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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**

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).

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**

Seminar tutor in Political Philosophy and Introduction to Political Science.

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.)
- 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. <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 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.

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

“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.

Languages

Norwegian Mother tongue

English Fluent, written and spoken

German Intermediate (B2) written and spoken

Serbo- Basic, written and spoken

Croatian