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# Trym Nohr Fjørtoft

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#### Education

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

(expected)

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

Spring Visiting Researcher, European University Institute, Florence

2020 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
  - 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. "Symmetrical delegation of core state powers as a criterion for legitimacy." *Forthcoming in JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies.*
- Fjørtoft, Trym Nohr and Asimina Michailidou. 2021. "Beyond Expertise: The Public Legitimacy of European Union Agencies." *Political Research Exchange*. doi.org/10.1080/2474736X.2021.2018266.
- 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.

## 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. <a href="https://www.vl.no/nyheter/2021/05/28/eus-grensepoliti-saksokes-for-a-presse-flyktninger-pa-havet/">https://www.vl.no/nyheter/2021/05/28/eus-grensepoliti-saksokes-for-a-presse-flyktninger-pa-havet/</a>
- "Frontex i skuddlinjen." Interview in Morgenbladet, 19 February 2021.

  <a href="https://www.morgenbladet.no/aktuelt/utenriks/2021/02/19/frontex-i-skuddlinjen/">https://www.morgenbladet.no/aktuelt/utenriks/2021/02/19/frontex-i-skuddlinjen/</a>
- "EU ser mot yttergrensa." Interview in Klassekampen, 13 November 2020.

  <a href="https://klassekampen.no/utgave/2020-11-13/eu-ser-mot-yttergrensa">https://klassekampen.no/utgave/2020-11-13/eu-ser-mot-yttergrensa</a>
- "Teknisk ekspertise kan være en politisk ressurs." Stat & Styring 30 (3): 12-15.

  idunn.no/stat/2020/03/teknisk ekspertise kan være 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- Basic, written and spoken

Croatian

#### **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.

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