



## CV – POUL WISBORG

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### KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Academic focus Environment and development studies; land; human rights; social justice.  
Experience Teamwork, research in diverse contexts; project leader; university networking.  
Residence & travel Lived in Denmark, Norway, Scotland, South Africa and the USA. Worked in Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Malawi, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, South Africa.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Jan 2013 – *Head of Department*, Department of International Environment and Development Studies, Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences:  
Dec 2010 – Nov 2012 *Research Fellow*, International Food Policy Research Institute and Noragric: 'Large land deals in Africa'  
Aug 2008–Feb 2010 *Coordinator*, Southern African–Nordic Centre (SANORD), Cape Town  
2006 – 2012 *Associate Professor*, Noragric: Teaching, research, project leader  
2004–2006 *Project Leader/Lecturer Development Theory and Policy*, Noragric  
2001–2004 *PhD Research Fellow*, Noragric and Institute of Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS), University of the Western Cape  
1995–2001 *Project Leader institutional collaboration*, Noragric: Ethiopia, India, Pakistan, South Africa.  
1992–1995 *Programme Coordinator*, Noragric: Management of Natural Resources and Sustainable Agriculture

### EDUCATION

2006 PhD in Development Studies, Norwegian University of Life Sciences  
1992 MSc in Management of Natural Resources and Sustainable Agriculture, Agricultural University of Norway  
1990 BA in History of Ideas, Social Anthropology and Environmental Management, University of Oslo and University of Aberdeen  
1984 Certificate in farming, Vinterlandbruksskolen, Oslo  
1981 Upper secondary, modern languages, Støvring Gymnasium, Denmark

## LANGUAGES

English	High proficiency, oral and written
Norwegian	High proficiency, oral and written

## ORGANISATIONS

2011 –	Member, Association of African Scholars
2010	Board Member, Noragric
2005–2009	Board Member, Norwegian Association for Development Research
1997–2001	Board Member, Network for University Cooperation Tibet–Norway
1996–present	Member, International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC)

## PUBLICATIONS

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