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I am a marine biologist with a keen interest in evolutionary ecology and global change biology, i.e., how climate change and human activities such as fisheries shape biological interactions and processes across various levels of organisation. I aim to solve real-life problems by identifying and understanding how processes at the individual level drive ecosystems. In my work, I combine mechanistic modelling often informed by theory with observation from the field. I enjoy thinking broadly and across disciplines and have a particular fascination for polar ecosystems and the ocean twilight zone.

Education

Research Fellow / Doctoral student (PhD)

Bergen, Norway

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN

Feb 2016 - Mar 2019

- Dissertation title: "Light and visual foraging in the pelagic: Opportunities and constraints along gradients of seasonality"
- Committee members: Prof. PhD Christian Jørgensen (University of Bergen), Prof. PhD Øyvind Fiksen (University of Bergen) and Associate Prof. PhD Øystein Varpe (University Centre in Svalbard).
- Opponents: Prof. PhD Michael T. Burrows (Scottish Association for Marine Science, UK), PhD Xabier Irigoien (AZTI, Spain)

Graduate Programme Marine Biology (M.Sc.)

Bremen, Germany

FACULTY 2 BIOLOGY/CHEMISTRY, UNIVERSITY OF BREMEN

Oct 2013 - Oct 2015

- Thesis title: "Feeding success in an extreme light environment: modelling seasonal prey encounter of Arctic fish"
- Committee members: Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Hagen (University of Bremen) and Associate Prof. PhD Øystein Varpe (University Centre in Svalbard)
- Final grade: Excellent

International Degree Course in Environmental and Industrial Biology (B.Sc.)

Bremen, Germany

FACULTY 5 NATURE AND ENGINEERING, UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES BREMEN

Sep 2009 - Feb 2013

- Thesis title: "Morphological diversity in parr of Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar* L.) in Iceland"
- Committee members: Prof. Dr. Heiko Brunken (University of Applied Sciences Bremen) and Prof. PhD Guðrún Marteinsdóttir (University of Iceland)
- Final grade: Excellent

Research Experience

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Bergen, Norway

THEORETICAL ECOLOGY GROUP, DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN

Sep 2019 - Present

- Project: "The fundamental role of mesopelagic fishes for the structure and change of Northeast Atlantic marine ecosystems", funded by the Research Council of Norway, #294819

Researcher

Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway

ARVEN ETTER NANSEN (NANSEN LEGACY), UNIVERSITY CENTRE IN SVALBARD

Feb 2019 - Mar 2020

- Project: "The pelagic riskscape and consequences for zooplankton size along gradients of light and sea-ice in the Barents Sea"

Research Assistant

Rostock, Germany

THUENEN INSTITUTE OF BALTIC SEA FISHERIES

Jul 2014 - Nov 2014

- Responsibility: net and acoustic sampling during the Rügen Herring larvae survey

Freelance Ecological Consultant

Bremen, Germany

BUND, FRIENDS OF THE EARTH GERMANY

2012 - 2014

- Contracted to develop and evaluate nature friendly methods of ditch clearance in FFH sites of high importance for the aquatic fauna

Freelance Ecological Consultant

Bremen, Germany

ECOSURV.HEIN - ANGEWANDTE FISCH- & GEWÄSSERÖKOLOGIE

2013

- Contracted to assist in electro fishing surveys

Freelance Ecological Consultant

Bremen, Germany

ÖKOLOGIS UMWELTANALYSE + LANDSCHAFTSPLANUNG GMBH

2013

- Contracted to map selected breeding birds in the FFH-site Werderland

Freelance Ecological Consultant

BIOCONSULT SH GMBH & Co. KG

Husum, Germany

2009 -2011

- Contracted to assist in offshore maintenance of harbour porpoise detectors, seabird at sea counts, and radar image assessment for quantitative migratory bird counts used in environmental impact assessments

National Park Warden

SCHUTZSTATION-WATTENMEER E.V., GERMANY

Hörnum, Sylt, Germany

Oct 2008 - Jun 2009

- In fulfillment of the German Civilian Service

Working Experience

Svalbard Wildlife Expeditions AS

FREELANCE TOUR GUIDE

Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway

May - Jul 2015

- Guided tours on the history and wildlife of Svalbard

Teaching Experience

Teaching assistant – AB204 Arctic Ecology and Population Biology

UNIVERSITY CENTRE IN SVALBARD

Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway

Sep 2016

- Supervised the integrated Teach2Learn module as part of bioCEED a Centre of Excellence in Biology Education

Teaching assistant – AB202 Marine Arctic Biology

UNIVERSITY CENTRE IN SVALBARD

Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway

May 2015

- Responsible for seabird at sea census techniques and fisheries data sampling

Teaching assistant – Math preparation course for BSc students

UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES BREMEN

Bremen, Germany

Oct 2010

Guest lecturer – AB338 Life History Adaptations to Seasonality

UNIVERSITY CENTRE IN SVALBARD

Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway

Jun 2018

- Lecture on “Climate-driven range shifts and life history adaptations to seasonality”

Guest lecturer – SDG214 Life below water

UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN

Bergen Norway

May 2019

- Lecture on “How to design better scientific figures and posters”

Guest lecturer – BIO241 Behavioural Ecology

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May 2019

- Lecture on “How to design better scientific figures and posters”

Guest lecturer – BIO300A Academic writing

UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN

Bergen Norway

Nov 2020

- Lecture on “Visual storytelling”

Academic mobility

*only stays longer than two month are listed

PhD research secondment

CENTRE FOR OCEAN LIFE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AQUATIC RESOURCES, TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF DENMARK

Copenhagen, Denmark

Nov - Oct 2017

- 2 month
- Project: “Can a food systems approach redefine ecosystem-based fisheries management?”
- Visiting Ken H. Andersen

Guest Master student

DEPARTMENT OF ARCTIC BIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY CENTRE IN SVALBARD

Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway

Mar - Oct 2015

- 8 month
- Project: “Feeding success in an extreme light environment: modelling seasonal prey encounter of Arctic fish”
- Visiting Øystein Varpe

Undergraduate research semester abroad

Reykjavík, Iceland

MARINE ACADEMIC RESEARCH IN ICELAND (MARICE), INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND

Jan - May 2012

- 5 month
- Project: "Impact of climate change on processes that influence survival of Atlantic cod eggs and larvae in Icelandic waters"
- Visiting Guðrún Marteinsdóttir

Graduate Marine and Fisheries Sciences Summer Programme

Reykjavík, Iceland

INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND

May - Jul 2012

- 3 month
- Courses: "Data Analysis for Scientists using R", "Fisheries Ecology" and "Marine Mammals"
- Final grade: First class with distinction

Graduate Course Ecosystem-based Management of Arctic Marine Systems

Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway

DEPARTMENT OF ARCTIC BIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY CENTRE IN SVALBARD

Aug - Sep 2014

- 2 month
- Final grade: Excellent

Undergraduate study semester abroad

Evenstad, Norway

INLAND NORWAY UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Aug - Dec 2011

- 5 month
- International Degree Course Ecology and Conservation
- Courses: "Evolution", "Conservation Biology", "Population Dynamics" and "Practice in Wildlife Research"
- Final grade: Excellent

Awards and Honors

Best Presentation Award

Hamburg, Germany

ICES ANNUAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE 2019

2019

Student Choice and Special Mention Poster Award

Natal, Brazil

IMBER CLIMECO5 SUMMER SCHOOL

2016

Best Poster Award

Hamburg, Germany

YOUMARES 7 CONFERENCE, GERMAN SOCIETY FOR MARINE RESEARCH

2016

MARUM Research Award for Marine Science

Bremen, Germany

MARUM CENTER FOR MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

2015

- Awarded in recognition of an outstanding Masters

Best Speaker Award

Bremen, Germany

YOUMARES 6 CONFERENCE, GERMAN SOCIETY FOR MARINE RESEARCH

2015

Best Student Poster

Reykjavík, Iceland

FISHERIES ECOLOGY SUMMER SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND

2011

Organisation Of Scientific Meetings

Annual meeting of the Norwegian Association of Marine Scientists

Bergen, Norway

NORSK HAVFORSKERFORENING

2017

- Part of the local organisers

Theme session convenor, YOUMARES 7

Hamburg, Germany

GERMAN SOCIETY FOR MARINE RESEARCH (DGM)

2016

- Session title: "DEEP | DARK | COLD - frontiers in polar and deep-sea research"

Theme session convenor, ICES Annual Science Conference

Copenhagen, Denmark

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE EXPLORATION OF THE SEA

2020

- Session title: Biomass, biodiversity, and ecosystem services in the mesopelagic zone
- Co-conveners: Helena McMonagle (UW SAFS, USA), Peter H. Wiebe (WHOI, USA)
- Due to COVID-19 the ICES ASC 2020 has been postponed to 2021

Current Memberships

- since 2017 - Norwegian Association of Marine Scientists / Norsk Havforskerforening (NHF)
- since 2015 - Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS)

Research Cruises

I have participated in 9 research cruises, including one as a cruise leader, and spent in total > 50 days at sea, with some cruises lasting up to two weeks. I have worked both on research and commercial fishing vessels, in the North Sea, the Baltic Sea, Icelandic waters, Norwegian coastal waters, the Barents Sea and Arctic waters up to the marginal ice zone.

Supervision

- Student 1
- Student 2

Publications

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

Butler, W. E., Guðmundsdóttir, L., Logemann, K., Langbehn, T. J., & Marteinsdóttir, G. (2020). Egg size and density estimates for three gadoids in Icelandic waters and their implications for the vertical distribution of eggs along a stratified water column. *Journal of Marine Systems*, 204(December 2019), 103290. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jmarsys.2019.103290>

Kaartvedt, S., Langbehn, T. J., & Aksnes, D. L. (2019). Enlightening the ocean's twilight zone. *ICES Journal of Marine Science*, 76(4), 803–812. <https://doi.org/10.1093/icesjms/fsz010>

Langbehn, T., Aksnes, D., Kaartvedt, S., Fiksen, Ø., & Jørgensen, C. (2019). Light comfort zone in a mesopelagic fish emerges from adaptive behaviour along a latitudinal gradient. *Marine Ecology Progress Series*, 623, 161–174. <https://doi.org/10.3354/meps13024>

Sguotti, C., Otto, S. A., Frelat, R., Langbehn, T. J., Ryberg, M. P., Lindegren, M., ... Möllmann, C. (2019). Catastrophic dynamics limit Atlantic cod recovery. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, 286(1898), 20182877. <https://doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2018.2877>

Geoffroy, M., Berge, J., Majaneva, S., Johnsen, G., Langbehn, T. J., Cottier, F., ... Last, K. (2018). Increased occurrence of the jellyfish *Periphylla periphylla* in the European high Arctic. *Polar Biology*, 41(12), 2615–2619. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00300-018-2368-4>

Langbehn, T. J., & Varpe, Ø. (2017). Sea-ice loss boosts visual search: fish foraging and changing pelagic interactions in polar oceans. *Global Change Biology*, 23(12), 5318–5330. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gcb.13797>

Katzenberger, J., Langbehn, T., & Zacharias, D. (2013). Erstnachweis von *Hydrellia tarsata* (Diptera: Ephydriidae) für Bremen in Blüten von *Stratiotes aloides*. *Abhandlungen Des Naturwissenschaftlichen Vereins Zu Bremen*, 47(1), 193–195.

WORKING PAPERS UNDER REVISION OR REVIEW

Richard, G. T., & **Seo, J.** (accepting with minor revision). Able to play, ready to learn: Proposing an intersectional, critical dis/abilities framework for research, design and practice in video games and learning. *Disability Studies Quarterly*.

Seo, J., & Richard, G. T. (under review). Learning analytics on a large-scale email corpus with r: Descriptive, network, and machine learning analysis. In *International conference on learning analytics and knowledge (lak) 2021*. Society for Learning Analytics Research (SoLAR).

Seo, J., & Richard, G. T. (under review). SCAFFOLDing all abilities into makerspaces: Universal design framework for accessible maker movement. *Journal of Information and Learning Sciences*.

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Langbehn, T., & Schoenle, A. (2016). Deep | Dark | Cold - Frontiers in Polar and Deep-Sea Research. In M. Bode, C. Jessen, & V. Golz (Eds.), *Youmares 7 conference proceedings* (pp. 59–68). German Society for Marine Research,

