

## Trym Nohr Fjørtoft

### 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
- 2012–13 **Exchange semester** at the Freie Universität Berlin  
Visited the Otto-Suhr-Institut of political science through E.ON Ruhrgas’ exchange program.

### Work Experience

- 2017– **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 for STV2110 – Political Philosophy (Spring 2016) and STV1000 – Introduction to Political Science (Fall 2016).

### Peer-reviewed Academic Publications

- 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](https://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](https://doi.org/10.1111/rego.12373).

## In Progress

Fjørtoft, Trym Nohr and Hallvard Sandven. "Symmetrical delegation of core state powers as a criterion for legitimacy: The case of the European border regime." Under review at the *Journal of European Public Policy*.

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

Fjørtoft, Trym Nohr. "Inductive risk and the legitimacy of non-majoritarian institutions."

## Outreach and Dissemination

"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

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| 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

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| 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 <a href="#">DifferentiGate</a> , 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 <a href="#">GLOBUS educational website</a> , a tool for learning about different conceptions of global justice.   |
| 2016–17 | Communications officer, ARENA, and web editor for <a href="#">arena.uio.no</a> .   |