016.
Post-doctor, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, 2009 to November 2013.
Visiting scholar, Department of Sociology, University of California (Berkeley), 2010.
University lecturer, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, 2008.
Ph.D., Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, 2008.
Visiting scholar, Department of Political Studies, University of Cape Town, South Africa, 2005-2006.
Visiting scholar, Political Science and Public Administration, Makerere University, Uganda, 2005.
Visiting PhD-student, The Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden, 2004.
University lecturer, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, 2002-2004.
Cand. Polit. Degree. Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, 2002.
Cand. Mag. Degree. Faculty of Social Science, University of Bergen, 1996.

Project Experience

- 2016-17 Inclusive Autocracies: Political Decentralization without Democratization
Project leader: Joint research project supported by the CMI-UIB Fund
- 2016-20 Money Talks: Gendered Electoral Financing in Democratic and Democratizing States.
Project leader: Research project financed by FRIHUMSAM, the Research Council of Norway.
- 2015-17 Symbolic representation of women in Africa.
Principal investigator: Joint research project supported by the CMI-UIB Fund
- 2013-17 Engineering gender equality: The effects of aid to women's political representation in Malawi, Sudan, Uganda and Zambia.
Member of team: Research project financed by NORDGLOBAL, the Research Council of Norway.
- 2013-16 Labor migration and the moral sustainability of the Norwegian welfare State.
Principal investigator: Research project financed by VAM, the Research Council of Norway.
- 2013-15 Legislating marriages: Family Law Reform and Democratization in Africa, Asia and Latin America.
Member of team: Joint research project supported by the CMI-UIB Fund
- 2011-12 Between women's representation and democratization in Africa.
Project leader: Joint research project funded by the CMI-UIB Fund.
- 2009-13 Popular representation in Africa: The politics of expectations.
Project leader: Post-doc project funded by FRISAM, The Research Council of Norway.
- 2008-11 Electoral Processes and Political Parties in New Democracies
Member of team: Internationalization project for the research group on 'Comparative Democratization' at the Department of Comparative Politics funded by *The Bergen Research Foundation*.
- 2007-11 Democratic Consolidation in Malawi.
Member of team: Joint research project funded by NUFU between researchers at University of Malawi, Chr. Michelsens Institute (CMI) and the Department of Comparative Politics, UoB.
- 2004-08 Dilemmas connected to traditional institutions in Africa.
Project leader: Ph.D scholarship from the Research Council of Norway, FRISAM.

Grants

- 2016 Publishing grant, for the book *Inclusive Autocracy* (with Aalen), Research Council of Norway.
2015 Travel grant from *Meltzer Research Fund*.
2006 *The Nordic Africa Institute (NAI)*: Travel grant for fieldwork in Malawi.
2005 *The Nordic Africa Institute (NAI)*: Grant for studying at NAI.

Books

- 2017 Aalen, Lovise & Ragnhild L. Muriaas (forthcoming 2017) *Manipulating Political Decentralization: Africa's Inclusive Autocrats*. Routledge.
- 2016 Hilde Danielsen, Kari Jegerstedt, Ragnhild L. Muriaas and Brita Ytre-Arne (eds.). *Gendered Citizenship and the Politics of Representation*, London, UK: Palgrave Macmillian.
- 2011 Muriaas, Ragnhild L. *Afrikanske utfordringer: En innføring i afrikansk politikk [African Challenges: An Introduction to African Politics]*. Høyskoleforlaget.

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- 2017 Aalen, Lovise and Ragnhild L. Muriaas, 'Power calculations and political desentralisation in African post-conflict states', *International Political Science Review*, 38 (1), 56-69.
- 2016 Muriaas, Ragnhild, Lise Rakner and Ingvild A. Skage, 'Political Capital of ruling parties after regime change: contrasting successful insurgencies to peaceful pro-democracy movements. *Civil Wars*, 18 (2): 175-191.
- 2015 Muriaas, Ragnhild L. and Lars G. Svåsand, 'Opposition Parties and the Decentralisation Process in South Africa and Zambia', *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, 453 (4).
- 2014 Kayuni, Happy and Ragnhild L. Muriaas. 'Alternatives to gender quotas: electoral financing of women candidates in Malawi', *Representation*, 50 (3): 393-404.
- 2013 Muriaas, Ragnhild L, Liv Tønnessen and Vibeke Wang. 'Exploring the Relationship between Democratization and Quota Policies in Africa', *Women Studies International Forum*, 41: 89-93.
- 2013 Muriaas, Ragnhild and Happy Kayuni. 'The Reversed Contagion Effect: Explaining The Unevenness of Women's Representation across South African Municipalities', *Women's Studies International Forum*, 41: 150-9.
- 2013 Muriaas, Ragnhild L. 'Party Affiliation in New Democracies: Local reactions to the split of the ruling party in Malawi', *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*, 7 (4): 190-9.
- 2012 Muriaas, Ragnhild L. and Vibeke Wang 'Executive dominance and the politics of quota representation in Uganda', *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 50 (2): 309-38.
- 2012 Mpesi, Andrew M, and Ragnhild L. Muriaas, 'Food security as a political issue: the 2009 elections in Malawi', *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, 30 (3): 377-93.
- 2011 Muriaas, Ragnhild L., 'ANC & Power Concentration in South Africa: does local democracy allow for power-sharing?' Special Issue on Opposition in Africa, *Democratization*, 18 (5), 1067-86.
- 2011 Muriaas, Ragnhild L., 'Traditional institutions and decentralization: A typology of co-existence in Sub-Saharan Africa', *Forum for Development Studies*, March, 38 (1), 87-107.
- 2009 Muriaas, Ragnhild L., 'Local Perspectives on the 'neutrality' of traditional authorities in Malawi, South Africa and Uganda', *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics*, 47 (1), 28-51.
- 2009 Muriaas, Ragnhild L. 'Reintroducing a Local-Level Multiparty System in Uganda: Why be in opposition?' *Government and Opposition*, 44 (1), 91-112.
- 2009 Muriaas, Ragnhild L. 'ANC og maktkonsentrasjon i Sør-Afrika: Åpner lokaldemokratiet for maktdeling?', *Politica*, 41 (3), 283-99.

Chapters in books

- 2016 Ragnhild L. Muriaas, Liv Tønnesen and Vibeke Wang 'Substantive Representation: From Timing to Framing of Family Law Reform in Morocco, South Africa and Uganda. In Hilde Danielsen et al. (eds) *Gendered Citizenship and the Politics of Representation*, London, UK: Palgrave Macmillian.
- 2016 Hilde Danielsen, Kari Jegerstedt, Ragnhild L. Muriaas and Brita Ytre-Arne, 'Introduction'. In Hilde Danielsen et al. (eds) *Gendered Citizenship and the Politics of Representation*, London, UK: Palgrave Macmillian.
- 2015 Ragnhild L. Muriaas 'The Quality and Stability of Subnational Elections in Africa: A Methodological and Conceptual Tool', ch. 5. In Tony Spanakos and Francisco Panizza (eds.) *Conceptualizing Comparative Politics*, New York, NY: Routledge.
- 2013 Ragnhild L. Muriaas 'The ANC and power concentration in South Africa: does local democracy allow for power-sharing?' pp. 12-31. In Emil Uddhammer, Elliott Green and Johanna Söderström (eds.) *Political Opposition and Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa*, Routledge, 2013. (reprint).

- 2013 Hussein, Mustafa K. and Ragnhild L. Muriaas, 'Traditional Authorities' in Nandini Patel and Lars Svåsand (eds) *Government and Politics in Malawi*, second edition. Lilongwe, Malawi: Capital Printing Press.
- 2005 Muriaas, Ragnhild L. 'Dilemmas Connected to Recognising Customary Law and Courts in South Africa' in Lone Lindholt and Sten Schaumburg-Müller (eds.) *Human Rights and Local/living law in Human Rights in Development*, Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill Academic Pub.

Reports

- 2017 GLD report. The Local Governance Performance Index (LGPI) in Malawi: Selected Findings on Gender. Report prepared by Lindsay Benstead, Boniface Dulani, Ragnhild L. Muriaas, Lise Rakner and Vibeke Wang.

Book reviews

- 2013 Ragnhild L. Muriaas, 'Sexuality and Gender Politics in Mozambique: Rethinking Gender in Africa' by Signe Arnfred, *Tidsskrift for kjønnsforskning*, January, 88-92.

Dissertations

- 2008 Muriaas, Ragnhild L., *Affection and Defection: Local Perspectives on the Pull Towards the Government Party in Malawi, South Africa and Uganda*, PhD Dissertation, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen.
- 2002 Muriaas, Ragnhild L., *Two Bulls in a Kraal - Recognising cultural difference in post-Apartheid South Africa*, hovedfagsoppgave (M.Phil. Thesis), Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen.

In progress

- Under review Cornelius Cappelen and Ragnhild L. Muriaas. Labor Migration and Undeclared Work among Poles in Norway.
- R&R Muriaas, Ragnhild, Liv Tønnessen and Vibeke Wang. 'Why tradition is distinct from religion: Explaining variation in counter-mobilization against child marriage reform in Africa'.
- R&R Muriaas, Ragnhild, Happy Kayuni and Vibeke Wang. 'Money Talks Gendered Electoral Financing in Malawi. Malawi Journal of Social Science.
- Working paper Benstead, Lindsay, Boniface Dulani, Ragnhild Muriaas, Lise Rakner and Vibeke Wang. Using traditional leaders to end child marriage: Evidence from a survey experiment in Malawi. Presented at EPSA 2016 and APSA 2016.
- Working paper Does Western Donor Affiliation Help or Hurt? Public Opinion toward Public and Private Rights of Women in Malawi. With Lindsay Benstead and Vibeke Wang. Presented at ASA 2016 and ISA 2016.

For paper presentations at APSA, EPSA, ECPR Workshops, ECPR Conference, NOPSA, ASA, ECAS etc, see
<http://www.uib.no/personer/Ragnhild.Muriaas#publikasjoner>

Teaching experience

Prizes

Studiekvalitetsprisen, SV-Fakultetet 2015. Lecturer at MET 102 Samfunnsvitenskapelig metode.

Courses in University Pedagogy

Introduction to University Pedagogy (autumn 2013); Research supervision (autumn 2013); Digital learning: Self-made videos in teaching (spring 2015).

University of Bergen:

- 2002 -16 Courses I have developed and taught: SAMPOL 327 The Politics of Gender: Citizenship, Representation and Development, SAMPOL 321 Political Parties in Post-Conflict States, SAMPOL 307 Comparative Methods, SAMPOL 100 Introduction to Comparative Politics.
Classes I have held by invitations: MET 102: Social Science Methods, SAMPOL 304 Comparative method, SAMPOL 206: Constitution-Making, Democracy and Development:

Africa, Middle East and Comparative Perspectives; SAMPOL 207: Citizenship: Theories and Policies. SAMPOL602 Human Rights Observation, SAMPOL 606 Democracy Assistance, SAMPOL607 Field Methodology.
2002- Supervisor, Bachelor, Master and PhD-level.

Administrative experience

Leader of Departmental research group

2013-5 'Democracy and Development', research group at the Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen.

Conference and Workshop organizer

2014 'Legislating Marriages: Family Law Reform and Democratization in Africa and Asia', Workshop, Bergen, 13-14 November, 2014.
2013 'Gendered Citizenship: History, Politics and Democracy. The Ida Blom Conference', member of organizing committee, Bergen, 14-15 October.
2012 'The relationship between quota policies and democratization in Africa', Workshop organizer, Bergen Resource Centre, June 14-15, 2012 in Bergen.
2011 'Annual National Conference in Norwegian Political Science, Bergen, member of organizing committee, 5.-7 January.

Journal Editor

2014-16 Norsk statsvitenskapelig tidsskrift (The Norwegian Journal of Political Science).

Journal Co-editor

2016 Special issue on 'Gender in Malawian Politics' for *Malawi Journal of Social Science*
2012-13 Special issue on 'Democratization and Quota Policies in Africa' for *Women's Studies International Forum*, forthcoming.

Chair

2012 *ASAUK Biennial Conference*, panel on 'Women's Representation in Africa', Leeds University, 6-8 September.
2011 *IPSA-ECPR Joint Conference: 'Whatever Happened to North-South?'*, panel Local Elections: Democratization from Below?, Sao Paulo, Brazil, 16-19 February.
2009 'Nordic Africa Days' for panel Concentration of power in South Africa: Is local democracy the road to power-sharing?, Trondheim, 1-3 October.

Reviewer articles:

African Affairs; Africa Spectrum; African Journal of Political Science and International Relations; Babylon – Nordisk tidsskrift for Midtøstenstudier, Comparative Politics; Development Southern Africa; Ethnicity; International Review of Administrative Sciences; Journal of Politics; Journal of Women, Politics & Policy; Political Research Quarterly; Scandinavian Politics; Third World Thematics; Third World Quarterly.

Reviewer of Book Proposals:

Routledge, Universitetsforlaget.

Board member (selected)

2015- Utvidet råd for Studentersamfunnet i Bergen
2009-14 Tilsetningsutvalget (Employment council), Faculty of Social Science.
2007-11 Forskerforbundet (The Norwegian Association of Researchers), University of Bergen branch.
2006-07 Electoral Committee for the University Board, UoB.
2006-07 The Board of Norwegian Association for Development Research (NFU).

Examiner

University of Bergen; University of Tromsø; Continuing Education (SEVU); Department of Political and Administrative Studies, Chancellor College, University of Malawi, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo.