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Education

University of Oslo

Oslo, Norway

PHD MODERN MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

2020

- Advisor: Dr. Dag Henrik Tuastad
- Co-Advisor: Dr. Thomas Hegghammer
- Evaluation committee: Dr. Katerina Dalacoura, Dr. Khaled Hroub & Dr. Jacob Høigilt

University of Oslo

Oslo, Norway

MA ARABIC

2013 - 2015

- Advisor: Dr. Albrecht Hofheinz
- Co-Advisor: Dr. Brynjar Lia

Birzeit University

Birzeit, Palestine

PALESTINE AND ARABIC STUDIES

2012-2013

- Integrated into BA degree
- Research advisor: Mr. Sa'd Nimr

University of Bergen

Bergen, Norway

BA ARABIC

2010-2013

- Undergrad research advisor: Dr. Shabo Tallay

Professional Experience

- 2024 - **Postdoctoral Researcher**, University of Oslo
- 2022-2024 **Associate Senior Researcher**, Sciences Po
- 2022-2024 **Researcher**, University of Oslo
- 2020-2022 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, Sciences Po
- 2016-2020 **Doctoral Research Fellow**, University of Oslo
- 2015-2016 **Research Assistant**, University of Oslo
- 2015-2016 **Research Assistant**, Norwegian Defence Research Establishment

Publications

BOOKS

- Skare, Erik. Forthcoming May 2025. *Road to October 7. A Brief History of Palestinian Islamism*. New York: Verso Books.
- Skare, Erik. 2021. *A History of Palestinian Islamic Jihad: Faith, Awareness, and Revolution in the Middle East*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Skare, Erik. 2021. *Palestinian Islamic Jihad: Islamist Writings on Resistance and Religion*. London: I.B. Tauris.
- Skare, Erik. 2016. *Digital Jihad: Palestinian Resistance in the Digital Era*. London: Zed Books.
- Arabic translation: Erik Skare. 2018. *al-Jihad al-Raqmi: al-Muqawama al-Filastiniyya fi al-Asr al-Raqmi*. Translation by Mansur Omari. Milan: Manshur al-Mutawassit.

ARTICLES/BOOK CHAPTERS

- Skare, Erik. 2023. "Staying Safe by Being Good? The EU's Normative Decline as a Security Actor in the Middle East." *European Journal of International Security* 8(3): 337-353.

- Skare, Erik. 2023. "La Palestine s'est-elle islamisée?" In *Araborama. Ce que la Palestine apporte au monde*, 229-234. Edited by Bertrand Badie, Christophe Ayad & Leyla Dakhli. Paris: Éditions du Seuil.
- Powers, Colin, Erik Skare, Georges Fahmi, Nouran Ahmed, Ahmad Mhidi, Myriam Ababsa & Olivier Roy. 2023. "Why Individuals and Communities do not Turn to Violent Extremism." *Perspectives on Terrorism* 17(1): 1-17.
- Skare, Erik & Stéphane Lacroix. 2022. "Les quatre «R» de la déradicalisation dans le monde arabe (1990-2020)." In *Politiques de lutte contre la radicalisation*, 87-104. Edited by Juliette Galonnier, Stéphane Lacroix & Nadia Marzouki. Paris: Presses de Sciences Po.
- Skare, Erik. 2022. "Affluent and Well-Educated? Analyzing the Socio-Economic Backgrounds of Fallen Palestinian Islamist Militants." *The Middle East Journal* 76(1): 72-92.
- Skare, Erik. 2022. "Insulated Eruptions of Discontent: Palestinian Protests in the Absence of Trusted Organisations." *Contemporary Levant* 7(2): 106-117.
- Skare, Erik. 2021. "Controlling the State in the Political Theory of Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad." *Religions* 12(1010): 1-12.
- Skare, Erik. 2018. "Digital Surveillance/Militant Resistance: Categorizing the "Proto-state Hacker." *Television and New Media* 20(7): 670-685.
- Anderson, Jedidiah, Erik Skare & Courtney Dorroll. 2018. "Nothing to Hide, Nothing to Fear? Tools and Suggestions for Digital Data Protection." *Qualitative Report* 23(5): 1223-1236.
- Skare, Erik. 2015. "Du har blitt hacket av Gaza Hacker Team". *Babylon - Nordisk tidsskrift for Midtøstenstudier* 13(1/2): 46-56.

ACADEMIC ESSAYS AND NON-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Skare, Erik. "Texts or Praxes: How Do We Best Understand Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad after October 7?". *CTC Sentinel* 16(10): 46-56.

POLICY BRIEFS

- Skare, Erik, Ahmad Mhidi, Georges Fahmi, Nouran Ahmed, Kamaran Palani, Myriam Ababsa, Olivier Roy & Dlawer Ala'Aldeen. 2022. *D7.5 Policy brief summarizing lessons learnt on the EU's measures to prevent violent extremism in the Middle East*. URL: https://www.prevox-balkan-mena.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/D7.5_final.pdf.
- Skare, Erik, Kamaran Palani, Georges Fahmi, Stéphane Lacroix, Tine Gade, Dlawer Ala'Aldeen, Kjetil Selvik & Olivier Roy. *D.7.1 Policy brief summarizing the EU and other local stakeholders' prevention strategy towards violent extremism in the region, Middle East*. URL: https://www.prevox-balkan-mena.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/PREVEX-D7.1-Policy-Brief-the-Middle-East_FINAL.pdf

UNDER REVIEW

- Skare, Erik. "Exploring Homogeneity in Climate Change Coverage: A Case Study of Norwegian and Kuwaiti Newspapers (2007-2022)". [research article].

IN PREPARATION

- Skare, Erik. "Presenting the Palestinian Martyr Dataset (1964-2022): Palestinian Geographic Clusters and Divisions of Labor". [research article].

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

AWARDS

2021 **Palestine Book Awards**, MEMO (for *A History of Palestinian Islamic Jihad*)

GRANTS

2023 **Development grant**, UiO Texthub

NOK 75 000

Language skills _____

LANGUAGES

Norwegian (*native*) | **English** (*fluent*) | **Arabic** (*proficient*) | **German** (*proficient*)

PROGRAMMING

R (*intermediate*) | **Python** (*basic*) | **HTML/CSS** (*basic*)

Presentations _____

INVITED TALKS

8 March 2024. *Presenting the Updated Palestinian Martyr Dataset (1985-2022)*. Invited talk. T. E. Lawrence Speaker on Conflict and Violence, University of Oxford.

24 November 2023. *Hamas after October 7*. Invited talk. BI Norwegian Business School.

20 September 2022. *Palestinian Islamic Jihad: Quo vadis?* Invited talk. The Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, Doha Institute.

12 May 2022. *A History of Palestinian Islamic Jihad in Four Hypotheses* Invited talk. CIMS seminar, University of Oslo.

Teaching Experience _____

2019-2020 **Thesis writing seminar (MES4590)**, Teaching Assistant

2019-2020 **Readings in Middle Eastern texts (MES4110)**, Teaching Assistant

2019 **Culture and Society in the Middle East**, Teaching Assistant

Mentoring _____

2024-2025 **Muhammad Sial**, Supervisor master's thesis, University of Oslo

2024 **Ramyar Hassani**, Supervisor research assistant, University of Oslo

Professional Roles & Service _____

MEDIA ROLES

2023 - **Morgenbladet**, Columnist

EDITORIAL ROLES

2022 - **Great Norwegian Encyclopedia**, Editor "Islamism" & "Violent Islamism"

2017-2019 **Babylon — Nordic Journal of Middle East Studies**, Editor

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

2022 - **Digital IKOS (DIKOS)**, Organizer *Oslo, Norway*

2020-2022 **Preventing Violent Extremism in the Balkans and the MENA (PREVEX)**, Work package 7 coordinator and administrator *Paris, France*

HIRING COMMITTEES

July 2024 **ERC Synergy-Plague Project**, Postdoctoral research fellowship *Oslo, Norway*

PEER REVIEW

Contemporary Levant | *International Studies Quarterly* | *Middle East Critique* | *Internasjonal Politikk*