

Curriculum vitae

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My fields of expertise include international municipal cooperation, risk assessments, contingency and disaster management, childhood studies, Ukrainian culture, politics and society, childcare and gender issues in transnational families, and Ukrainian labor migration. In my PhD thesis I explore transnational childcare related to children of Ukrainian labor migrants. For my master's thesis I did research on the personalization of relations and corruption in Ukraine.

I am a Special Advisor for the Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities, working with international projects. Further, I have 10 years work experience from the Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection, working mainly with risk assessments on the national, regional, and local level.

Education

- 2021 **Dr. philos in Social Sciences, Norwegian University of Science and Technology**
The thesis is based on field work among Ukrainian labor migrants in Spain, and textual analysis of literary texts, written by children of Ukrainian labor migrants. Title: "Care at a distance and ideals of closeness: Child care in Ukrainian transnational families".
- 2005 **Master's degree in Social Anthropology, University of Oslo**
Master thesis: 'Public Duties and Private Obligations – Networking and Personalisation of Relations in Ukraine'.
- 1999 **Bachelor's degree, University of Oslo**
Social Anthropology, Russian language, Russia and East Europe studies, Social Economics, Ukrainian language.

Work experience

- 2023- **Special Advisor, Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities**
Working with international project with the framework of EEA and Norway Grants. Project manager for projects in Bulgaria on local development and climate risk and adaption. Project assistant in projects on local development in Poland. Responsible for activities related to municipal cooperation between Norway and Ukraine.
- 2021- **Guest researcher, Telemark Research Institute**
Doing independent research on issues related to Ukraine.
- 2013-2023 **Senior Advisor, Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection**
Analyst in the unit for analysis and national preparedness. Involved in doing risk assessments on various national risk scenarios. Currently involved in projects on climate adaptation and area planning, and risk and vulnerability at local and regional level.
- 2016 **International Consultant, UNICEF**
Participated together with former Children's Ombudsman Reidar Hjermann in high-level negotiations between Ukrainian authorities and the de-facto authorities in the occupied areas, to strengthen children's rights in the Donbas area. I prepared background analyses on the Ukrainian legal system and children's rights, as well as on the challenges of birth registration in the areas controlled by the de-facto authorities.
- 2012-2013 **Advisor, Ministry of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion**
Advisor on issues related to child welfare and migration. Prepared research proposals on issues related to child welfare. Collected and reviewed existing research on the topic.
- 2011-2012 **Advisor, Directorate of Norwegian Customs**
Carried out qualitative and quantitative analyses and intelligence related to the Directorate's main responsibilities.
- 2006-2010 **PhD scholarship at the Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo**
Carried out an independent research project and was responsible seminar leader for the course 'Anthropological perspectives on economy and material life' over two semesters. Supervisor for a master student.
- 2005 **Project assistant at the Department of Russian and Eurasian Studies, Norwegian Institute of Foreign Affairs**
Research assistant for the department's researchers, and the work assignments included collecting background material and developing a database of Russia's political and economic elite.
- 2004 **Research assistant at the Department of Russian and Eurasian Studies, Norwegian Institute of Foreign Affairs**
Collected data for a project on labor migration from Ukraine to Norway, funded by UDI.

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Book review, Diefenbach, Andrea, *Land Ohne Eltern – Country Without Parents*. *Debatte: Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe*, vol. 22 (1), 2014.

Book review, Steinberg, M. & Wanner, C. (eds.), *Religion, Morality and Community in Post-Soviet Societies*. *Europe-Asia Studies*, vol. 62 (1), 2010.

Book review, Arnstberg, K.O. & Borén, T. (eds.), *Everyday Economy in Russia, Poland and Latvia*. *Nordisk Øst-Forum*, nr 1, 2004

I have written several op-eds for Norwegian national newspapers on issues relating to politics, society, and religion in Ukraine.

Other

Languages	Norwegian (native); English, Ukrainian (fluent); Swedish, German, Russian, Danish (basic)
Volunteer	'Women's Perspectives', NGO in Lviv, Ukraine, 2004 <i>Women's Perspectives is a NGO that works to prevent and fight human trafficking. I wrote and translated project applications.</i>
Projects	Initiated a literary contest for Ukrainian children in 2015, in which they were given an opportunity to write about the Maidan demonstrations and the war in East-Ukraine. More the 2 000 children submitted texts, poems, and drawings, some of which were published in a book. The project was funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy to Ukraine and carried out in cooperation with an institute at the Lviv Polytechnic University.