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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 2022.

2014 –16 **M.A., Political Science, University of Oslo**

2010–13 **B.A., International Studies, University of Oslo**

Work

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

With 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**

2021 **Researcher, 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**

Visiting Positions

Nov 22– **Visiting Researcher, UC Berkeley**

Jan 23
Institute of European Studies.

Spring **Visiting Ph.D. Researcher, European University Institute**

2020
Liaison Professor: Jeffrey Checkel.

2012-13 **Visiting Student, Freie Universität Berlin**

Peer-reviewed Academic Publications

Fjørtoft, Trym Nohr. "Inductive Risk and the Legitimacy of Non-Majoritarian Institutions." *British Journal of Political Science*. (Forthcoming.) doi.org/10.1017/S0007123423000200.

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.

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.

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.

Outreach and Dissemination

"[Farligere enn noensinne](#)." Interview in *Klassekampen*, 1 August 2022.

"[What drives public acceptance of expert agencies?](#)" (with Asimina Michailidou.) *The Loop*, 14 February 2022.

"[EUs grensepoliti saksøkes for å presse flyktninger på havet](#)." Interview in *Vårt Land*, 28 May 2021.

"[Frontex i skuddlinjen](#)." Interview in *Morgenbladet*, 19 February 2021.

"[EU ser mot yttergrensa](#)." Interview in *Klassekampen*, 13 November 2020.

"[Teknisk ekspertise kan være en politisk ressurs](#)." *Stat & Styring* 30 (3): 12-15.

"The Appeal to Technical Expertise in Frontex." TARN Blog, 10 April 2020.

Awards and Grants

2020, 2022 *Research Council of Norway* Mobility Grants, for visiting researcher stays at EUI and UC Berkeley.

2015 *Fritt Ord* student grant, Department of Political Science, UiO.

2012 *E.ON Ruhrgas* personal mobility grant for political science.

Presentations

"The Empirical-Normative Dissonance in Technical Legitimacy." *The Norwegian Institute in Rome*, 10 May 2023.

"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.

Languages

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