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## Trym Nohr Fjortoft

### Education

- 2017–22  
(expected) **Ph.D., Political Science**, University of Oslo  
Project title: “The Role of Expertise in European Union Agencies.”  
Supervisors: Erik O. Eriksen and Asimina Michailidou (co-supervisor).
- Spring 2020 **Visiting Researcher**, European University Institute, Florence  
Liaison Professor: Jeffrey Checkel
- 2014–16 **M.A., Political Science**, University of Oslo  
Thesis title: “Coping or Hoping Mechanisms: Evaluating the Effectiveness of National Human Rights Institutions.”
- 2010–13 **B.A., International Studies**, University of Oslo  
Specialization in Political Science. Wrote my thesis on the European Union’s common foreign policy on promoting the Convention Against Torture.
- 2012–13 **Exchange semester** at the Freie Universität Berlin  
Visited the Otto-Suhr-Institut of political science through E.ON Ruhrgas’ exchange program.
- 2009–10 **University of Tromsø**  
Courses in philosophy and history of ideas.

### Work Experience

- 2021–22 **Researcher, Department of Sociology and Human Geography**, University of Oslo  
50 % project with Cathrine Holst (Sep 21 – Feb 22). Working on an ERC grant application and academic publications.
- 2021 **Researcher, DiCE project**, ARENA, University of Oslo  
50 % (Jan–Jun). Project leader on the development of [DifferentiGate](#).
- 2017–21 **Doctoral Research Fellow**, ARENA, University of Oslo
- 2016–17 **Higher Executive Officer**, ARENA, University of Oslo
- 2015–16 **Research Assistant**, ARENA, University of Oslo
- 2016 **Seminar Tutor**, Department of Political Science, University of Oslo  
Seminar tutor for STV2110 – Political Philosophy (Spring 2016) and STV1000 – Introduction to Political Science (Fall 2016).

## Peer-reviewed Academic Publications

Fjørtoft, Trym Nohr. 2020. "More Power, More Control: The Legitimizing Role of Expertise in Frontex after the Refugee Crisis." *Regulation & Governance*. [doi.org/10.1111/rego.12373](https://doi.org/10.1111/rego.12373).

## In Progress

Fjørtoft, Trym Nohr and Asimina Michailidou. 2021. "Beyond Expertise: The Public Legitimacy of European Union Agencies." Revise and Resubmit at *Political Research Exchange*.

Fjørtoft, Trym Nohr and Hallvard Sandven. "Frontex and the Legitimacy Gap in European Border Management."

Fjørtoft, Trym Nohr. "The Interdependence of Normative Theory and Political Science."

## Outreach and Dissemination

"Teknisk ekspertise kan være en politisk ressurs." *Stat & Styring* 30 (3): 12-15. [idunn.no/stat/2020/03/teknisk\\_ekspertise\\_kan\\_vaere\\_en\\_politisk\\_ressurs](https://idunn.no/stat/2020/03/teknisk_ekspertise_kan_vaere_en_politisk_ressurs).

"The Appeal to Technical Expertise in Frontex," *TARN Blog*, 10 April 2020. <https://eutarn.blogactiv.eu/2020/04/10/the-appeal-to-expertise-in-frontex/>

## Awards and Grants

2020	Research Council of Norway Mobility Grant, for visiting researcher stay at the EUI.
2015	Fritt Ord student grant, Institute for Political Science, UiO.
2012	E.ON Ruhrgas personal mobility grant for political science.

## Language Skills

Norwegian	Mother tongue
English	Fluent, written and spoken
German	Intermediate (B2) written and spoken
Serbo-Croatian	Basic, written and spoken

## Presentations

"The Need for Normative Theory in Empirical Political Science." *Centre for Advanced Study*, Oslo, 18 February 2021.

Invited discussant and panelist, launch of report "Schengen Evaluation: An educational experience. The example of Norway." *The Norwegian Police University College*, 19 November 2020.

“The Public Legitimacy of European Union Agencies.” In *The Politics of Bureaucratic Reputation*, ECPR General Conference 2020 (virtual event), 28 August 2020.

“Frontex, Expertise and the Refugee Crisis.” In *Making Non-Majoritarian Institutions Safe for Democracy*. Workshop at ARENA Centre for European Studies, 20-21 June 2019.

“The Role of Expertise in Frontex.” In *The Technocratic Challenge to Democracy: Experts, Elites and the People*. Workshop at the ECPR Joint Sessions 2018. 13 April 2018.

## **Ph.D. Courses Attended**

*The Methodology of Political Theory*, University of Oslo & Centre Universitaire de Norvège à Paris, Fall 2019. Taught by Cathrine Holst, Robert Huseby, and Jakob Elster.

*Advanced Qualitative Field Methods*, University of Oslo, Fall 2018. Taught by Francesca R. Jensenius and Målfrid Braut-Hegghammer.

*Democracy and Justice*, Oslo Summer School for Social Science, Summer 2017. Taught by Ian Shapiro.

## **Key Administrative Experience**

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| 2021    | Project leader on the development of <u>DifferentiGate</u> , an online portal collecting publications and experts on differentiated integration. Coordinated the work of developers, researchers, administrative staff and research assistants. |
| 2019    | Administrative organization of the workshop “ <i>Making Non-Majoritarian Institutions Safe for Democracy</i> ,” Oslo, 20-21 June.   |
| 2017–19 | Collaborated on the development of the <u>GLOBUS educational website</u> , a tool for learning about different conceptions of global justice.   |
| 2016–17 | Communications officer, ARENA, and web editor for <u><a href="http://arena.uio.no">arena.uio.no</a></u> .   |