

Knut Gunnar Nustad

Born: 14 June 1968

Education

- University of Oslo 1989-1993
- University of Cambridge 1993-1999

Qualifications

- B.A. University of Oslo 1993 (Social Anthropology, Psychology, Development Studies)
- M.Phil Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge 1994 (Supervised by Keith Hart)
- Ph.D. Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge 1999 (Supervised by Keith Hart)
- University Pedagogics, UMB, 2006

Professional Memberships

- Internasjonal Politikk (International Politics), Editor, 2000-2003, Editorial board member 2003-present. (Scandinavia's largest International Relations journal)
- Cambridge Anthropology, Member editorial board 1995
- Norwegian Council for Africa, Member Advisory Board 2003
- Norwegian Anthropological Association, Member since 1999
- American Anthropological Association, Member since 1999
- Royal Anthropological Institute, Fellow since 1994
- Idegruppen Nord/Sør, Board member since 2002

Present Appointment

- Associate Professor, Department of International Environment and Development Studies (Noragric), Norwegian University of Life Sciences.
 - Head of Research Group on Rights, Conflicts and Resources
 - Noragric's representative to the University Research Committee

Previous Employment

- Associate Professor, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo
- Associate Professor, Department of Research and Development, International Unit, Diakonhjemmet University College. 2004.
- Associate Professor, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo, 2003-2004
- Lecturer, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo 2002-2003
- Senior Research Fellow, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) 1999-2002
- Course organizer/Lecturer, Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge 1999
- Research Fellow, International Peace Research Institute, Oslo (PRIO) 1998

Ongoing Research

An ongoing concern has been to combine studies of global institutions with how these are reproduced in concrete encounters. The anthropology of the state is one area of research within this overall concern. Together with Christian Krohn-Hansen at the Department in Oslo I arranged an international workshop on *Explorations of the State* in October 2002, which led to the publication of a collection entitled *State formation: anthropological perspectives* on Pluto Press in 2005, with contributions from Bruce Kapferer, Chris Shore, Ana Alonso, Penny Harvey and others.

My longest engagement has been within the anthropology of development, where my research has focused on the necessity of combining an analysis of the discourses of development with actor-oriented approaches. Most of my publications on this issue have used field material from South Africa as examples. I have collaborated on this issue with an interdisciplinary group in Norway led by Dr. Iver B. Neumann, researchers at Centre for Environment and Development in Oslo, and colleagues in the US and UK.

From January 2007 I commenced work on a Norwegian Research Council funded project: *Property, Possession and Conflict in Re/Building Settlement* together with Prof. Edward Robbins at the Oslo School of Architecture and Prof. Sven E. Svensen at NTNU. My part of the research investigates changing property relations in South Africa, especially related to conflict over land enclosures in connection with conservation, and will cooperate with Dr. Dennis Rodgers at LSE, and with the Department of Social Anthropology at the University of KwaZulu Natal. The total project will run for three years and have a budget of NOK 5 million.

Closely related to this is the a planned project on the politics of nature, which has its background in the Nature and Society discussion group at the Department of Social Anthropology at the University of Oslo. Together with Rune Flikke I received a small grant to travel to South Africa in November 2007 to prepare a research proposal which we will submit to the NFR in 2008. My part of this project will focus on how ideas of conservation reflect wider political processes, and especially how discourses of “alienness” in nature are used as political metaphors.

Also in 2008, I plan a workshop with colleagues in Oslo on the politics of the city. We aim to bring together a wide group of scholars interested in urban and political anthropology and use the discussion as a basis for an internationally published collection of papers.

Courses Taught

I have been responsible for setting curricula, teaching and evaluation of courses in Cambridge, Oslo and Addis Ababa.

Regular courses given at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences:

- Social Anthropology, MA and BA students, classes of about 90
- Introduction to development studies, BA students, classes of about 40
- Anthropology and development, MA and BA students, classes of about 40

Courses given at the University of Oslo:

- Anthropology and development, 2. year students, classes of about 25
- Introduction to social anthropology, 1. year students, classes of about 250
- History of social anthropology, 1. year students, classes of about 250
- Social and cultural change, 2. year students, classes of about 60
- Anthropology and the state, 2. year students, classes of about 25
- Development theory, 1. year students, classes of about 70
- African ethnography, Master students, classes of about 50

Courses at other universities:

- Together with Prof. Edward Robbins, courses in development anthropology at Addis Ababa University 2002-2003
- Course on Development Anthropology, University of Bergen 2004.
- Course in African Studies, University of Trondheim (NTNU) 2004.
- Course for PhD students, Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences 2004.
- Course for BA students, Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences 2005.
- Course for MA students, Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences 2004.
- Taught international students at the Summer School at the University of Oslo 2000
- Taught anthropology and development for MPhil students at Cambridge University 1998

Many of my courses in Oslo have been evaluated by students and all have been given a consistently very good rating (documented in Norwegian).

Supervisions and Examinations

- Examined PhD dissertations at U of Oslo, Oslo School of Architecture and Norwegian U of Life Sciences.
- External examiner at Master and undergraduate levels at Cambridge University, University of Bergen, and University of Life Sciences.
- I have supervised students at both *hovedfag* (an extended MA with fieldwork) and the new Master level at the Department in Oslo and MA students at UMB. Currently supervising 10 graduate students.

Administration

- Academically responsible for the BA programme in Development studies, UMB
- Member of the Board, Noragric, UMB
- Academic responsible for creating a BA programme in Development Studies at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences
- Helped develop new BA in Development Studies at University of Oslo, member of Programme Board.
- Organised workshop on Urban Landscapes at NFUs annual meeting, 2005.
- Arranged international workshop on *Exploration of the State* 2002
- Outlined research strategy on development and anthropology for Department in Oslo 2003
- Pioneered and evaluated use of web-based teaching at Department in Oslo 2001
- Arranged international conference for *Academic Council on the United Nation System* (ACUNS) with more than 200 papers presented 2000
- Organised workshop on development and anthropology for annual meeting of Norwegian Anthropological Association 2000

Popular Presentations and Writing

- Ulandsseminaret, UiO, *Hvis vi er Vesten, Hva er de resten?*, April 2005.
- *Språk og makt i bistanden*. RORG seminar Norad November 2004.
- *Virker bistanden?* Fritt Ord, 15.10.2003
- *U-Hjelp som lynavleder*, front page interview Morgenbladet 1.3.2003
- *Interview Dagsnytt 18*, on Gavens Makt, 1.3.2003
- *Femti år med bistand – hvorfor vi må tenke nytt*. Discussion night at Rensieriet Cafe 4.3.2002
- *Interview Lang lunsj – NRK Østlandssendingen*, on development aid, 8.4.2002

- *Utvikling, fattigdom og politikk*, Newsletter UN programme, NUPI, 2000.
- *Kunnskap og samfunnskritikk*, Forskerforum, 2000 (with Ole J. Sending)
- *On the theoretical framework of World Development Report*, CROP web pages, 2000
- *Ti år etter apartheid*, *Dagbladet* 11.2.2000 (with Torunn Tryggestad)
- *Norsk bistand – ikke en arena for politikk*, *Dagsavisen* 22.2.2000 (with Kjetil Visnes)
- *Bistand og korrupsjon*, *Dagbladet* 1.6.1999.

Consultancy Work

- Background analysis of political situation in Zimbabwe for Norwegian Church Aid, 2004
- Evaluation of Norwegian development aid to Civil Society in South Africa, including an assessment of the importance of Civil Society Organizations for development (for NORAD, (the Norwegian counterpart to DFID) 2003
- Part of a team that evaluated Norwegian Research on Foreign Policy, commissioned by Research Council of Norway and Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2000
- Report on *Legitimacy and post conflict Peace Building* for Centre de Politique de Sécurité – Geneva 2000
- Report on *Security Sector Reform as a Development Issue* for OECD/DAC 1999

Other

- Interviewed on national radio and television in connection with research on several occasions
- Written newspaper articles on development aid and South African politics
- Given several presentations for the general public

Invited speaker

Oslo (various), Bergen, Stavanger, Tromsø, Trondheim, Roskilde, Aberdeen, Lisbon, Geneva.

Publications

- *Development: the devil we know* (2001) is required reading for the Anthropology of Development/Sociology of Development module at Edinburgh University and several other universities.
- *The instrumentalization of development knowledge* (2000) is on the reading list for a course on advanced topics in science and technology studies, Virginia State University.

Books/Thesis

2005, with Christian Krohn-Hansen (eds) *State formation: anthropological perspectives*, London, Pluto Press.

2003, *Gavens makt: Norsk utviklingshjelp som formynderskap*, Oslo, Pax. (The power of the gift, monograph published by an established Norwegian publisher)

1999, *Community leadership and development administration in a Durban squatter settlement*, PhD Thesis, University of Cambridge.

Book chapters and articles

2007 “Development: the devil we know?” In *Exploring Post-Development*, A. Ziai, ed, London, Routledge.

- 2007 "Nasjonale interesser fra et antropologisk synspunkt" Internasjonal Politikk, No 3
- 2006, "Den norske staten i verden: bilder og speilbilder", *Norsk antropologisk tidsskrift*, Vol 17, No 3-4, pp 233-242.
- 2006, "Foreign aid and the ideas of development", in *Poverty, politics and development: interdisciplinary perspectives*, D. Banik, ed, Oslo, Fagbokforlaget.
- 2005, "Perceptions of Politics" *Cadernos de estudos Africanos*, vol 5/6, pp 175-189.
- 2005, "State formation through development in post-apartheid South Africa," in *State formation: anthropological perspectives*, C.Krohn-Hansen K.G. Nustad, eds. London, Pluto.
- 2005, "Introduction: theoretical approaches," in *State formation: anthropological perspectives*, C.Krohn-Hansen K.G. Nustad, eds. London, Pluto.
- 2004, "Faglighet og ideologi i bistanden", *Kirke og Kultur*, vol. 109, no. 4, pp. 488-499.
- 2004, "The right to stay in Cato Crest: Formality and informality in a South African development project," in *Reconsidering informality: perspectives from urban Africa*, K. T. Hansen & M. Vaa, eds., Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, pp. 45-61.
- 2004, "Kultur og samfunnsforhold," in *Att studera Afrika: vägar till källorna*, K. Rylander, ed., Nordiska Afrikainstitutet, Uppsala, pp. 119-131.
- 2003, "The development discourse in the multilateral system," in *Global institutions and development: framing the world?*, M. Bøås & D. McNeill, eds., Routledge, London, pp. 13-23
- 2003, "Considering global/local relations: beyond dualism," in *Globalisation: studies in anthropology*, T. H. Eriksen, ed., Pluto, London, pp. 122-137.
- 2003 with Thune, H. "Norway: political consensus and the problem of accountability," in *Democratic accountability and the use of force in international law*, C. Ku & H. K. Jacobson, eds., Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, pp. 154-175.
- 2003, "Regjering gjennom utvikling: Rasjonalitet, politikk og økonomi i Sør-Afrika", *Norsk Antropologisk Tidsskrift*, vol. 14, no. 2-3, pp. 99-110. (Government through development: rationality, politics and economy in South Africa)
- 2002, "Explorations of the state: considerations from critical anthropology/ethnography, University of Oslo, 25-26 October, 2002.", *EASA newsletter* no. 3-4.
- 2002 with Kaarhus, R. *Antropologi og utvikling - spesialutgave Norsk Antropologisk Tidsskrift (1-2)*. (Anthropology and development, guest editor for a special issue of the Norwegian Anthropological Journal)
- Kaarhus, R. & Nustad, K. G. 2002, "Introduksjon: Om antropologi og utvikling", *Norsk Antropologisk Tidsskrift*, vol. 13, no. 1-2.

2001, "Development: the devil we know?", *Third World Quarterly*, vol. 22, no. 4, pp. 479-489.

2001, "Utvikling som diskursivt rom: makt, fattigdom og aktører", *Sosiologi i dag*, vol. 31, no. 4, pp. 73-88. (Development as discursive space: power, poverty and actors)

2000, "Lesoto," in *Fellesrådets Afrikaårbok*.

2000 with Sending, O. J. "The instrumentalization of development knowledge," in *Banking on knowledge*, D. Stone, ed., Routledge, London.

2000, "Formell utvikling og uformelle strategier: et post-apartheid utviklingsprosjekt", *Norsk Antropologisk Tidsskrift*, vol. 11, no. 3. (Formal development and informal responses: a post-apartheid development project)

1997, "The ends of development: comments on an obituary", *Forum for Development Studies* no. 1, pp. 155-166.

1996, "The politics of 'development': power and changing discourses in South Africa", *Cambridge Anthropology*, vol. 19, no. 1, pp. 57-72.

1995, "Frivillige sørafrikanske organisasjoners rolle i byggingen av et demokrati," in *Demokrati i Afrika: Fellesrådets Afrika årbok '95*, P. Ekløf, ed., Gazette Bok, Oslo. (The role of NGOs in building a democracy)

Papers presented (selection)

Nature, land, property rights and conservation in the Greater St Lucia Wetland Park, South Africa. Paper presented at the 106 American Anthropological Association Annual meeting Washington. Dc. Nov/Dec 2007

The state as form an effect: a South African case. Paper presented at the Dep of Social Anthropology, Seminar series, March 2007.

An anthropology of the state? A conversation with Knut Nustad and Finn Stepputat. CMI, Bergen, December 2007

People and the state in Durban's Cato Crest. Paper presented at the conference Transcending postcolonial conditions: towards alternative modernities. Cape Town 05-12-2006.

The future of development research. Roundtable with IDS (Sussex) and Noragric. Ås, 21-04-2006.

Civil society as reconfigured public in South Africa. Paper presented at the conference The public reconfigured: the production of poverty in an age of advancing liberalism. Baroniet Rosendal. 2005-09-23

Invited plenary speaker, Norwegian Anthropological Association's Annual meeting 2005. "Den norske staten i verden: bilder og speilbilder", Bergen.

Experiencing representation: leadership, politics and resources in a South African informal settlement, AEGIS Conference, Soas, London. 26-06-2005

After the giants. Paper presented at the Departemental seminar series, Social Anthropology, U of Bergen. 16-9-2004.

State, Governance and Development in Durban's Cato Crest (South Africa). Paper presented at AEGIS conference, Uppsala. 27-5-2004.

Civil society in South Africa: as seen from above. Paper presented at the LPD seminar series, SUM, UiO. 11-11-2003

Development, knowledge and state: a relational approach. Paper presented at the PhD seminar in development studies, Roskilde University. 30-10-2003

Development discourse in the multilateral system. Paper presented at the NFU annual conference. 23-10-2003.

Perception of politics: a South African case. Paper presented at AEGIS annual conference, Lisbon, Portugal. 25-9-2002.

Considering global/local relations: beyond dualism. Paper presented at the conference: Globalisation studies, Epistemological and methodological considerations from anthropology, Oslo 7-8 June. 2001.

Informal inversions: Developers and Community Leadership in Cato Crest, Paper presented at the conference The formal and the informal city - what happens at the interface? Copenhagen, June 15 - 18, 2000.

Questions of legitimacy in post-conflict peace building and arms control. Paper presented at the Arms Control Cluster, Geneva Centre for Security Studies, Geneva May 30, 2000.

Cato Manor: A post-apartheid development project. Paper presented at the Southern Africa seminar series, African Studies Centre, University of Cambridge. 1999.

Doing fieldwork in a Durban squatter settlement. Paper presented at the workshop Ethnography as an Interdisciplinary Method, The Arkleton Centre for Rural Development Studies, St Maty's, King's College, University of Aberdeen. 1999.

Perspectives on development: Politics and strategies in a Durban squatter settlement. Paper presented at the Nordic Africa Days, The Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden. 1999.

Reports

2003 with Heldal, I. Thue, N., *Review of Norwegian non-governmental organisations' development co-operation with South African partners*, Norad, Oslo.

2000, *Questions of legitimacy in post-conflict peace building and arms control* Centre de Politique de Sécurité, Geneve.

2000 with Sjørnsen, H., Neumann, I. B., *Sektoranalyse for forskning innenfor UD's sektor: for utenrikspolitikk og utenriksøkonomi* Norges forskningsråd, Kultur og Samfunn, Oslo.

1999 with Eide, E. B., Hansen, A., Lia, B. *Security sector reform as a development issue.*, OECD/DAC Room Document, Paris.