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Short bio

Erik Knudsen is a postdoctoral fellow at the Digital Social Science Core Facility (DIGSSCORE) and Department of Information Science and Media Studies at the University of Bergen (UoB). He holds a PhD from the Department of Information Science and Media Studies at the UoB, Norway. Much of Knudsen's research explores patterns and effects of news and political communication, trust in journalism, and selective exposure to like-minded information. He is founder and PI of the Norwegian Journalism Panel and the interdisciplinary Political Communication Research Group at DIGSSCORE (together with Stefan Dahlberg). His work has appeared in *Political Communication*, *Journalism*, and other peer-reviewed journals.

Current position

Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Information Science and Media Studies, University of Bergen

Areas of specialization

Political communication • Media effects • Quantitative methodology • Methodological innovations

Employment

08/2016 - 08/2020

Current position

06/2016-08/2016

Researcher, Department of Information Science and Media Studies, University of Bergen

01/2016-06/2016

University lecturer, Department of Information Science and Media Studies, University of Bergen
Digital leader for Digital Social Science Core Facility (DIGSSCORE), Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen

12/2011-12/2015

PhD candidate, Department of Information Science and Media Studies, University of Bergen

09/2011-12/2011

Research assistant, Department of Information Science and Media Studies, University of Bergen

Education

- 2016 PHD in Media Studies, Department of Information Science and Media Studies, University of Bergen. Successfully defended: 7/2016.
- 2011 MASTER in Media Studies, Department of Information Science and Media Studies, University of Bergen
- 2009 BACHELOR in Media Studies, Department of Information Science and Media Studies, University of Bergen

Grants

- 06/2016-06/2018 *Consequences of native advertisement for reader's trust in journalism*, Norwegian Media Authority (Medietilsynet, råd for anvendt medieforskning). Role: Principal Investigator. Grant amount: 420,000,- NOK.
- 04/2018 *Travel grant*, The Meltzer foundation. Grant amount: 14 000,- NOK.
- 03/2018 *Data collection*, Department of Information Science and Media Studies, University of Bergen. Grant amount: 11 950,- NOK.
- 03/2018 *Travel grant*, Department of Information Science and Media Studies, University of Bergen. Grant amount: 7 000,- NOK.
- 04/2017 *Travel grant*, The Meltzer foundation. Grant amount: 13 000,- NOK.
- 03/2017 *Travel grant*, Department of Information Science and Media Studies, University of Bergen. Grant amount: 13 700,- NOK.
- 04/2016 *Travel grant*, Department of Information Science and Media Studies, University of Bergen. Grant amount: 13 000,- NOK.
- 10/2014 *Travel grant*, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Bergen. Grant amount: 40 000,- NOK.
- 03/2014 *Travel grant*, The Meltzer foundation. Grant amount: 9 000,- NOK.

Publications & working papers

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2018 **Erik Knudsen** and Mikael Poul Johannesson¹. (2018) "Beyond the limits of survey experiments: How conjoint designs advance causal inference in political communication research." *Political Communication*. DOI: [10.1080/10584609.2018.1493009](https://doi.org/10.1080/10584609.2018.1493009). (The 2017 Thomson Reuters Journal Citations Report ranks Political Communication 8th out of 84 in Communication categories with an Impact Factor of 2.738).
- 2018 **Erik Knudsen**, Magnus Hoem Iversen, and Eirik Vatnøy (2018) "Mistillit til den andre siden: ideologisk selektiv eksponering og tillit til røde og blå medier" [Distrust in the other side]. *Norsk Medietidsskrift*, vol 2/18. DOI: [10.18261/issn.0805-9535-2018-02-04](https://doi.org/10.18261/issn.0805-9535-2018-02-04).
- 2017 Magnus Hoem Iversen and **Erik Knudsen**² (2017) "When Politicians go Native: Consequences of Native Advertising for Citizens' Trust in Political News". *Journalism*, DOI: [10.1177/1464884916688289](https://doi.org/10.1177/1464884916688289). (Impact factor: 2.119, ranked as number 7 in Communication by Google Scholar citation metrics).
- 2016 **Erik Knudsen** (2016) Når nyhetsrammer og medialisering møtes: Hvordan og hvorfor ramme-

¹Both authors contributed equally

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og medialiseringsteori bør integreres tettere (Linking news framing theory and mediatization theory: why and how). *Norsk Medietidsskrift*, vol. 4/16. DOI: [10.18261/issn.0805-9535-2016-04-02](https://doi.org/10.18261/issn.0805-9535-2016-04-02).

JOURNAL ARTICLES IN REVIEW

- 2018 **Erik Knudsen** (in review) "Affective Polarization in a Multiparty Setting: Towards a Comparativist Approach to Studying Partisan Prejudice" *Pre-registered paper*. To view the pre-analysis plan for this article, please visit: <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/3W0Y4B>. DOI for pre-analysis plan: [10.7910/DVN/3WOY4B](https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/3WOY4B). Submitted to *Public Opinion Quarterly* in September 2018.

DISSERTATION

- 2016 **Erik Knudsen** (2016) *Journalistikkens fremstillingsmakt: nyhetsrammer, meningsdanning og medialisering*. (The Power of Journalistic Framing: News Frames, Public Opinion and Mediatization). PhD-thesis. Faculty of social sciences, University of Bergen. Available at: <http://bora.uib.no/handle/1956/12225>.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2017 **Erik Knudsen** (2017) Velferdsstatens møte med nyhetspressen: Fremstillingstøner og kildebruk i nyhetsdekningen av NAV (The welfarestate in the press: News framing and sources). In: Christensen, D. A., Ytre-Arne, B. Aars, J. (red.) *Tjenestedemokratiet. Velferdsstaten som arena for deltakelse*. Oslo: Universitetsforlaget.
- 2017 Torgeir Nærland and **Erik Knudsen** (2017) Velferdsstatens institusjoner og nyhetsmediene: En komparativ studie av medieinteraksjon i NAV og Universitets- og forskningssektoren (The institutions of the welfarestate and the newsmedia: a comparative analysis of media relations in two institutions). In: Christensen, D. A., Ytre-Arne, B. Aars, J. (red.) *Tjenestedemokratiet. Velferdsstaten som arena for deltakelse*. Oslo: Universitetsforlaget.
- 2014 **Erik Knudsen** (2014). Media Effects as a Two-Sided Field: Comparing Theories and Research of Framing and Agenda Setting, pp.207-217. In: L. Kramp, N., Carpentier, Hepp, A., Tomanić Trivundža, I., Nieminen, H., Kunelius, R., Olsson, T., Sundin, E. og Kilborn, R. (red.) *Media Practice and Everyday Agency in Europe*. Bremen: edition lumière

WORKING PAPERS

- 2018 **Erik Knudsen** (2018) "Affective Polarization in a Multiparty Setting: Towards a Comparativist Approach to Studying Partisan Prejudice" *Pre-registered working paper*. To view the pre-analysis plan for this article, please visit: <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/3W0Y4B>. DOI for pre-analysis plan: [10.7910/DVN/3WOY4B](https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/3WOY4B). To be submitted to *Public Opinion Quarterly* in August 2018.
- 2018 **Erik Knudsen** and Mikael Poul Johannesson (2018) "Journalistic Cues and Selective Exposure: How Agenda Setting Matters for Selective Exposure to Like-minded News." *Paper accepted for presentation at the Political Communication Division, 2018 APSA Annual Meeting (peer reviewed)*.
- 2018 **Erik Knudsen**, Mikael Poul Johannesson, and Sveinung Arnesen (2017) "Selective Exposure to

News Cues: Towards a Generic Approach to Selective Exposure Research.” *DIGSSCORE Working paper series*, 2017:6, Available at: <http://digsscore.uib.no/publications/selective-Exposure-News-Cues-Towards-Generic-Approach-Toselective>. Presented at the Political Communication Division, 2018 ICA annual conference (peer reviewed). To be submitted to Journal of Communication in October 2018.

- 2018 **Erik Knudsen**, Mikael Poul Johannesson, and Magnus Hoem Iversen. (2018) “The Hidden Consensus of News Media Credibility: Conjoint Analyses of Supply-side Determinants of Trust in News Media”. *Pre-registered working paper. An earlier version of this paper was presented at the Journalism Division, 2018 ICA annual conference. To view the pre-analysis plan for this article, please visit: <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/ISAHTR>. DOI for pre-analysis plan: 10.7910/DVN/ISAHTR*. To be submitted to Journal of Communication in September 2018.
- 2017 **Erik Knudsen**, Mikael Poul Johannesson, Sveinung Arnesen, Elisabeth Ivarsflaten, and Åsta Dyrnes Nordø (2017) “The Supply-side Determinants of Populism: A Conjoint Experiment in France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Iceland, and Sweden.” *Working paper (presented at ECPR17)*.
- 2018 **Erik Knudsen**, Mikael Poul Johannesson, Magnus Hoem Iversen, Silje Nygaard, and Stefan Dahlberg. (2017) “With Their Own Voice: Inducing News Media Trust with a Structural Topic Model for Open-ended Survey Responses” *Working paper (Presented at the Journalism Division, 2018 ICA annual conference (peer reviewed).)*.
- 2017 Magnus Hoem Iversen and **Erik Knudsen**³ (2017) “I’ve got our news and bad news: Party cues trump negativity bias when selecting political news online.” *DIGSSCORE Working paper series*, 2017:2, Available at: <http://digsscore.uib.no/publications/ive-Got-Our-News-And-Bad-News-Party-Cues-Trump-Negativity-Bias-When>.
- 2017 Raul Ferrer Conill, **Erik Knudsen**, Corinna Lauerer, and Aviv Barnoy (2017) “News vs. native advertising: A comparative study of the visual boundaries between editorial and commercial content.” *Working paper (presented at Future of Journalism Conference 2017 (peer reviewed))*.
- PRE-REGISTERED STUDIES ON HARVARD DATAVERSE
- 2018 **Erik Knudsen** (2018) “Pre-analysis plan and follow-up study on a conjoint experiment about news media trust” *Available at: <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/ISAHTR>*.
- 2018 **Erik Knudsen** (2018) “Pre-analysis plan for a conjoint experiment about trust in scientists” *Available at: <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/KGZQUK>*.
- 2018 **Erik Knudsen** (2018) “Pre-analysis plan for a conjoint experiment on affective polarization” *Available at: <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/MNZ3I>*.
- 2018 **Erik Knudsen** (2018) “Pre-analysis plan for a study on affective polarization in a multiparty setting” *Available at: <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/3WOY4B>*.

³Both authors contributed equally

Mobility

01/2015-04/2015 *Visiting PhD-candidate*, Amsterdam School of Communication Research, University of Amsterdam

Selection of invited talks

Spring 2018 *Department of Sociology and Political Science (NTNU)*, "Selective Exposure to Multiple Cues: How Multidimensional Exposure Decisions are Affected by Message Valence".

Spring 2018 *Gimlekollen Mediehøyskole*, "Why do we (dis)trust the media?".

Spring 2018 *The Norwegian Labour Party*, "Lever vi i et ekkokammer? Ideologisk selektiv eksponering og tillit til norske medier?"

Fall 2017 *POLKOM Monday seminar (UiO)*, "Trusting and reading news from the other side Experimental evidence on signs of echo chambers, selective exposure, and selective trust in Norway"

Spring 2017 *DIGSSCORE's tuesday lunch (UoB)*, "Echo chambers in Norway?"

Teaching, course administering & supervision

Fall 2018 *Master thesis*, Supervisor on a Master thesis in Media studies (Master level).

Spring 2018 *MEVI102*, Audience studies and research methodologies (Bachelor level). Role: Course administrator, lecturer, and responsible for training in statistics.

Spring 2017 *DIGSSCORE900*, Survey Experiments: Design and Data Analysis (PhD level). Role: Academic responsibility

Spring 2017 *MEVI102*, Audience studies and research methodologies (Bachelor level). Role: lecturer and responsible for training in statistics.

Spring 2016 *MEVI102*, Audience studies and research methodologies (Bachelor level). Role: lecturer and responsible for training in statistics.

Spring 2014 *MEVI102*, Audience studies and research methodologies (Bachelor level). Role: lecturer and responsible for training in statistics.

Fall 2013 *MEVI317*, ANews media's agenda, sources, and effects (Master level). Role: Course leader and lecturer.

Spring 2013 *MEVI102*, Audience studies and research methodologies (Bachelor level). Role: lecturer.

Spring 2012 *MEVI100*, Introduction to media and communication (Bachelor level). Role: lecturer.

Service

2018- *Presenter and academic responsibility*, The Annual Norwegian Media Survey – presented at the Norwegian Media Festival (Nordiske mediedager) 2018

2017- *YECREA Political Communication Representative*, European Communication Research and Education Association – Young scholars network.

2017-2018 *Appointed substitute member*, Committee of Infrastructure, University of Bergen

2017-2018 *Elected board member*, Board of Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Bergen

Fall 2017 *Member of survey design team*, the UoB's EU C&C survey for achieving status as "HR Excellence in

Research”.

Fall 2017	<i>Co-division leader</i> , the political communication division, NOPSA 2017 in Odense
10/2017-	<i>PI and founder</i> , the Norwegian Journalism Panel, University of Bergen (with Stefan Dahlberg)
03/2017-	<i>PI and founder</i> , the Political Communication Research Group of the Norwegian Citizen Panel, University of Bergen (with Stefan Dahlberg)
2016-2022	<i>Appointed substitute member</i> , The Norwegian Public Broadcaster Advisory Council (Kringkastingrådet for NRK)
01/2016-	<i>Member</i> , the ethical board of the Norwegian Citizen Panel, University of Bergen
01/2016	<i>Member</i> , the steering committee of the Norwegian Citizen Lab, University of Bergen
2013	<i>Leader and member</i> , the program committee of the Christie seminar, University of Bergen
2013-2016	<i>Leader</i> , the monthly PhD seminars, Department of Information Science and Media Studies, University of Bergen.

Journal, book proposal & conference reviewer

International Journal of Press/Politics
 Scandinavian Political Studies
 Routledge book proposal reviewer
 Norsk Medietidsskrift
 Nordicom Review
 The European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA)
 International Communication Association (ICA)
 ECREA Journalism Interim Conferences
 ECREA Political Communication Interim Conferences
 The Nordic Political Science Association (NOPSA)

Discussant & Panel chair service

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
 Nordic Political Science Association (NOPSA)
 The Nordmedia Conferences (multiple years)
 The Norwegian Media Conference (multiple years)

Selected conference attendance

American Political Science Association Annual meeting (APSA)
 The International Communication Association (ICA) – multiple years
 The Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
 The Nordic Political Science Association (NOPSA)
 The Nordmedia Conferences – multiple years
 The Norwegian Media Conference – multiple years
 The Norwegian Citizen Panel Conference
 The European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA) – multiple years
 The European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR)

Popular dissemination

A range of interviews, opinion and debate articles in Norwegian newspapers and television shows, participation in Researcher Grand Prix (Forsker Grand Prix) 2014, and Forkerforbundet's Petcha Kutcha in 2016. Leading and presenting the Norwegian Mediasurvey at the Norwegian Media Festival (Nordiske Mediedager) in 2018.