

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Language competence: Norwegian, English, Spanish
Regional/country competence: Latin America: Ecuador, Bolivia, Guatemala;
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Main employment

From 2011: Head of Education, NORAGRIC/UMB
From 2009: Senior lecturer, NORAGRIC/UMB
2009: Associate professor, NORAGRIC/UMB
2007-2008: Researcher, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Univ. of Oslo
2006-2007: Researcher, Department of Social Anthropology (SAI), University
of Oslo (UiO)
1999-2005: Research fellow, SAI-UiO

Academic qualifications

Degrees:	Field	Institution	Year
<i>PPUN 400</i>	Pedagogy for scientific staff	UMB-Ås	2010
<i>Dr.polit.</i> (Ph.D.)	Social anthropology	University of Oslo	2006
<i>Mag.art.</i> majoring in:	Social anthropology	University of Oslo	1996
Cand.mag. with:	Social anthropology		
	History		
	25credits in Natural Sciences	University of Oslo	1989

General profile as anthropologist

Indigenous rights, ethno politics and multiculturalism; natural resource extraction and contestation; indigenous economy and globalization; marginalization, power inequality and social welfare; reproductive governance; transnational migration; Latin American state formation & bureaucracy, childhood studies & child rights, social history; Andean rural studies, Latin American urban studies, multi-sited fieldwork methodology.

Practical research experience

- 2006 -2007 Fieldwork in Madrid, Spain on Latin American labour migrants in Spain, connected to the project: Informal child migration in Europe (N-ICME)
- 2006-2007 Academic coordinator of inter-institutional research project 'Informal child migration in Europe (N-ICME), at SAI-UiO
- 2006 Historical archive studies in Quito, Ecuador on child welfare and child circulation in the first half of the 20th century
- 2004 Historical archive studies in Quito, Ecuador on child welfare and the economy of child care in the first half of the 20th century
- 2001-2003 Fieldwork in Ecuador to Dr.polit dissertation in social anthropology, SAI-UiO: Child abandonment, care transference practices, child rights and reproductive governance in Quito, Ecuador.
- 1998-1999 Pilot research project on child abandonment and child rights in Quito, Ecuador.
- 1997-1998 Research assistant on project concerning new forms of kinship in Norway, directed by prof. Signe Howell and Marit Melhuus, SAI-UiO
- 1996-1997 Research assistant on project concerning representations of the Sami minority in Norwegian social science studies, lead by prof. Thomas Hylland-Eriksen
- 1990-1992 Fieldwork in Otavalo, Ecuador, to Mag.art. thesis in social anthropology, SAI-UiO: Indigenous economy and ethno politics.

Recent consultancies

- 2008-2009 Consultancy for InterMedia at the Faculty of Educational Sciences at UiO, modeling alternative master program designs.
- 2008 Consultancy for Misjonsalliansen/Bistandsnemnda in Bolivia. Project: MA program in 'Communication for development' at the Universidad San Francisco Xavier i Sucre.
- 2008 Consultancy for NORAD in Guatemala. Project: 'Strengthening IDPP, Indigenous Defence Counselling, Phase II, of Guatemala's Agency for Free Legal Id in Criminal Cases.

Relevant university teaching and pedagogic development experience

- 2011- Head of Education at NORAGRIC-UMB
- 2010- Academic responsible for the B.Sc. program in International Environment and Development studies at NORAGRIC-UMB
- 2010 - Leader of the Educational Committee at NORAGRIC-UMB
- 2009 - Lecturing on Bachelor- and Master-courses in international development studies at NORAGRIC-UMB:
EDS 101: Introduction to the Environment, Development and globalization / EDS111: Social Anthropology / EDS 245: Human rights based development / EDS 265: Anthropology of development / EDS 370: Gender and development

- 2006-2007 Lecturing on Bachelor- and Master-courses in social anthropology at SAI-UiO:
SOSANT 1171: Regional etnografi: Sør-Amerika / SOSANT 4400: Litteratur-seminar: Antropologiske klassikere, kjønnsantropologi
- 2000-2001 Lecturing on basic and advanced levels at SAI-UiO:
Hovedfagskurs: Antropologi og økonomisk teori: Studier av markeder / Grunnfagskurs: Økonomisk antropologi
- 1997-1998 Lecturing on basic level at Folkeuniversitetet i Buskerud/Vestfold:
Sosialantropologi grunnfag
Lecturing and academic course responsible at the Department of Psychology, UiO: *Antropologidelen av den samfunnsfaglige støttedisiplinen i profesjonsstudiet i psykologi*
- 1997 Lecturing at the International Summer School, UiO:
The Scandinavian Studies Term (SUST)
Lecturing at the University College of Telemark, Bø:
Cultural change and cultural heritage, course at the 1 year study program: Norwegian nature and culture.
Lecturing on basic level at SAI-UiO:
Grunnfag: Regional etnografi: Latin Amerika
- 1994-1995 Guide at the Ethnographic Museum, UiO

Supervision of students:

Experience from supervising Master and Bachelor students in social anthropology and international development studies at SAI-UiO and NORAGRIC, preparing research proposals and supervising theses based on fieldwork in: Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru, Mexico, Guatemala, Brazil, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Nepal, Indonesia

Evaluation of Master thesis:

Experience from the evaluation of around 25 Master thesis for the final exam, presented at the social anthropology departments of the University of Oslo, the University of Bergen, NTNU-Trondheim, and the University of Tromsø; and at NORAGRIC-UMB.

Experience as academic advisor

- 2011 Referee assessing research application to *The Research Council of Norway*
- 2010 Reviewer of research application to the *US National Science Foundation*
- 2009 Expert evaluator of research application to the *Swedish Stiftelsen Riksbankens Jubileumsfond*
- 2009 Briefing of *NORDEM* election observers to Ecuador
- 2008- Responsible for the subject 'Ecuador' in the Norwegian electronic dictionary '*Kunnskapsforlagets store norske leksikon*'
- 2008 Occasional peer reviewer for the *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* and for the *Forum for Development Studies*
- 2005- Member of advisory expert group to *UNICEF-Norway* concerning the implementation of the Convention of the rights of the child in Norway

Scholarship and grants

- 2006 Grant from the Norwegian Research Council to the inter-institutional research collaboration, N-ICME, with four partners (SAI-UiO, ISF, FAFO and PRIO)
- 2005 Project preparation grant from the Norwegian Research Council to an application round to the EU 6th framework
- 2005 Scholarship from the Nansen Fund to carry out archive studies in Quito, Ecuador
- 2004 Scholarship from the Nansen Fund to carry out archive studies in Quito, Ecuador
- 1999 Doctoral scholarship from the Norwegian Research Council.
- 1999 Scholarship from Institutt for sammenliknende kulturforskning to a research pilot project in Ecuador.
- 1999 Scholarship from the Nansen Fund to carry out archive studies in Quito, Ecuador
- 1991 Non-European student scholarship from the Norwegian Research to carry out fieldwork to the Mag.art. degree in social anthropology
- 1990 Student scholarship from NOSALF (at the Institute of Latin American Studies at the University of Stockholm) to carry out literature study

Academic publications

- [*forthcoming a*] with Okamoto, Tami: Oil spills, contamination and unruly engagements with indigenous peoples in the Peruvian Amazon in Haarstad, Håvard (ed.) *New Political Spaces in Latin American Natural Resource Governance*. Palgrave McMillian
- [*forthcoming b*] Los usos del principio ‘el interés superior del niño’ en la administración y las políticas de la infancia ecuatoriana, in *Scripta Nova*
- 2012 with Tymczuk, Alexander: Care at a distance: Ukrainian and Ecuadorian transnational parenthood from Spain, in *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 38 (2), pp. 219-236
- 2011 Book review: Rowe, Ann Pollard (ed.), Laura Miller & Lynn A. Meisch: Weaving and dying in highland Ecuador, in *The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 17 (1), pp. 221-222
- 2011 Expressed, muted and silenced: Mestizo children and everyday violence in a marginal neighbourhood in Quito, Ecuador, in Six-Hohenbalken, Maria & Nerina Weiss (eds.) *Violence expressed: An anthropological approach*. Ashgate Publishing, pp. 147-165
- 2010 with Tymczuk, Alexander: Care and connectivity in labour migration, in *Suomen Antropologi: Journal of the Finnish Anthropological Society* 35 (4), pp. 49-52
- 2010 International adoption and child trafficking in Ecuador, in Craig, Gary (ed.) *Child slavery today: A contemporary reader*. Policy Press, pp. 271-283

- 2010 Book review: Deborah Poole (ed.) A Companion to Latin American Anthropology, in *Bulletin of Latin American Research* 29 (2), pp. 172-174
- 2010 Child welfare, biopower and mestizo relatedness in Quito, Ecuador, in Haukanes, Haldis & Tajana Thelen (eds.) *Parenting after the century of the child. Global trends, institutional transformations and local responses*. Ashgate Publishing, pp. 103-121
- 2009 Conflicting interests in the Andean region: The new extraction and the previous consultation principle, published electronically at http://www.norlarnet.uio.no/pdf/news/announcements/conference_2009_presentations/leifsen.pdf
- 2009 Childhoods in shifting analytical spaces: Cross-cultural, biosocial, human ecological and global perspectives, in *Reviews in Anthropology* 38 (3), pp. 197-216
- 2009 Adoption and the governing of child welfare in 20th century Quito, in *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 14 (1), pp. 68-91
- 2008 Child trafficking and formalization: The case of international adoption from Ecuador, in *Children & Society* 22 (3), pp. 212-222
- 2007 Book review: Monica Conrad's Nameless relations: Anonymity, Melanesia, and reproductive gift exchange between British ova donors and recipients, in *Anthropological Quarterly* 80 (2)
- 2006 Concepciones mestizas del indígena urbano en Otavalo, in *Sarance* 25
- 2006 *Moralities and politics of belonging: Governing female reproduction in 20th century Quito*. Oslo: UNIPUB
- 2004 Person, relation and value: The economy of circulating Ecuadorian children in international adoption, in Bowie, Fiona (ed.) *Cross-cultural approaches to adoption*, London: Routledge
- 2002 El deseo de incluir: Madres temporales del sector popular de Quito, published electronically at <http://www.yachana.org/ecuatorianistas/encuentro/2002/ponencias/leifsen.pdf>
- 1996 Histories of mobility, strategies of independence: an example from Northern Andes, in Ahlgren, S., A. Muñoz, S. Sjödin & P. Stenborg (red.) *Past and Present in Andean Prehistory and Early History*, Proceedings from workshop held at the Museum of Ethnography, University of Göteborg
- 1996 *En vev av uavhengighet: en studie av arbeid blant quichua-indianere i Otavalo, Ecuador*, Mag.art. dissertation, IMA-UiO

Popular science publications and reports

- 2009 *Sluttrapport: Utredning av masterundervisningen ved Inter Media, UV Fakultetet, UiO.* Oslo: Inter Media
- 2008 Ecuador, in *Oljetønner & kaffebønner: Kampen om naturressursene. Latin-Amerikaboka 2008.* Oslo: LAG/Solidaritet forlag
- 2008 with Peredo, Rocío: *External evaluation report: Master's programme: Communication for development.* Implemented by the Department of Social Communication and the Center of Postgraduate studies at the Universidad San Fransisco Xavier de Chuiquisaca, Bolivia, in collaboration with Misión Allaince Bolivia and Gimlekollen College. Commissioned by Norwegian Mission Alliance / Bistandsnemda
- 2008 with Ekern, Stener: *Review of the project "Strengthening IDPP, Indigenous Defence Counselling, Phase II"*, implemented by IDPP Guatemala and financed by the the Norwegian Embassy and the administered nby PNUD Guatemala (GTM 0041 –GUA-05/048), 2004-2008.
- 1998 Overlevelse og motstand blant høylandsindianere i Andes, in LAG-Oslo (red.) *Markedets pris*, Oslo: Solidaritet forlag
- 1991 with Guzmán, María: Ecuador: kolonisering og indiansk motstand in LAG/Regnskogsfondet (red.) *Hva skjer med regnskogen?* Oslo: LAG/Regnskogsfondet

Conferences and seminars

- 2011 NORLARNET, Second annual Norwegian Latin American research conference, Bergen. With Tami Okamoto: *Oil spills, contamination and unruly engagements with indigenous peoples in the Peruvian Amazon*
- 2011 ERIP, San Diego: Second conference on ethnicity, race and indigenous peoples in Latin America and the Caribbean: with Hector Calleros-Rodriguez, organizers of *Panel 10: Exploring resource conflict and resolution in Latin America.*
- 2011 ERIP, San Diego: Second conference on ethnicity, race and indigenous peoples in Latin America and the Caribbean: *Amazonian oil spills and vital concerns: Elements to an understanding of contamination.*
- 2011 ERIP, San Diego: Second conference on ethnicity, race and indigenous peoples in Latin America and the Caribbean: *Land, territory and environment in Bolivia. Discussant*
- 2010 American Anthropological Association: Annual Meeting, New Orleans: *Child circulation and changeable socialities in contemporary Latin America*
- 2010 European Social Science History Conference, Ghent: *Public welfare reform, social work and the protection of the child in the mid 20th century Quito, Ecuador*
- 2009 The N-ICME program/SAI-UiO, Oslo: Seminar: Barn og migrasjon: mellom transnasjonale familier, stat og egne erfaringer: *Barn i sirkulasjon, kvinnelige migranter og omsorg: Erfaringer fra Spania og Ecuador*

- 2009 European Science Foundation: *Exploratory workshop on Immigration and education in Southern Europe, Barcelona: Discussant*
- 2009 NORLARNET: First annual Norwegian Latin American research conference, Oslo: *Conflicting interests in the Andean region: The new extraction and the previous consultation principle.*
- 2009 Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro: *Child rights and the structuring of unequal childhoods*
- 2009 International workshop on 'The circulation of children: a reexamination of the child's best interest', Rio de Janeiro: *The uses of 'the best interest of the child' in the administration, governance and politics of Ecuadorian childhoods*
- 2008 PRIO-seminar: Transnational parenthood and children-left-behind, Oslo: with Alexander Tymczuk, the UiO: *Care at a distance: Ukrainian and Ecuadorian transnational parenthood in Spain.*
- 2008 ISF-seminar: Child migrants' rights as citizens: Rights discourses, claims and realizations, Oslo.
- 2008 EASA conference: *Introduction to W076: Children and migration in Europe: Between new citizenships and transnational families*, organized together with Silvia Carrasco, the Autonomous University of Barcelona.
- 2008 KULTENK conference 'Kulturell endring og kompleksitet: Norge and beyond', Oslo: *Informal child migration in Europe.*
- 2008 The Norwegian Anthropological Association's annual conference, Oslo: *Avstandssorg: Refleksjoner om transnasjonale ecuadorianske familier.*
- 2008 Contribution to the exhibition *Verdenskaleidoskopet: Bilder og objekter fra antropologiske feltarbeid*. At the Sverdrup gallery – UiO, presented by Cecilie Øien and Arndt Schneider, UiO.
- 2008 Presentation at 'Fagpedagogisk dag 2008', University of Oslo: with Cecilie Øien, UiO: *Barnemigranter: Etske og metodiske utfordringer*
- 2007 4th Nordic Migration Researcher's Conference, IMER, Bergen: *The singular, the nuclear and the complex in transnational family life and child care: Ecuadorian migrants in Spain*
- 2007 Latin American Studies Association, Montreal: *The inclusion of difference: Adoption legislation and child care transference practices in Quito in the latter half of the 20th century*
- 2007 Network of Latin American research, UiO, seminar: *Omsorgsovertakelsens økonomi: Forvaltning av barn i sirkulasjon i det 20 århundres Quito*
- 2006 EASA conference, Bristol: with Cecilie Øien, the UiO, organizers of *WP 054: Informal child migration and transnational networks of care*
- 2006 EASA conference, Bristol: *Child care transference and relational continuity: Mestizo relatedness and the public rationale of kinship in Quito, Ecuador*
- 2006 Ethnographic Forum, SAI, University of Oslo: *Perspektiver på 'child agency' sett i lys av et feltarbeid og et nytt forskningsprosjekt*
- 2006 SAI, UiO, Department seminar: *Informal child migration in Europe: en presentasjon*

- 2005 Younger scholars forum, Paris: *Governing female reproduction – methodological reflections on doing ethnography in an urban Latin-American context*
- 2005 Childhoods 2005, Oslo, with Cecilie Øien, UiO: *Of informal child circulation and trafficking: A critical perspective*
- 2005 SAI, University of Oslo, Institute seminar: *Coping with loss: The meanings of images and signs in creating the presence of the 'lost child' among temporal caretakers of Quito*
- 2004 Latin American Studies Association, Quito: *El hecho de cirar y el hecho de formar parte: Formas constitutivas de parentesco entre mestizos de sector popular de Quito*
- 2004 The Norwegian Anthropological Association's annual meeting, Oslo: *Staten, forvaltningsteknologier og adopsjoner i Quito, Ecuador – transport av noen analytiske begrep*
- 2003 SAI, University of Oslo, seminar: *Sammenhenger mellom stat og sivil samfunn, eller den triste historien om Veronica og hennes sviktende evne til omsorg*
- 2003 Norwegian Association for Development Research – NFUs annual conference, Oslo: *Child welfare policy, democratic citizenship and the poor child in Ecuador*
- 2002 Latin American Studies Association, Quito: *El deseo de incluir: Madres temporales del sector popular de Quito*
- 2000 EASA conference, Krakow: *The economy of circulating Ecuadorian children*
- 2000 The Norwegian Anthropological Association's annual meeting, Lillehammer: *Penger og konstituering av "fiktiv" slekt: Ecuatorianske internasjonale adopsjoner*
- 1997 International Congress of Americanists 49, Quito: *Movilidad e independencia económica, Otavalo, Ecuador*
- 1996 Conference at the Ethographic museum in Göteborg: *Histories of mobility, strategies of independence: An example from the Northern Andes*