

SYNNØVE BENDIXSEN

PERSONAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

2004 - 2010. PhD in Social Anthropology at Humboldt Universität (Berlin)/ École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris), (double diploma). Grade: Summa cum laude/ Distinction.

2006, 2007, 2008. Visiting Researcher at New York University

2002 Diplôme du Cycle International d'Études Politiques, at Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (Science Po) (France)

2000 - 2001. Master of Science, at London School of Economics (UK).
MSc in European Politics and Policy

2000 MPhil examination (hovedfagsfellespensum) in Social Anthropology, University of Bergen (UiB, Norway)

1994 - 1999. Cand. Mag., University of Bergen (UiB)

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

2021 – Head of Department, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen

2021 – Professor, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen

2022 – 2025 Researcher and WP1 leader in project Tackling Precarious and Informal Work in the Nordic Countries (PrecaNord), led by Lena Näre (University of Helsinki), part of the Future Challenges in the Nordics research programme, funded by the Society of Swedish Literature in Finland, Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, The Finnish Cultural Foundation, The Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland, Stiftelsen Brita Maria Renlunds minne and The Kamprad Family Foundation for Entrepreneurship, Research & Charity.

2021 – 2024 Researcher and WP1 leader in project *On Equal Grounds? Migrant Women's Participation in Labour and Labour Related Activities* (EQUALPART), situated at the Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL), funded by the Research Council of Norway.

2019 – 2021 Associate Professor, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen

2019 – 2022 Researcher at project *SuperCamp – the Middle East as a regional zone of containment*, situated at Chr. Michelsen Institute –CMI, funded by the Research Council of Norway.

2019 – Researcher at Worldwide Universities Network (WUN). *Memorials to people who have died and to those missing during migration: a global project*, led by Ann Singleton (University of Bristol)

2018 – 2019. Associate Professor in Social Work, the Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL).

2014 – 2018. Postdoctoral Fellow at Department of Social Anthropology, UiB. (4 years)
Project: *Denaturalizing difference: Challenging the production of global social inequality*, (DENAT). (50 percent in 2017), funded by RCN (Research Council of Norway).

In addition to research and teaching, I have co-organized:

- two AAA workshops (Washington D.C. 2014) which led to the publication of one edited volume (Bringa and Bendixsen 2016);
- two seminars of which two edited volumes have been produced (Bertelsen and Bendixsen 2016, and Bendixsen, Bringslid and Vike 2017);
- NAT debate during the Norwegian Anthropology Conference, Trondheim (2015);
- the Norwegian Anthropology Day at the Royal Anthropological Institute, the British Academy, London (2015), with Edvard Hviding. Publication forthcoming;
- the DENAT project final conference, Solstrand (2016);
- a reading group for the department.

For this postdoctoral fellowship, I have so far published three peer reviewed journal articles, eight book chapters in international peer reviewed anthologies, and two edited volumes. A third edited volume is in press, and two articles have been submitted to international journals. I have published discussion sections, op-eds, and book reviews.

2011 – 2017. Researcher at Uni Research Rokkansenteret (NORCE), Bergen. (Fixed position)

- Project: *Parenting Cultures and Risk Management in Plural Norway* (ParCul), led by Hilde Danielsen, funded by the Research Council of Norway (RCN). (2014-2017) (70 percent in 2017).
- Scriptwriter and editing of *Birthdayparents* (docu-fiction, 18 min.) Received RCN-funding for producing a docu-fiction to disseminate research findings from the project Parenting Cultures and Risk Management in Plural Norway (with Hilde Danielsen).
- Project leader: *Information on return to irregular migrants living outside reception centres* (2013-2014), funded by the Norwegian Immigration Authorities.
- Project: *Programmes for assisted return to Afghanistan, Iraqi Kurdistan, Ethiopia and Kosovo: A comparative evaluation of effectiveness and outcomes*

- (collaboration with CMI, 2015-2016), funded by the Norwegian Immigration Authorities.
- Project: *Investigation on motivating factors for persons with rejected asylum application to return to their home countries* (collaboration with Fafo, 2012), funded by the Ministry of Justice and Public Security. Conducted interviews with rejected asylum seekers, produced analysis and co-author of report.
 - Project leader: *An evaluation of migrant qualification courses* (2013), funded by the Directorate of Integration and Diversity (IMDi).
- 2017 - 2019. Co-researcher in the project *Nordhost: Nordic hospitalities in a context of migration and refugee crisis*. Funded by UiO Norden
- Participated in four workshops/conferences (two in Oslo, Helsinki, Rome)
 - Conducted fieldwork at Lesbos
 - Wrote one journal article and co-edited one book (with Trygve Wyller).
- 2017- 2019. Co-researcher in the international research network *Helping Hands. Research Network on the Everyday Border Work of European Citizens*, funded by the Danish Council for Independent Research
- Participated in four field-workshops (Glasgow, Copenhagen, Utrecht, Hamburg).
 - Organised one workshop at the international conference International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM), Thessaloniki, Greece.
 - Wrote one publication in an international journal.
- 2015 - 2018. Researcher at the Department of Social Anthropology, UiB.
- Project *Norwegian energy companies abroad: Expanding the anthropological understanding of corporate social responsibility*, funded by RCN.
 - Case study: Corporate Social Responsibility of the Norwegian Oil Company DNO in Iraqi Kurdistan
 - Conducted fieldwork in Iraqi Kurdistan
 - Wrote one book chapter (in press)
- 2014 - 2015. Director of IMER (International Migration and Ethnic Relations), UiB.
- 2014 Visiting researcher at COMPAS, University of Oxford. (3 months)
- 2011 - 2014. Postdoctoral Fellow at Uni Research Rokkansenteret. (2 years)
Project: *Provision of Welfare to Irregular Migrants* (PROVIR), funded by the Research Council of Norway (RCN)
- Main responsible writer of the project proposal to RCN (for funding)
 - Organised workshops and seminars in Bergen and internationally
 - Gave talks in public venues and for municipal organizations
 - Presented work-in-progress at several international conferences
 - Conducted fieldwork with irregular migrants in Oslo and Bergen
 - Wrote several articles, book chapters and op-eds
- 2012 Visiting Fellow, at Makerere University Kampala (MUK), Uganda.
Funded by the *European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations* (EMMIR, EU funded), 2 weeks.
- Lectured and short field visit to Nakivale refugee camp

- 2010 - 2011. Research Assistant, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), Bergen.
Project: *Evaluation of IRRINI* (Iraqi Refugee Return Programme). Conducted interviews with rejected asylum seekers, produced analysis and co-author of report
- 2010 - 2011. Research Assistant, International Migration and Ethnic Relations (IMER), Bergen. Co-developing research project which was later provided RCN funding (PROVIR), seminars and activities
- 2010 - 2011. Research Assistant, Centre for Women's and Gender Research (SKOK), UiB.
Co-organising Bergen Summer Research School (BSRS) 2011
- 2009 - 2010. Maternity leave
- 2008 - 2009. Lecturer, Sociology Department, University of Kurdistan Hewler (Kurdistan Iraq/ North Iraq).
- 2005 - 2006. Associate Lecturer, Humboldt Universität (Berlin).
Taught in the master seminar 'Reloading Kreuzberg. The Urban, Migration, and Ethnography'
- 2002 - 2003. Consultant. International Migration Section, UNESCO, Paris.
Publishing, co-ordinating with research institutes, and developing policy documents and future goals for the section.
- 1999 - 2000. Student Union organisational secretary, Faculty of Social Sciences, UiB.
Planned activities, budget responsible, contact person towards the Faculty of Social Sciences

The positions held have included conducting individual research projects and participating in carrying out larger research projects, extensive anthropological fieldwork in Norway, Germany and Kurdistan Iraq/North Iraq, developing and teaching courses in social anthropology and sociology, supervising students at bachelor and masters levels, referee and evaluation work, publishing, popularizing and disseminating research, organizing conferences, workshops, and PhD courses, writing applications for national and EU funding, international networking, conference participations and more. Research focus includes migration, refugees, irregular migration, Islam and Muslims in Europe, religiosity, theories on borders, the anthropology of the Middle East, political/legal anthropology.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (see Teaching Portfolio)

- 2019 Main organiser and Lecturer. Bergen Summer Research School (BSRS). PhD Research Course: *Migration Processes and Practices: Theories, methods and ethical conduct*, 17-27th of June
- 2018 Guest Lecturer, on Ethnicity, in *Introduction to Social Theory*, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL), 17th of April
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- 2018 Guest Lecturer. International MA course on *Irregular migrants and health* organised by the Department of Global Public Health and Primary Care, UiB, January/February
- 2017 - 2018. UPED 620, 637, 631. Courses in university pedagogy at the University of Bergen (UiB) (universitetspedagogikk). Basic and individual modules (20 credits in total). See teaching portfolio.
- 2011 – present. Guest Lecturer. University of Stavanger, in the Erasmus Mondus programme *European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations*. (2 hours lectures and 3 hours group work each spring semester)
- 2017 Guest Lecturer. Summer School *Migrants, Human Rights and Democracy*, organized by the University of Palermo, at Lampedusa. Aimed at master students, academics and young professionals, 19th -23rd of June 2017
- 2017 Guest Lecturer. Bergen Summer Research School (BSRS). PhD Research Course: Migration and the (Inter-)National Order of Things, 12th -22nd of June
- 2014 – 2016. Course Leader. Bachelor course SANT 105 Maktens Utrykk og Tilsøringer [Power: Manifestations and Concealments], Department of Social Anthropology, UiB. For three fall semesters it involved 13 two-hour lectures, syllabus selection, exams and assessment. 60-90 students
- 2015 Guest Lecturer. Course VIT215 Mennesker på flukt [Humans on the run], by Centre for the Study of the Sciences and the Humanities, UiB. Lecture: The Refugee Crisis. The Reconfiguration of the Border in a Globalised World, 12th of April
- 2014 Guest Lecturer. Bergen Summer Research School (BSRS), UiB. Lecture: *Irregular migration and the question of citizenship*, PhD Research Course: Differentiated Citizenship: Governing Populations Beyond Territorial State Borders, 30th of June. Contributed also to overall discussion and organisation during the whole course, 23rd of June - 3rd of July
- 2012 Guest Lecturer. Gender and Religion, in Introduction course, bachelor level, at Centre for Women's and Gender Research (SKOK), 16th of February, UiB, February
- 2008 – 2009. Lecturer. University of Kurdistan Hewler (North Iraq), Sociology Department. Course Leader of 'Sociology of Religion' (bachelor level), 'Gender and Power' (bachelor level), 'Nationalism, Culture and Ethnicity' (bachelor level), 'Gender, Society and Agency' (master level)
- 2005 – 2006. Associate Lecturer. Humboldt Universität (Berlin), co-lecturing master seminar, *Reloading Kreuzberg. The Urban, Migration, and Ethnography*.

- 2014 – Tutoring master students, UiB. Five students at the Department of Social Anthropology, and three at the Department of Comparative Political Science

2011 -. Tutoring master students, University of Stavanger. Eleven master students at the Erasmus Mundus programme *European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations*

2008 - 2009. Tutoring master students, University of Kurdistan Hewler (Kurdistan Iraq). Six master students at the Sociology Department.

REFeree EXPERIENCES

I am frequently asked to be referee for international journals (including Anthropological Theory, Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute, Ethnos, Social Analysis, Migration Studies, Contemporary Islam, Social Anthropology, Political Geography and Norwegian Journal of Anthropology)

2021 – present. Editorial board for *Ethnologia Europaea – Journal of European Ethnology*

2017 – present. Editorial board for *Public Anthropology*. (Book review editor 2016-2017)

2015 – present. Series co-editor with Bjørn Bertelsen, (with Edvard Hviding 2015-2020) for the Palgrave Macmillan series *Approaches to Social Inequality and Difference*

2013 – 2022. Co-editor in chief (with Lena Näre, University of Helsinki) for the *Nordic Journal of Migration Research*.

ORGANISATIONAL EXPERIENCES

2021 Main organizer of the Norwegian Anthropology Conference, Bergen 25th – 26th of November.

2021 Co-organizer of workshop Conceptualising im/mobility: Humanitarianism, camps and borders, Bergen, Norway, co-hosted by the University of Bergen (UiB), the Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI) and the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), with funding from the Norwegian Centre for Humanitarian Studies. Thursday 18 and Friday 19 November 2021

2021 Session: Asylum and refugee protection, at Nordic Migration Conference, Helsinki (online), 11-14th of January 2021

2019 Session: Grenser, velferdsstaten og irregulær migrasjon, with Mary-Anne Karlsen, at Norwegian Anthropology Day, Oslo, 23rd of August

2018 Session: Uncertain Solidarities: Migration, Social Incorporation, and European Welfare, with John Borneman and Kelly McKowen, at EASA2018 (European Association for Social Anthropologists). Stockholm 14-17th of August

2018 Session: ‘Helping hands’ in a rebordering Europe with Marie Sandberg and Dorte Jagetic Andersen, at IASFM 17: Whither Refugees? Restrictionism, Crises and Precarity Writ Large, Thessaloniki, Greece, 24-27th of July

2017 Session: Return Migration, at EADI (European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes) Globalisation at the Crossroads – Rethinking Inequalities and Boundaries, 20-23rd of August, University of Bergen

2016 Session: Raising Europe: Managing parents and the production of good citizens, with Charlotte Faircloth (University of Roehampton) and Anouk de Koning (Radboud University Nijmegen), at EASA2012 (European Association for Social Anthropologists), Milan, 20th – 23rd of July 2016

2015 Workshop: Ontologizing Difference: De- and re-naturalizing boundaries, with Bjørn Bertelsen, Department of Social Anthropology, UiB, 19th – 20th of January 2015,

2014 Session: Engaging Anthropology: Experiences from Scandinavia, with Edvard Hviding, at Annual Meeting of American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C., 3rd – 7th of December

2014 Session: Naturalizing Difference in the time of Economic Liberalization and New Technologies of Control, with Christine Jacobsen, at Annual Meeting of American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C., 3rd – 7th of December

2014 Session: Materializing Borders, with Christine Jacobsen, at Nordic Migration Research Conference, ‘Flows, Places and Boundaries – Migratory Challenges and New Agendas’, Copenhagen, 13th - 15th of August

2014 Session: Grensers materialisering [Materialization of the Borders], with Christine Jacobsen, at NAT (Norwegian Anthropological Association annual conference), ‘Ulikhetens natur’[the nature of difference], Bergen, 2nd – 4th of May

2012 Session: At risk in Europe: irregular migrants facing and circumventing uncertainty, with Shahram Khosravi and Christine Jacobsen, at EASA2012 (European Association for Social Anthropologists), ‘Uncertainty and disquiet’, Nanterre University, France

2011 Session: Dynamics between migration controls and living conditions of non-EU migrants in the European welfare states: policies and challenges, with Ursula Trummer and Christine Jacobsen at 16th International Metropolis Conference, Ponta Delgada, Azores Islands.

2011 Session: Stat, Velferd og Migrasjon [the State, Welfare and Migration], with Christine Jacobsen, NAT (Norwegian Anthropological Association annual conference), Oslo, 6th – 8th of May

2008 Session: Diaspora Community, its Memory through Age and Generations, with Anna Harutyunyan, at Generations in flux, International interdisciplinary conference on ethnicity, integration and family ties, Helsinki, 23rd – 24th of October

2007 Session: 'Other Spaces', with Jenny Künkel, at the 3rd Annual Conference 'Time|Space Dynamics in Urban Settings', at Center for Metropolitan studies, Technische Universität Berlin, 24th – 25th of May

2007 Workshop: Articulating Theory and Ethnography in the Urban Studies, with Ignacio Fariás, at Center for Metropolitan studies, Berlin, supported by the German Research Foundation, 23rd of May

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE AND POSITIONS OF TRUST

2023 Opponent at PhD defence, candidate Rikard Engblom, Time Warps. Refugees and the Experience of Waiting in Rural Sweden, Institutionen för kulturanthropologi och etnologi, University of Uppsala, 3rd of February

2023- ongoing Review of applications/ Fagfelle UiO: Democracy

2022 Opponent at PhD defence, candidate Signe Aarvik, Negotiating Islam – A qualitative study of beliefs and meaning making among young second generation Muslims in Norway, VID Specialized University, Stavanger, 7th of June

2022 Opponent at PhD defence, candidate Elina Niinivaara, Carving Out Possibilities: Refugee Background Young Men and Mundane Political Agency, Faculty of Social Sciences at the Tampere University, Finland, 18th of March

2021 Examination/ External Assessment of PhD candidate Heidi Mongstad, Humanitarian shame and cosmopolitan nationalism: Norwegian volunteers at home and abroad, University of Cambridge, UK, 13th of December

2021 – Head of Department, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen, Norway

2021 Head of Research Committee (FU, Forskningsutvalget), Department of Social Anthropology, UiB

2021- 2025 External member of board (deputy member) to the Department Board, at the Department of Social Anthropology, NTNU, Norway

2021 Organising Norwegian Anthropology Conference, Bergen, 25-26th of November 2021

2020 Member of the examining committee at the thesis defence of Jacob Lind, University of Malmö, Sweden, 25th of September

2020 Participating in Committee for Doctoral position, IMER, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Bergen

2020 Leading Committee for Post-Doctoral position, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo

2020 Chairperson for PhD defence, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen (Mari Nordbak)

2018-2020 Developing application for MA in Migration and Integration, with RUC/Roskilde University, to Nordic Master programmes (granted)

2019 Committee member of development of MA programme in Social Anthropology, UoB

2019 Academic member of the Educational Committee (UU), at the Department of Anthropology, University of Bergen

2019, 2021 Expert Advisor in review panel of Postdoctoral, Fellowships and Research projects for the Academy of Finland, Research Council for Migration, Helsinki

2019 - Board member of Norwegian Anthropological Association

2018 Committee member in scientific committee for nominating and selecting Best Article in *Norwegian Journal of Anthropology* for 2017

2018- 2019 Research Group Leader, research group Social Work, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences

2017 Expert Advisor in review panel of Postdoctoral, Fellowships and Research projects for the Academy of Finland, Research Council for Culture and Society (CULTURES17), Helsinki 23rd – 24th of March

2017 Participation in the development of the MA programme “Flerkulturell forståelse og kommunikasjon” [Intercultural understanding and communication] (SANT 660).

2017 Committee member in scientific committee for appointing two PhDs at Department of Global Public Health and Primary Care, University of Bergen

2017 Committee member in scientific committee for evaluating PhD social sciences essays (5 candidates)

2015 – 2017. Member of Forskningsutvalget (FU, Research Committee), Department of Social Anthropology, UiB

2015 – 2016 and 2019. Co-organiser of the Department seminars, Department of Social Anthropology, UiB

2014 – 2017 Project Advisor in Project Advisory Group for “Becoming Adult: Conceptions of Futures and Wellbeing among Young People Subject to Immigration Control in the UK”, ESRC Project led by Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford

2016 Co-organised MigrationWeek (together with Are Knudsen and Maja Janmyr). Co-hosted by the International Migration and Ethnic Relations Research Unit Bergen, Centre for Women’s and Gender Research, the Chr. Michelsen Institute and the Faculty of Law, UiB, Bergen 24th -28th of October

2015 Second opponent for PhD thesis defence (of Ida Erstad), Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo, December

2015 Expert advisor for application for research project proposal, Belgium Research Foundation - Flanders (Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek - Vlaanderen, FWO)

2015 NAT Debate. Co-organising NAT-debate at the Norwegian Anthropological Association annual meeting, 8th of May 2015, Trondheim.

2012 Committee member in scientific committee for appointing Assistant Researcher at the Department of Social Anthropology, UiB

2011 Co-administrator of PhD course Gender and Globalization: Theoretical and Methodological Challenges (by SKOK) at Bergen Summer Research School, UiB

2008 – 2009. Student Union Advisor at University of Kurdistan Hewler

PHD SUPERVISION

Manimala Chanu Asem (UiB) (Main supervisor). PhD thesis: *Understanding Littorals of Loktak* (India)

Amanda Tallis (UiB), (Main supervisor). PhD thesis: *Migrant Women's Participation in Labour and Labour Related Activities*.

Felicity Okoth (UiB) (Main supervisor). PhD thesis: *The situated and translocal practices of Sub-Saharan African migrants in Nairobi and how these influence their migration aspirations*.

Malin Håland Kleppe (HVL) (second supervisor). PhD thesis: *When a sacred body gets sick. An ethnographic exploration of the Islamic religious body and health practices in Norway*.

Ida Elise Magnussen (NTNU), (second supervisor). PhD thesis: *Place-making, identity and transnational belonging: the social integration of migrants in Norway*.

Michael Lavdas (UiB), (second supervisor). PhD thesis: *Psychological resilience among refugees in Greece: Implications of having a "helper role" as a refugee; Helper focus groups*.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Bendixsen, Synnøve and Edvard Hviding (eds.) **2021**. *Anthropology in Norway: Directions, Locations, Relations*. Sean Kingston Publishing: Canon Pyon (level 1)

Bendixsen, Synnøve and Trygve Wyller (eds.) **2019**. *Contested Hospitalities in a Time of Migration*. Routledge: London (level 2)

Bendixsen, Synnøve, Mary Bente Bringslid and Halvard Vike (eds.) **2018**. *Egalitarianism in Scandinavia: Historical and Contemporary Approaches*. Palgrave: London (level 2)

Bertelsen, Bjørn and Bendixsen, Synnøve (eds.) **2016**. *Critical Anthropological Engagements in Human Alterity and Difference*. Palgrave Macmillan: London (level 2)

Bringa, Tone and Bendixsen, Synnøve (eds.) **2016**. *Engaged Anthropology: Views from Scandinavia*, Palgrave Macmillan: London (level 2)

Bendixsen, Synnøve, Christine Jacobsen and Karl-Harald Søvig (eds.) **2015**. *Eksepsjonell velferd? Irregulære migranter i det norske velferdssamfunnet* [Exceptional welfare? Irregular migrants in the Norwegian welfare state]. Gyldendal: Oslo (level 1)

Bendixsen, Synnøve **2013**. *The Religious Identity of Young Muslim Women in Berlin. An Ethnographic Study*, Brill: Leiden (level 2)

Bendixsen, Synnøve **2010**. 'It's like doing SMS to Allah'. *Young Female Muslims Crafting a Religious Self in Berlin*, PhD Thesis, Paris: École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales and Humboldt Universität. (Dissertation)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Bendixsen, Synnøve and Lena Näre 2024. Welfare state bordering as a form of mobility and migration control, Special issue: Welfare state bordering as a form of mobility and migration control, in *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2023.2298540>

Bendixsen, Synnøve and Thomas Hylland Eriksen 2024. The neoliberal welfare state and its discontents. Slow violence against irregular migrants in Norway, Special issue: Welfare state bordering as a form of mobility and migration control, in *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2023.2298544>

Johansen, Kristina and Bendixsen, Synnøve **2023**. "I'm only surviving": Ambivalent recognition in young unaccompanied refugees' encounters with the Norwegian society, *Journal of Youth Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/13676261.2023.2231360

Näre, Lena, Synnøve Bendixsen and Olivia Maury **2022**. Practicing inclusion while waiting for a residence permit: Asylum seekers in informal social infrastructures, in *European Journal of Social Work*

Bendixsen, Synnøve and Marie Sandberg **2021**. The temporality of humanitarianism: Provincializing everyday volunteer practices at European borders, in *Intersections. EEJSP* 7(2): 13–31. DOI: 10.17356/ieejsp.v7i2.734

Bendixsen, Synnøve **2020**. Existential Displacement: Health Care and Embodied Un/Belonging of Irregular Migrants in Norway, in *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry*, 44(4):479-500. doi: 10.1007/s11013-020-09677-3 (level 1)

Hilde Danielsen and Bendixsen, Synnøve **2020**. 'Is it mandatory to celebrate birthdays?' Birthday parties as a test of belonging in Norway, in *Ethnologia Scandinavica. A Journal for Nordic Ethnology*, 50: 83-104 (level 2)

Bendixsen, Synnøve and Hilde Danielsen **2020**. Great expectations: Migrant parents and parent-school cooperation in Norway, in *Comparative Education*, 56(3): 349-364, DOI: 10.1080/03050068.2020.1724486 (level 2)

Bendixsen, Synnøve **2020**. The Care/Security Nexus of the Humanitarian Border: Assisted Return in Norway, in *International Migration*, 58 (6): 108-122

Hilde Danielsen and Bendixsen, Synnøve **2019**. Dealing with diversity, hoping for inclusion. Parents' involvement urban schools in Norway, in *Ethnicities*, 19 (6), 1158-1180 (level 2), <https://doi.org/10.1177/1468796818822542>

Bendixsen, Synnøve and Hilde Danielsen **2019**. Other people's children: inclusive parenting in a diverse neighborhood in Norway, in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 42:7, 1130-1148, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2018.1478111> (level 2)

Bendixsen, Synnøve **2019**. Irregular migrants enacting the border: deportability, humanitarian exceptionalism and healthcare in Norway, in *Social Anthropology/ Anthropologie Sociale* 27 (3), 517-530, (level 2)

Bendixsen, Synnøve **2018**. The politicized biology of irregular migrants: micropractices of control, tactics of everyday life and access to health care, in *Nordic Journal of Migration Research*, Special issue: Everyday Bordering in the Nordic Countries, Guest Editors Miika Tervonen and Saara Pellander, 8 (3): 167-174 (level 1)

Bendixsen, Synnøve **2018**. Transnational Practices of Irregular Migrants and Nation-State Management in Norway, in *Nordic Journal of Migration Research*, 8(4): 229-236

Bendixsen, Synnøve **2018**. Differentiation of Rights in the Norwegian Welfare State: Hierarchies of Belonging and Humanitarian Exceptionalism, in *Social Inclusion*, 6 (3): 162 - 171, DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.17645/si.v6i3.1520> (level 1)

Bendixsen, Synnøve **2017**. The Production of Irregular Migrants: The Case of Norway, in *Two Homelands*, 42: 29-43, (level 1)

Bendixsen, Synnøve **2016**. The refugee crisis: destabilizing and restabilizing European borders, in *History and Anthropology*, 27(5): 536-554, DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/02757206.2016.1221407>, (level 1)

Bendixsen, Synnøve **2015**. «Give me the damn papers!» Å vente på oppholdspapirer, in *Norsk Antropologisk Tidsskrift*, [«Give me the damn papers!» Waiting for papers, in *Norwegian Journal of Anthropology*], Universitetsforlaget: Oslo, 3-4: 285-303, (level 1)

Bendixsen, Synnøve **2014**. En denaturalisering av “norsk” antropologis teoriutvikling, in *Norsk Antropologisk Tidsskrift*, [A denaturalization of “Norwegian” anthropological theory development, in *Norwegian Journal of Anthropology*], Universitetsforlaget: Oslo, 3-4: 263-268, (level 1)

Bendixsen, Synnøve **2009**. Young females negotiating, resisting, and (re)constructing ‘Othering’, in *Critique and Humanism Journal*, Human and Social Studies Foundation, Sofia, 30 (3): 103-123, (level 1)

Bendixsen, Synnøve **2007**. Making Sense of the City: Religious Spaces of Young Muslim Females in Berlin, in *Informationen zur modernen Stadtgeschichte* 2/2007, 51-65

Bendixsen, Synnøve **2005**. Being Young, Muslim and Female. Creating Space of Belonging in Berlin, in *Berliner Blätter*, Panama Verlag: Berlin, 37, 88-98

Bendixsen, Synnøve & Paul de Guchteneire **2003**. Best Practices in Immigration Service Planning, in *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 22: 4, pp. 677-682, (level 1)

BOOK CHAPTERS (REFeree BASED)

Bendixsen, Synnøve (forthcoming). Intersectionality in irregular migration.

Bendixsen, Synnøve 2023. Journeys interrupted: The labyrinthine border experience along the Balkan Route, Kjersti Berg & Are Knudsen (eds.), in *Continental Encampment. Genealogies of Humanitarian Containment in the Middle East and Europe*, Berghahn: New York, pp. 190-215.

Bendixsen, Synnøve 2023. The “Nordic Model” in the Middle East Oil fields: How Shareholder Value Eclipses Corporate Responsibility, in Ståle Knudsen (ed.) *Corporate Social Responsibility and The Paradoxes of State Capitalism. Ethnographies of Norwegian Energy and Extraction Businesses Abroad*, Berghahn: Oxford, pp. 295-321

Danielsen, Hilde and Bendixsen, Synnøve 2022. Birthday Parents and Representation. Ethnography as a basis for fictional film? In *Going Public? Ethnography in Education and Social Works and its Publics*, Hünersdorf, Bettina, Georg Breidenstein, Jörg Dinkelaker, Oliver Schnoor, Tanya Tyagonova, Daniel Wrana (eds.). Springer VS: Wiesbaden

Bendixsen, Synnøve and Lena Näre **2022**. The Migration-Kinship Nexus: Mobilising Kinship During Fragmented Afghan and Iraqi Journeys to European Union Countries, in *Handbook of transnational families around the world*, Javiera Cienfuegos, Rosa Brandhorst, Deborah Fahy Bryceson (eds.). Springer VS: Wiesbaden, 221-236.

Bendixsen, Synnøve and Edvard Hviding (eds.) **2021**. *Portrait of a Young Discipline?*, in *Anthropology in Norway: Directions, Locations, Relations*. Sean Kingston Publishing: Canon Pyon (level 1)

Bendixsen, Synnøve **2021**. *Disagreements, illuminations, and mystery: towards an ethnography of anthropology in Norway*, in *Anthropology in Norway: Directions, Locations, Relations*. Sean Kingston Publishing: Canon Pyon (level 1)

Bendixsen, Synnøve and Hilde Danielsen **2020**. Hierarchical forms of belonging in an egalitarian society, in *Digesting difference: Migrant Incorporation and Mutual Belonging in Europe*, John Borneman and Kelly McKowen (eds), Palgrave: New York (level 1)

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Birthdayparents (18min. 2018), docu-fiction directed by Savas Buyraz. Based on the research project *Parenting Cultures and Risk Management in Plural Norway* (ParCul). Developing the script and editing.

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Bendixsen, Synnøve **2012**. Book review of *Islam og muslimer i Danmark. Religion, identitet og sikkerhed efter 11. september 2001*, Pedersen og Rytter (eds), in *Norsk Antropologisk Tidsskrift*, 2: 23: 202-204.

ACADEMIC AND POPULAR DISSEMINATION

Includes invited lectures at such institutions as Princeton University, Scandinavian Research Council for Criminology, China University, Humboldt University, COMPAS (Oxford), the Canadian Centre for German and European Studies at the University of Montreal, Fordham University (NY), Stockholm Anthropology Roundtable at the Department of Social Anthropology (Stockholm University), Potsdam University (for the E. ON Ruhrgas Scholarship Programme in Political Science), University of Oslo and University of Stavanger.

Includes papers given at a number of national and international conferences, such as the annual conferences of the Norwegian Anthropological Association (NAT), the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA), International Society for Ethnology and Folklore (SEIF), American Anthropological Association (AAA), the Nordic Migration Research Conferences (NMR), and Metropolis.

Includes a number of scholarships to give papers and to participate at international seminars and workshops, such as Princeton University, China Society for Human Rights Studies, the Academy of Urban Super-diversity, Irmgard Coninx Foundation (the Social Science Research Center Berlin and the Humboldt-University Berlin), European Fellowships for Training in Urban Studies (Marie Curie Training Course, in Weimar), UCSIA Summer Seminar at the University of Antwerp, the Nordic Network for the Mediatization of Religion and Culture (workshop at Sigtuna), EUROFOR Marie-Curie conference, and Urbino summer school (EUREX grant).

Includes a number of public lectures on my work e.g. Red Cross, the Child Welfare Service (barnevernet), Norwegian Immigration Authorities, Alumnidays, Folkehelsedagen (Public Health day), for teachers at Nygårdsskole, at 'New Chance' (education for migrants) in Bergen, Henrich Böll Stiftung (Berlin), and the Fulbright programme (Berlin).

DETAILED OVERVIEW OF ACADEMIC DISSEMINATION

Research Ethics, invited to plenary session at Norsk antropologisk Årskonferanse [Norwegian Anthropological Association Conference], 1st of December 2023, Trondheim

Guestlecture, *Immigration and multiculturalism*, BA course SAS13 Norwegian culture and history, UiB, 7th of October 2023

The Nordic welfare-state bordering and its discontents: Deservingness, neoliberalism and Digitalization, Keynote at Mobilities, (welfare) citizenship and the changing nature of work Exploratory workshop organized by MOBILEWORK network, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, 11th of August 2023

Continental Encampment. Roundtable at Bergen Exchanges Law and Social Transformations, Kulturhuset Bergen, 15th of August 2023

What is knowledge, and how do we know? NTNU Ocean Week. Making use of Artic Science, the University Centre in Svalbard Longyearbyen, Svalbard 24th of May

Guestlecture, *Irregular migration and bordering*, EMMIR MA program, University of Stavanger, 2nd of May 2023

Continental Encampment. Book launch presentation at the University Library, University of Bergen, 28th of April 2023

Guestlecture on *Anthropological methods*, SVT MA program, University of Bergen, 31st of May 2023

Flyktningers og migranternes reise til Europa: Grensekontroll og provisoriske leire langs Balkan ruten, Senioruniversitetet Fiskeridirektoratet, november 2022

The humanitarian border in Europe, Guestlecture and organizer of unit as part of MOOC on Mental borders, physical borders and the shaping of modern European identity and citizenship, Arqus network, Spring 2022

Individualised health rights and irregular migrants in Norway: the production of a precarious subject and the re-emergence of charity, at 19th IMISCOE annual conference, 29th of June - 1st of July 2022, Oslo

Invited discussant on panel Digital Transformations, 17th EASA Biennial Conference EASA2022: Transformation, Hope and the Commons, Belfast, 26th -29th of July, 2022

Veien til Europa: Eksternaliseringspolitikk og migranternes beslutninger langs Balkan ruten, Guestlecture Senioruniversitetet i Bergen, 20. april 2022

The challenge of representation: Ethnography as a basis for fictional film, presentation at IMER junior seminar, 2nd of December 2021, Bergen

“Going on the game”. Im/mobility practices and bordering architectures along the Balkan route, presentation at workshop Conceptualising im/mobility: Humanitarianism, camps and borders, , co-hosted by the University of Bergen (UiB), the Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI) and the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), with funding from the Norwegian Centre for Humanitarian Studies. Bergen, Norway, Thursday 18 and Friday 19 November 2021

The transnational perspective on migration – anthropological approaches. Invited guest lecturer to opening workshop. Exploring the Archaeological Migration Narrative, Centre of Advanced Studies in Oslo, 2nd -3rd of September 2021

Diversities, invited presenter at New Nordic Anthropology, 21st of May 2021. Available at [New Nordic Anthropology: DIVERSITIES \(May 2021\) - YouTube](#)

The Political Economy of Protracted Displacement. Morten Bøås (NUPI), Tewodros Kebede (Fafo), Synnøve Bendixsen (UiB) and Sarah Tobin (CMI) in conversation with Benjamin Etzold (BICC). 24th of June 2021. Available at: [The Political Economy of Protracted Displacement - YouTube](#)

Global School Film & Reflections: Migration, Webinar. Film screening of *Mediterranea* followed by a webinar discussion with Sine Plambech (Danish Institute for International Studies), Kari Anne Klovholt Drangsdal (UiB) and Nando Sigona (University of

Birmingham) hosted by Synnøve Bendixsen (Leader of the Migration Pillar, UiB). 7th of May 2021, Available at: [Global School Film & Reflections: Migration - YouTube](#)

Discussant. Comparing forms of border encampment in the EU, the Middle East, North Africa and the Horn of Africa, organized by MAGYC and ifpo, Webinar 11th of February 2021

Veien til Europa: Eksternaliseringspolitikk og migranternes beslutninger langs Balkan ruten, Lærernes dag, University of Bergen, online lecture, 21st of January 2021

Migrants' Movements and Border Management along the Balkan route: Containment, Caging and Contestations, presentation at (and organizer of) workshop Asylum and refugee protection, Nordic Migration Conference, Helsinki (online), 11-14th of January 2021

Norms and Values in Migration and Integration (NOVAMI), workshop Malmö (Zoom). Invited discussant, IMISCOE research initiative, 18-19th of May 2020.

Thinking about Diversity and Migration in an Egalitarian society: Constituting Hierarchical Forms of Belonging in the Name of Egalitarianism, invited keynote speaker to the seminar Diversity, Migration and Space, Tampere University, 29th of November 2019

Researching volunteers beyond humanitarianism: Doubt, complexities of hope and Melancholia, with Marie Sandberg (University of Copenhagen), at Intersections of Humanitarianism, Anthropology of humanitarianism network (AHN) of the European association of social anthropologists (EASA) in cooperation with the Centre for global migration studies Goettingen (CeMIG), Convention Centre by the Observatory, Goettingen, 1st – 3rd of November 2019

Public Engagement: Ethnographic Docu-fiction as a Tool, invited keynote speaker with Hilde Danielsen, International Ethnography-Conference, 'Going Public'? –Ethnography in Education and Social Work and Its Publics, Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany, October 31st – November 2nd, 2019

Participant in Roundtable: "SuperCamp: Humanitarian Containment in the Middle East", at Bergen Resource Centre UiB/CMI, 5th of November 2019

Humanitarian Containment: The Role of NGOs and Volunteers along the Balkan Route, at Respond (Horizon 2020) Unpacking the Challenges & Possibilities for Migration Governance, University of Cambridge, October 17-19th 2019

Transnational Practices as Resistance? Irregular Migrants and Nation-state Management in Norway, at 16th IMISCOE Annual Conference. Understanding International Migration in the 21st Century: Conceptual and Methodological Approaches, Malmö University, 26-28th of June 2019

Cultural sensitivity. Anthropological approaches in the Public services. Together with Marte Knag Fylkesnes, Invited to hold five whole day seminars for employers in Child Welfare services, social and health services, arranged by Bergen Municipality, May 2019

The Making of Hospitable Spaces? Humanitarian Practices and Imaginations of Hospitality of Volunteers at Lesvos, at Conference Hospitality, hostility and everything in between in an era of forced displacements, 25-26th of April 2019, Stockholm University

Chair, Breakfast forum. “The Nobel Peace Prize 2018: Who are the Ezidis?” Michael Stausberg (UiB) and Axel Rudi (UiB) in conversation with Synnøve Bendixsen (UiB). Bergen Resource Centre UiB/CMI, 3rd of December 2018

Hierarchical forms of belonging in an egalitarian society, EASA2018 (European Association for Social Anthropologists). Stockholm, 14^h of August 2018

Trust as a dimension of irregular migration, at Nordic Migration Conference, Linnköping, 17th of June 2018

Limiting risks? Great expectations from the school and parents with migration background, with Hilde Danielsen, invited presenter, international seminar Reshaping parenthood, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, 28-30th of June 2018

Approaching Assisted Return Policy from a Migrant Perspective, invited speaker to the Conference Whither European asylum policy? A pendulum between universalisation and re-nationalisation, European Parliament, Brussels, 23rd of May 2018

Den vanskelige toleransen, invited speaker to the Christie Conference, University Aula, Bergen, 25th of April 2018

The “production” of irregular migrants and their vulnerabilities, invited keynote to Nordic Research Council for Criminology, Contact seminar on the exploitation of undocumented migrants, Helsinki 12-13th of April 2018

Premier of the film *Birthday Parents*. Followed by discussion. Bergen Public Library, 20th of April 2018

Screening of the film *Birthday Parents*. Followed by discussion. Nykrohnborg Cultural Centre, Bergen, 21st of April 2018

The role of parenting and school (with Hilde Danielsen and Astrid Sundsbø), invited speaker to One-Day Course for headmasters, teachers and translators working in schools- and kindergartens in Bergen municipality, Solstrand, Bergen, 20th of April 2018

The Politics of Inclusion: Parents Domesticating Difference and Creating ‘Mutual Belonging’ in Norway, invited speaker to the conference Digesting Difference: Modes of Social Incorporation in Europe, Princeton University, 2nd – 3rd March 2018

Inkludering gjennom skolen? Intensivt foreldreskap i en flerkulturell skole, (with Hilde Danielsen), invited speaker to conference held by Etat for Inkludering [Government agency for Inclusion], Akademisk dugnad, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, Bergen, 2nd Februar 2018

Muslim youth and civil society in Germany, invited speaker to the event Islam and the City: Muslims in the Urban Space of Contemporary Russia, hosted by European University at St Petersburg, 14th of December 2017

Constructions of the non-belonging 'illegal' body: irregular migrants, deportability and health care in Norway, at GAA 2017 (German Anthropological Association), Berlin 4-7th of October 2017

Other people's children: Parenting in a plural neighborhood in Norway, Nordic network workshop 'Significant Other', University of Copenhagen, 27th – 28th of April 2017

Do Muslims localize in Germany?, invited speaker to the workshop on project delineation Localising Muslims in Europe and China at China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, 17th -18th of March 2017

Anthropology and engagement, panel participant at the students 'critical day of the discipline', Department of Social Anthropology, UiB, 9th of March 2017

Innenfor/utenfor: Å leve som papirløs i velferdsstaten Norge [Inside/outside: Living as an irregular in the Norwegian welfare state], invited speaker to the national meeting of the Norwegian Red Cross, Thon Hotel Rosenkrantz in Bergen, 9th of February 2017

Å leve som «ulovlig» i Norge: interne grenser og eksepsjonell velferd, faglig pedagogisk dag 2017, UiB, 3rd of February 2017

Nordhost workshop in Malmö, kick-off and field exploration, organized by the research unit of the Swedish Church, 1st -3rd of February 2017

Great expectations: Being a migrant parent in Norway, invited speaker at research seminar and book launch, Proper (school)readiness, proper parenting, Århus University, Copenhagen, 26th -27th of January 2017

Inkludering av barn i by [Inclusion of children in the urban space], invited speaker together with Hilde Danielsen, at Bergen - Kunnskapsmøte: Barnas plass i byen, Husbanken, 12th of Januar 2017

"I hope that my children will not be a burden on society". How migrants experience parenting in Norway, invited keynote speaker to research workshop: Parenting in Unfamiliar Places, organized by Department of Educational Anthropology, Århus University, Copenhagen, 9th of December 2016

The Nation-State, the Border and Return: Transnational Perspectives on Irregular Migrants in Norway, Keynote at New Forms of Trans-Border Mobility, Exploratory workshop in Beirut, organized by the Migration Institute of Finland and Finnish Institute in the Middle East, 10th – 12th of November 2016

Being a young Muslim in Berlin, invited speaker to the EU-China Seminar on Human Rights Protection of Ethnic Minorities, hosted by China Society for Human Rights Studies and organized by Human Rights Institute of Southwest University of Political Science and Law,

Chongqing, China, 26th– 29th October 2016

Assisted Return as Humanitarian Government: Moral Sentiments, Hegemony and the Management of Irregular Migration in Norway, with Halvar Kjærre, at Nordic Migration Conference biannual conference, Oslo 11th-12th of August 2016

Dealing with diversity, creating parenting cultures? Parents' involvement in multi-ethnic and class differentiated schools in Norway, with Hilde Danielsen, at Nordic Migration Conference biannual conference, Oslo, 11th-12th of August 2016

Activism, Solidarity and humanitarianism: The Construction of a Vulnerable and Helpless Subject?, at the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) conference, Poznan, Poland, 12th – 15th of July 2016

Other people's children: Dealing with diversity in multi-ethnic and class differentiated schools in Norway, with Hilde Danielsen, at EASA Biennial Conference, Milan, 20th – 23rd of July 2016

Other people's children. Parenting in plural Norway, keynote presentation with Hilde Danielsen, at Conference: Parenting and Personhood: Cross-cultural perspectives on expertise, family life and risk management, University of Kent, UK, 22nd of June -24th of June 2016

Welcoming refugees in an egalitarian society, at workshop Contested hospitality. Calling, powerlessness and law in Nordic migration practices, (UiO: Norden financed), University of Oslo, 6th – 7th of June 2016

Moderator at BSRS 2016 Panel debate. Climate and migration. (Moderating: Dr Nina Birkeland, Norwegian Refugee Council, Professor Tor Halfdan Aase, University of Bergen and Dr Ellen Viste, The Bjerknes Centre / UiB), Universitetsaulaen, 15th of June 2016

Om tro og tvil [About belief and doubt]. Roundtable discussant participant at NAT debate, Debate the motion: "Kulturrelativismen er ikke nok! Antropologiens ansvar i møte med globale kriser er å ivareta universelle verdier."["Cultural Relativism is not enough! Anthropology responsibility in the face of global crises is to protect universal values."], at NAT (Norwegian Anthropology Association) annual conference, Literature House Oslo, 6th of May 2016

Disagreements, illuminations, and mystery. A brief ethnography of anthropology in Norway today, presentation at Norwegian Anthropology Day, at the Royal Anthropological Institute, The British Academy, London, 30th of October 2015

Returning to where the migrant really 'belong'? Programs for assisted returns in Norway, with Hilde Liden, at PRIO conference "Thinking about going 'home'. Engaging with scenarios of return migration", Oslo, 20th -21st of August 2015

Parenting cultures in a plural neighbourhood in Bergen: the role of class, migration and gender, with Hilde Danielsen, at workshop Coexistence: Neighbourhood relations in local spaces, 33. Nordic Ethnology and Folklore Conference, Copenhagen, 18-21st of August 2015

Manifestations of control: Irregular migrants and the social construction of boundaries and borders, at Rights, Democracy and Migration – Challenges and Opportunities, 12th IMISCOE Annual Conference, Geneva, 25th -27th of June 2015

Return – to where you really “belong”? Irregular migrants and assisted return – implications for migrants’ wellbeing, with Hilde Liden, at Rights, Democracy and Migration – Challenges and Opportunities, 12th IMISCOE Annual Conference, Geneva, 25th - 27th of June 2015

Academy of Urban Super-diversity, invited participant, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences, 8th- 10th of April 2015

Representing irregular migrants: white majority Norwegians’ acts of compassion, at Differentiated Citizenship (workshop), Johannesburg, South Africa, 4th - 5th of February 2015

Transnational perspectives on the living conditions of irregular migrants: possibilities and limitations, invited panel speaker at Transnational Migration: Disciplinary Impacts, MIM and GPS, Malmö University, Sweden, 29th – 30th of January 2015

Manifestations of Control on the Irregularized Migrant Body, in the session Naturalizing Difference in the time of Economic Liberalization and New Technologies of Control, at Annual Meeting of American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C., 3rd – 7th of December 2014

Precarious inclusion: Provision of welfare to irregular migrants in Norway, with Christine Jacobsen and Karl Harald Søvig, at PROVIR Closing conference” Exceptional welfare: Dilemmas in/of irregular migration”, Bergen 19th – 21st of November 2014

“They take your photograph. You come into existence”: *Irregular Migrants and Struggles over Representations*, at PROVIR Closing conference” Exceptional welfare: Dilemmas in/of irregular migration”, Bergen 19th – 21st of November 2014

Between a rock and a hard place: Irregular migrants and assisted return in Norway, with Hilde Liden at PROVIR Closing conference” Exceptional welfare: Dilemmas in/of irregular migration”, Bergen 19th – 21st of November 2014

Embodying borders: Irregular Migrants and the boundaries of the welfare state, at Nordic Migration Research Conference, ‘Flows, Places and Boundaries – Migratory Challenges and New Agendas’, Copenhagen 13-15th of August 2014

“They take your photograph. You come into existence”: *Irregular Migrants and Struggles over Representations*, at the seminar ‘Precarious migrants and access to welfare: Between policy, law and practice’, COMPAS, University of Oxford, 22nd -23rd of May 2014

Provision of welfare to irregular migrants: exploring the borders of the Norwegian welfare state, with Christine Jacobsen and Marry-Anne Karlsen, at COMPAS Seminar Series, Oxford University, 22nd of May 2014

OUT-reach. Kommunikasjon av "frivillig retur" til irregulære migranter i Norge, sammen med Halvar Kjærre, IMER Seminar Series 'Communicating Migration', Uni Research Rokkansenteret, Bergen, 19th of May 2014

Dagens teoriutvikling truer (ikke) norsk antropologis særpreg [Today's theory development is (not) threatening the characteristics of Norwegian anthropology], Roundtable discussant participant at NAT debate, NAT (Norwegian Anthropology Association) annual conference, UiB, Bergen 2nd -4th of May 2014

Erfarte grenser: marginaliserte kropper og motstand [Experienced borders: marginalized bodies and resistance], at NAT (Norwegian Anthropology Association Annual Conference), presentation at workshop, UiB, Bergen, 2nd -4th of May 2014

The becoming visible of irregular migrants, at Refugee Voices Conference, Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford, 24th – 25th of March 2014

Regularization through political mobilization? Irregular migrants claiming rights in Norway, at UndocNet Conference, The Graduate Centre, London Metropolitan University, 6th of December 2013

Irregular migrants Claiming Rights and Place: Narration, Voice and Political Representation, at the conference *the Stuck, the Mobile and the Dislocated: Reflections on Life in Ghettos, Slums, Camps and Prisons*, Aalborg University and Dignity – Danish Institute Against Torture, 30th of October – 1st of November 2013

Constructing the undeserving subject: irregular migrant's bodies in the Norwegian Welfare State, at the workshop *Enacting Borders: Perspectives to the Management of Migration*, International Metropolis Conference, Tampere, 9th – 13th of September 2013

Deconstructing difference in the time of the 'Sarrazin debate' in Germany, at the seminar *Transnational formations and ties among migrants and their descendants*, organised by the Network for Research on Multiculturalism and Societal Interaction, Reykjavik, 26th -27th of August 2013

Dealing with sick bodies: gendered differences of irregular migrant's strategies towards exclusion in the Norwegian welfare state, presentation for the International Conference on Gender and Migration: Critical Issues and Policy Implications, Istanbul, 11th – 13th of May 2013

Dealing with sick bodies, presentation at research seminar on Multicultural citizenship in policy and practice: Historical and contemporary perspectives, Uni Research Rokkan Center for Social Studies, Bergen, 18th – 19th of April 2013

Voice and voicelessness of irregular migrants in Norway, invited presentation to 'Within & beyond citizenship: Lived experiences of contemporary membership'. International symposium jointly organised by the University of Oxford and University of Chicago, Oxford, 11th -12th of April 2013

The politics of belonging of irregular migrants in Norway, seminar at the Department of Social Anthropology, UiB, 21st of March 2013

Dealing with Irregular Migration in Europe: Research Concepts and Political Responses, open lecture at University of Duhok, Kurdistan Iraq/ North Iraq, 30th of January 2013

Creating Modes of Political Belonging: Acts of Contestation by Irregular Migrants in Norway. Invited speaker at 8th Annual Stockholm Anthropological Roundtable “Social Movements, Alternative Publics and Political Dissent”, Stockholm 27th - 29th of September 2012

Mourning and belonging: The becoming political of irregularized migrants in Norway, presentation at “At risk in Europe: irregular migrants facing and circumventing uncertainty”, with Christine M. Jacobsen, at EASA (European Association for Social Anthropologists): Uncertainty and disquiet, Nanterre University, France, 10th -13th of July 2012

Mourning and belonging: The becoming political of irregularized migrants in Norway, with Christine M. Jacobsen, in the seminar series “Før og etter 22. juli 2012, IMER Bergen, 14th of September 2012

Politics of the Self: Religious Knowledge Formation among Young Muslim Women in Berlin, invited speaker at the Canadian Centre for German and European Studies, University of Montreal, 14th of November 2011

Becoming political agents: irregular migrants in Oslo, in the session ““Does City Air Make One Free?” – Urban Identity and the Revolutionary Moment”, American Anthropological Association, Montreal, 16th– 20th of November 2011

Irregular migrants and the Welfare State: the Missing Link? at the conference “The changing organization of the welfare state – between efficiency and accountability”, E. ON Ruhrgas Scholarship Programme in Political Science, Potsdam University, 10th – 11th of November 2011

'We refuse to be silenced': Irregular Migrants' Struggle for Recognition, in the one-day workshop, “Migration in the Nordic Regions: Recent Studies”, for sociology Master students, UiB, Bergen, 7th of October 2011

The Norwegian Welfare State and Irregular Migrants, in the workshop “Dynamics between migration controls and living conditions of non-EU migrants in the European welfare states: policies and challenges”, at the 16th International Metropolis Conference, Ponta Delgada, Azores Islands, 12th -16th of September 2011

From homo sacer to political agents? Ethiopian irregular migrant's interventions in and outside Oslo Cathedral, in the workshop “State, Welfare and Migration”, at NAT (Norwegian Anthropology Association Annual Conference), Oslo, 6th – 8th of May 2011

Crafting a religious self in Europe: body formation and body politic of young female Muslims in Berlin, at conference SIEF (International Society for Ethnology and Folklore), Lisbon, 17th– 21st of April 2011

Global and local Islam: young Muslims crafting a religious youth culture in Berlin, at UCSIA Summer Seminar, “Religion and Culture in a Globalized World”, University of Antwerp, 26th – 28th of August 2010

Representing Islam in the Public, at Mediatization, Religion and Transformations of the Nordic Public Sphere, by the Nordic Network for the Mediatization of Religion and Culture, Sigtuna, Sweden, 26th - 28th of May 2010

“It’s like doing SMS to Allah.” Young Female Muslims Crafting a Religious Self in Berlin, at IMER/UiB, Unifob Global, Bergen, 12th of October 2009

Connecting the Local, National, and Transnational Powers of a Religious Youth Organisation in Berlin, at International Essay Competition and Workshop, “Urban Governance: Innovation, Insecurity and the Power of Religion”, by the Irmgard Coninx Foundation, the Social Science Research Center Berlin and the Humboldt-University, Berlin, 18th - 23rd of March 2009

Feeling of Belonging and Politics of Feeling: Constructing a ‘German’ Muslim Identification at conference “Feminist Research Methods”, Stockholm, 4th – 6th of February 2009

Constructing a Religious Youth Culture in Berlin, at “the Ethnically Diverse City, Future Urban Research in Europe”, European Fellowships for Training in Urban Studies, Marie Curie Training Course, Weimar, October 31st – November 2nd 2008

Islam as a New Urban Identity? Young Muslims in Berlin, at International Essay Competition and Workshop, “Urban Planet: Collective Identities, Governance and Empowerment in Megacities”, by the Irmgard Coninx Foundation, the Social Science Research Center Berlin and the Humboldt-University Berlin, 11th -16th of June 2008

Muslim Females Creating Feelings of Belonging, invited speaker at the Literary Studies May Colloquium, Fordham University, New York, 9th of May 2008

Generational Changes in Religious Practices, at “Women, Home and Nation: Private and Public Spaces”, Binghamton University, State University of New York, 14th – 15th of March 2008

Religion and Cultural Memory, at workshop “European Islam between Religious Traditions and Secular Formations”, Slubice (Poland), 7th – 10th of February 2008

Female Muslims Resisting, Deconstructing and Negotiating ‘Otherness’, at conference “Power and Resistance”, University of Oslo, 10th - 11th of January 2008

Female Muslims Negotiating “Otherness” at the 3rd annual conference “Time|Space Dynamics in Urban Settings”, Transatlantic Graduate Research Programme, Berlin, 24th – 26th of May 2007

“We have to be modern, after all we are Muslims!” Young female Muslims Renegotiating the Correlation between Ethnicity and Religion, at Institute Colloquium “Everyday practices and

lifestyle: Ethnographic Perspectives”, Institut für Europäische Ethnologie, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 12th of June 2007

Young Female Muslims in Berlin: Gender Perspectives, at the postgraduate course “Feminism in Transnational Perspective: Rethinking North and South in Post-Coloniality”, the Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik, Croatia, May 28th - June 1st 2007

Young Muslims and their Urban Social Practises, paper invited for “the First International Conference of Young Urban Researchers”, Lisbon, 11th - 12th of June 2007

New Religious Structures among Muslims in Berlin: Impact on Gender Roles, at 9th EUROFOR Marie-Curie conference, “From Immigration Politics to Migration Management – Changes in Migration Governance”, Budapest, 27th of June – 1st July 2007

Generational Changes in Religious Practices among Young Muslims in Berlin: Influences on Ethnic Identification and Perceptions of Gender Roles, at Nordic Migration Research Conference, Bergen, 14th – 16th of November 2007

Islam in Berlin: Social Landscapes of Urban Muslims, at the 46. Deutschen Historikertag 2006, Panel “Stadt und Migration”, Konstanz, 18th – 24th of September 2006

Muslim Women in the German Society, invited to present on the topic “Can Tolerance Lead to the Infringement of Human Rights?” For the German Studies Seminar 2006, Fulbright programme, Berlin, 23rd of May 2006

Being Muslim, Female and Young in Berlin: Creating Spaces of Belonging, at the research seminar “Young Scholars Perspectives on the Middle East and Islam”, Centre for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, UiB, 9th of June 2005

Young in Berlin: Creating Space of Belonging in the City, at the 1st annual conference: “Binding Forces. Old and New Dimensions of Belonging in the 20th Century Metropolis. USA and Europe in Comparison”, Berlin, 10th -11th of June 2005

Doing Fieldwork with Young Female Muslims in Berlin, at the seminar “Stadt und Religion” SoSe 04. Institut für Europäische Ethnologie, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, 12th of June 2004

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2021 The Social Science Faculty Award for dissemination of research.

Meltzerschoolarship for attending conferences, 2015, 2016 and 2017- 2020

Norway - America Association, Graduate Studies and Research Scholarship Program for visiting researcher stay at the New York University 2007 – 2008 (10 months)

DFG PhD research grant (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, the German Government Research Foundation), 2005 – 2007 (3 years)

International scholarship Norway – Turkey (Government funded), Turkish language and culture. Ankara, summer 2007

Marie-Curie scholarship, 9th EUROFOR Marie-Curie Conference, June 2007

UCSIA Scholarship (Saint Ignatius University Centre, Antwerp) for participation at PhD course, UCSIA Summer School, Belgium, 2nd - 9th of September 2007

DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) scholarship for participating at the 46. Deutschen Historikertag, Konstanz, September 2006

Lise and Arnfinn Hejes foundation (Norway), Research grant for 2004 and 2006

EUREX grant (EU-funding) for participating in the International PhD Summer School on 'Urban Europe between Identity and Change' at the University of Urbino, Italy July - August 2005

EU grant for participating at the binary European Association for Social Anthropology Conference, Vienna June 2004

DAAD Research scholarship (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, German Academic Exchange Service), for pre-PhD fieldwork in Berlin, January – September 2004

MEMBERSHIPS

Anthropology of Humanitarianism EASA	2016- present
European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)	2012 - present
Norwegian Anthropological Association (NAT)	2011 - present
Nordic Migration Research (NMR)	2011 - present

OTHER

CO-ORGANISER OF FILM FESTIVAL

5th Kurdish Film Festival in Berlin, May 25th– June 1st 2008

4th Kurdish Film Festival in Berlin, December 12th – 17th 2006

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER

Faculty Board of Social Science, UiB, 2000

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Institute of Social Anthropology, UiB, 1996 and 1999