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SENIOR ADVISER

Statistics Norway

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Professional Experience

Statistics Norway (SSB)

SENIOR ADVISER *2025 - present*
- Producing statistics on company ownership structures in Norway.
  General tasks related to statistics production, communication and analysis.

University of Oslo, Dep. Political Science

DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW *2021 - 2025*
- Supervisors: Carl Henrik Knutsen (UiO), Martin Søyland (UiO), Erik Fjærli (SSB)

Statistics Norway (SSB)

SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER *2019 - 2025*
- Producing statistics on R&D, technology and business dynamics.
  Founder and leader of the department Innovation Team.
  20% position from 2021 to 2025 besides doctoral work.

University of Oslo, Dep. Political Science

RESEARCH ASSISTANT *2017 - 2019*
- Research assistant at the research project Disentangling the Economic Effects of Political
  Institutions (DEEPI)

Education

2021 - 2025   **Doctor Degree, Political Science**, University of Oslo
2016 - 2018   **Master Degree, Political Science**, University of Oslo
2013 - 2016   **Bachelor Degree, Political Science**, University of Oslo
2012 - 2013   **One Year Program, English**, NTNU Trondheim

Publications

PUBLISHED

Bjørkholt, S. (2025). "Presenting the StanDat Database on International Standards: Improving Data Accessibility on Marginal Topics". *Political Science Research and Methods.* 00(0): 1 - 19. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2025.3

Bjørkholt, S. and Søyland M. (2024). "The Drama is in the Ink: Conflict in Written Parliamentary Questions". *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 00(0): 1–7. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1111/lsq.12474

Fjærli, E., Rybalka, M. and **Bjørkholt, S.** (2019). Relational Capital. Do board networks exist and are they valuable? Statistics Norway report 2019/36

IN REVIEW

Bjørkholt, S. (2025) "Legitimation Strategies in Transnational Private Governance: Evidence from of the International Organization for Standardization" *Regulation & Governance*

Bjørkholt, S. (2025) "Technological Sovereignty in International Standardization: Patterns of Strategic Standardization and Geopolitical Rivalry" *Review of International Political Economy*

IN PREP

Bjørkholt, S. (2025) "Achievement of Sustainable Development Goals and Standardization Participation at ISO: Entry and Exit Patterns"

Bjørkholt, S. and Søyland M. (2025) "Asking with Intent: On the Functions of Non-Legislative Activities"

Bjørkholt, S., Schmid, J.W., Nilsen, A., Nilsen, E.G. (2025) "Make war not love? Military performance and domestic support for dictators at war"

Grants

2022	**Småforsk (Small Research Grant)**, University of Oslo, Department of Political Science
2023	**Såkornmidler (Seed Funding) for Course Development**, University of Oslo, EILIN

Research Stays

Spring 2024	**Stockholm Center on Global Governance**, SCGG	*Hosted by Prof. Jonas Tallberg*
Autumn 2023	**University of Texas at Austin**, UT Austin	*Hosted by Prof. John Gerring*

Presentations

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

June 2025. *European Political Science Association (EPSA)*. Madrid, Spain.

June 2025. *European Forum for Studies of Policies for Research and Innovation (EU-Spri)*. Dortmund, Germany.

May 2025. *Workshop: Stockholm University*. Stockholm, Sweden.

June 2024. *Workshop: Crises, Depoliticization and the Rule of Law*. Kiel, Germany.

January 2024. *Norsk Statsvitenskapelig Fagkonferanse*. Stavanger, Norway.

August 2023. *American Political Science Association (APSA)*. Los Angeles, California, USA.

June 2023. *European Political Science Association (EPSA)*. Glasgow, Scotland.

January 2023. *Norsk Statsvitenskapelig Fagkonferanse*. Kristiansand, Norway.

June 2022. *European Political Science Association (EPSA)*. Prague, Czech Republic.

January 2022. *Norsk Statsvitenskapelig Fagkonferanse*. Oslo, Norway.

November 2020. *uRos, R in Official Statistics*. Online.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

June 2023. UNECE Machine Learning for Official Statistics Workshop. *"Too good to be true? Machine learning in the editing process"* with Eva Berner. Geneva, Switzerland.

March - April 2023. Norwegian Government Security and Service Organisation (DSS). *Ideathon Workshop* with Alex Moltzau. Oslo, Norway.

February 2023. Storebrand. *"Data, Hackathon og Kvantitativ Statsvitenskap"*. Oslo, Norway.

January 2023. The Norwegian Agency for Public and Financial Management (DFØ). *"Too good to be true? Machine learning in the editing process"*. Oslo, Norway.

November 2022. Nordisk Administrativt Forbund (NAF). *"Samfunnsvitenskapelig datavitenskap i offentlig sektor"*. Oslo, Norway.

September 2022. Forum for Studiespørsmål. *"Samfunnsfag + Datavitenskap = SANT"*. Oslo, Norway.

Teaching Experience

Spring 2025	**FK3990 - Bachelor supervision**, Lecturer	*Oslo New University College*
Spring 2025	**STAT1210 - Komparativ politikk (Comparative politics)**, Lecturer	*Oslo New University College*
Spring 2025	**FORSK3210 - Statistikk (Statistics)**, Lecturer	*Oslo New University College*
Fall 2024	**MET2020 - Avanserte kvantitative metoder (Advanced quantitative methods)**, Lecturer	*University of South-Eastern Norway*
Summer 2022, 2023	**ISSSV1337 - Political Data Science Hackathon**, Convener, Lecturer	*International Summer School, UiO*
Fall 2022	**STV2022 - Store Tekstdata (Big Text Data)**, Convener, Lecturer	*Political Science dep., UiO*
2022, 2023	**Coffee and Coding**, Convener, Seminar Leader	*Political Science dep., UiO*
Spring 2022, 2023	**STV1020 - Forskningsdesign og kvantitativ metode (Research design and quantitative methods)**, Lectuer, Seminar Leader	*Political Science dep., UiO*
Fall 2022	**STV4020A - Forskningsmetode og statistikk (Research design and statistics)**, Seminar Leader	*Political Science dep., UiO*
Spring 2019	**STV1515 - Maskinlæring og programmering for samfunnsvitere (Machine learning and programming for social scientists)**, Seminar Leader	*Political Science dep., UiO*

Social Leadership

2021-2022	**Faculty PhD Program Council**, PhD Representative	*University of Oslo*
March 2022	**Ideathon Organized for the Norwegian Ministries**, Organizer and Leader	*the Government Quarter*
Summer 2022, 2023	**Political Data Science Hackathon**, Organizer and Leader	*International Summer School*
June 2022	**Participation in Hack for Peace**, Team Leader	
March 2022	**Participation in USN Ideathon**, Team Leader	*University of South-Eastern Norway*
2019 – 2021	**Juss.ai**, Co-Founder	

References

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Supervisor, co-author	**Martin Søyland**, Associate Professor in Political Science, University of Stavanger	*martin.soyland@uis.no; (+47) 936 62 683*