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**Trym Nohr Fjortoft**

## Education

2017–22 **Ph.D., Political Science, University of Oslo**

Dissertation title: “Borders of Technocracy: Expertise, democracy, and the legitimacy of unelected bodies.” Supervisors: Erik O. Eriksen and Asimina Michailidou. Defended October 7, 2022.

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**

2012–13 **Exchange semester, Freie Universität Berlin**

Visited the Otto-Suhr-Institut of political science through E.ON Ruhrgas’ exchange program.

## Work Experience

2022– **Post-doctoral researcher, ARENA, University of Oslo**

Part of the project “The Politics of European and American Single-Market Governance” (SINGLEMARKETS).

2017–22 **Doctoral Research Fellow, ARENA, University of Oslo**

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](#).

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 in Political Philosophy and Introduction to Political Science.

## Peer-reviewed Academic Publications

- Fjørtoft, Trym Nohr and Hallvard Sandven. 2022. "Symmetry in the Delegation of Power as a Legitimacy Criterion." *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies*. [doi.org/10.1111/jcms.13429](https://doi.org/10.1111/jcms.13429).
- Fjørtoft, Trym Nohr. 2022. "More Power, More Control: The Legitimizing Role of Expertise in Frontex after the Refugee Crisis." *Regulation & Governance* 16(2). [doi.org/10.1111/rego.12373](https://doi.org/10.1111/rego.12373).
- Fjørtoft, Trym Nohr and Asimina Michailidou. 2021. "Beyond Expertise: The Public Legitimacy of European Union Agencies." *Political Research Exchange* 3(1). [doi.org/10.1080/2474736X.2021.2018266](https://doi.org/10.1080/2474736X.2021.2018266).

## In Progress

- Fjørtoft, Trym Nohr. "Inductive risk and the legitimacy of non-majoritarian institutions." *Under review*.
- Fjørtoft, Trym Nohr. "The Interdependence of Normative Theory and Political Science."

## Outreach and Dissemination

- "Farligere enn noensinne", Interview in *Klassekampen*, 1 August 2022. <https://klassekampen.no/utgave/2022-08-01/farligere-enn-noensinne>
- "EUs grensepoliti saksøkes for å presse flyktninger på havet." Interview in *Vårt Land*, 28 May 2021. <https://www.vl.no/nyheter/2021/05/28/eus-grensepoliti-saksokes-for-a-presse-flyktninger-pa-havet/>
- "Frontex i skuddlinjen." Interview in *Morgenbladet*, 19 February 2021. <https://www.morgenbladet.no/aktuelt/utenriks/2021/02/19/frontex-i-skuddlinjen/>
- "EU ser mot yttergrensa." Interview in *Klassekampen*, 13 November 2020. <https://klassekampen.no/utgave/2020-11-13/eu-ser-mot-yttergrensa>
- "Teknisk ekspertise kan være en politisk ressurs." *Stat & Styring* 30 (3): 12-15. [idunn.no/stat/2020/03/teknisk\\_eksptise\\_kan\\_vaere\\_en\\_politisk\\_ressurs](https://idunn.no/stat/2020/03/teknisk_eksptise_kan_vaere_en_politisk_ressurs)
- "The Appeal to Technical Expertise in Frontex," TARN Blog, 10 April 2020.

## Awards and Grants

- 2020 Research Council of Norway Mobility Grant, for visiting researcher stay at the EUI.

- 2015 *Fritt Ord* student grant, Department of 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

- “Inductive Risk and the Legitimacy of Non-Majoritarian Institutions.” *GOODPOL Closing Conference*, Oslo, 20 May 2022.
- “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.