

Lise Rakner - Curriculum vitae with track record

Personal information

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Education

Year	Faculty/department - University/institution - Country
1998	<i>PhD, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, Norway</i>
1992	<i>MA, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, Norway</i>

Positions - current and previous

(Academic sector/research institutes/industrial sector/public sector/other)

Year	Job title – Employer - Country
2021-	Professor, Political Science, Department of Government, University of Bergen
2005-	Affiliated Research Professor, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway (20% since 2009)
20005-21	Professor, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen
2009-13	Head of Department, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen
2003-06	Research Director, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI)
2013-14	Visiting Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California Berkeley, United States

Project management experience

(Academic sector/research institutes/industrial sector/public sector/other. Please list the most relevant.)

Year	Project owner - Project - Role - Funder
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2023-2025	<i>PI Norhed: epistemologies</i> Decolonizing Epistemologies: Disciplines and the University in Relation to the Society and the World (NORHED II
2022-2025	<i>Rights Activism under Political Uncertainty</i> (RightAct) Researcher Project Researcher Project for Scientific Renewal (Country Lead)
2021-2025	<i>Autocratization Dynamics</i> (Inpart/NFR 2022-2025). PI, collaboration of 12 universities in the US, Canada, Brazil, India and South Africa
2021-2024	ELITE – <i>Elite Political Dynamics in Electoral Autocracies</i> (lead researcher Zambian political parties) RCN (FRIHUMSAM):
2017-22	<i>Breaking BAD: Explaining Backlash Against Democracy</i> (PI). RNC (FRIHUMSAM):
2016-20	<i>Political determinants of sexual and reproductive health in Africa</i> (lead Researcher Zambia country study) (RNC (Globvac)
2016-18	Vetenskapsrådet (VR), <i>Sweden: Social Institutions and Governance: Lessons from Sub-Saharan Africa</i> (Gothenburg University, co PI with Ellen Lust)
2015-22	Peder Sather Center for Advanced Study (UC Berkeley) grant 2015-2020: “The Bergen Berkeley Research Program on Political Parties in the Developing World.” Co-PI with Leo Arriola (UC Berkeley). Three yearly grants.
2012-18	University of Bergen: The Meltzerfund, Bergen University Fund. 7 grants in total (research grants 2012-13, 2015-2016, 2020,2023 research stay abroad and travel grants.

Supervision of students

(Total number of students)

Master's students	Ph.D. students	University/institution - Country
38	5	Espen Dahle, Vibeke Wang, Ingvild Skage and Svein-Erik Helle, Lisa-Marie Selvik Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, Norway. Egna Rachel Sidumo (current), Andrea Felde (current).

Other relevant professional experiences

Year	Description - Role
2020-2022	Director (w Siri Gloppen) Bergen School of Global Studies, University of Bergen
2020-22	President, African Politics Group (APCG), American Political Science Ass. (APSA)
2020-	Member of Board, Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR), Nairobi
2017-20	Leader Torolf Rafto Human Rights Prize Committee
2016-19	Research Council of Norway (RNC): Member Evaluation Committee, Social Sciences
2009-13	Member of the Faculty Board, Faculty of Social Science, University of Bergen
2011-	Member of the Skytteanum prize committee: Uppsala University

2013-16	Vetenskapsrådet VR: Member Evaluation Committee
2010-13	Member of the Development Policy Council: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden
2007-09	Research Cooperation Member of Research Council, SIDA

Scientific narrative- track record

My research interests cover a broad field from democratization and autocratization, human rights, party systems and elections, economic reform, taxation, to institutional change and international aid. Since 2017, my work has primarily been concentrated around processes of democracy and autocratization, related to five current major research grants. I am the PI of the research project *Breaking BAD: Understanding Backlash Against Democracy in Africa* funded by the Research Council of Norway (<https://www.democraticbacklash.com/>). I am also PI of *Autocratization Dynamics: Innovations in Research-Embedded Learning* (INPART 2021-2025) and a lead researcher in *Rights Activism under Political Uncertainty* (RightAct) FORSKER21 Researcher Project Researcher Project for Scientific Renewal and ELITE – *Elite Political Dynamics in Electoral Autocracies* (lead researcher Zambian political parties). I also lead the Zambia country study of *Political determinants of sexual and reproductive health in Africa, funded by the RCN, Globvac*.

I have performed a number of analyzes and studies for organizations such as DFID, SIDA; DFID, the World Bank and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She holds an adjunct position at the Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), Bergen. My publication record, after completing my PhD degree (monograph) consists of: one monograph, five edited books, a text book at OUP Press (Politics in the Developing World) published in its 5th edition March 2017, approximately 110 articles and chapters in peer review journals and books. In my discipline the norm is that authorship follows alphabetical order. Google citations: 3358, h-index 31, i10 index 61.

Selected publications

1. Arriola, Leo, Lise Rakner and Nic van de Walle (eds). 2023: *Democratic Backsliding in Africa? Autocratization, Resilience and Contention*. Oxford University Press. Open access: <https://fdslive.oup.com/www.oup.com/academic/pdf/openaccess/9780192867322.pdf>
2. Hinfelaar, M. L. Rakner, S. Sishuwa & N. van de Walle . 2023: «Legal autocratisation ahead of the 2021 Zambian elections, *Journal of East African Studies*, Vol 16, No 4, pp. 558-575 <https://doi.org/10.1080/17531055.2022.2235658>
3. Kao, Kristen, Ellen Lust, Lise Rakner, 2022 :Vote-buying, anti-corruption campaigns, and identity in African elections, *World Development*, Volume 160, 106064, ISSN 0305-750X, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2022.106064>.
4. Dulani, Boniface, Lise Rakner, Lindsay Benstead, and Vibeke Wang. 2021. “Do women face a different standard? The interplay of gender and corruption in the 2014 presidential elections in Malawi.” *Women’s Studies International Forum* 88: 102501. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wsif.2021.102501>
5. Arriola, Leonardo R., Melanie L. Phillips and Lise Rakner. 2021. “Same Rules, Higher Costs: Women’s Pathways to Candidacy in Zambia.” In *Women and Power in Africa: Aspiring, Campaigning, and Governing*, edited by Leonardo R. Arriola, Martha Johnson and Melanie L. Phillips. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
6. Rakner, Lise. 2021 “Don’t Touch My Constitution! Civil Society Resistance to Democratic Backsliding in Africa’s Pluralist Regimes.” *Glob Policy* 12: 95-105. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1111/1758-5899.12991>
7. Arriola LR, Choi DD, Davis JM, Phillips ML, Rakner L , 2021: «Paying to party: Candidate resources and party switching in new democracies». *Party Politics*. February 2021. doi:[10.1177/1354068821989563](https://doi.org/10.1177/1354068821989563)

8. Ariansen, Anja Maria Steinsland; Gloppen, Siri; Rakner, Lise; Johansson, Kjell Arne; Haaland, Øystein Ariansen. 2020. Time for global health diplomacy. *The Lancet*. 1691-1692
9. Gloppen, Siri and Lise Rakner. 2020. "LGBT rights in Africa". In *Research Handbook on Gender, Sexuality and the Law*, edited by Chris Ashford and Alexander Main. Chetlham: Edward Elgar Publishing. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781788111157>
10. Rakner, Lise. 2019. "Democratic Rollback in Africa". In Oxford Encyclopedia of African Politics. *Oxford University Press*. doi:10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.887.
11. Muriaas, Ragnhild L., Vibeke Wang, Lindsay Benstead, Boniface Dulani, and Lise Rakner 2019. "Why the Gender of Traditional Authorities Matters: Intersectionality and Women's Rights Advocacy in Malawi." *Comparative Political Studies*. doi:[10.1177/0010414018774369](https://doi.org/10.1177/0010414018774369).
12. Lust, Ellen and Lise Rakner, 2018. "[The Other Side of Taxation: Extraction and Social Institutions in the Developing World](#)", *Annual Review of Political Science*, 21:1
13. Ballen, C., Lee, D., Rakner, L., & Cotner, S. 2018. "Politics a "Chilly" Environment for Undergraduate Women in Norway", *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 1-6. doi:10.1017/S1049096518000045
14. Rakner, Lise, 2017. "Tax bargains in unlikely places: The politics of Zambian mining taxes". *The Extractive Industries and Society* (4), pp. 525-538.
15. Burnell, Peter, Vicky Randall and Lise Rakner (eds.), 2017. *Politics in the Developing World*. Oxford University Press, 5th edition.
16. Muriaas, Ragnhild Louise, Lise Rakner, and Ingvild Skage, 2016. "Political capital of ruling parties after regime change: contrasting successful insurgencies to peaceful pro-democracy movements. *Civil Wars*, Vol. 18(2) pp. 175-191.
17. Makara, Sabiti, Lise Rakner and Lars Svåsand (2009): "Turnaround: The National Resistance Movement and the Reintroduction of Multiparty-Party System in Uganda, *International Political Science Review*, Vol. 30 (2), pp. 185-204.
18. Rakner, Lise and Nicolas van de Walle (2009): "Opposition Weakness in Africa", *Journal of Democracy*, Vol 20 (3), pp. 108-121.
19. Rakner, Lise, Lars Svåsand and Nixon Khembo, 2007. "Fissions and fusions, foes and friends: Party system restructuring in the 2004 elections in Malawi", *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol. 40 (9), pp. 1112-1137.

Organization of international conferences

Leader of the African Politics Conference Group of American Political Science Association (APSA). 2020-22. I have organized international roundtables, panels and conferences at international conferences in Norway, Ghana, Malawi, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia, United Kingdom, Italy and the US. I have taught at international summer schools in Norway, Malawi and Zambia.

Research communication, dissemination or outreach activities-recent

I have extensive experience in research communication and dissemination to policy actors and general audiences in Norway and internationally. I have published more than 20 op-eds on democracy and human rights matters in Norwegian and international media outlets.

Fellowships, awards and prizes

Merited as Excellent Teaching Professor, Social Science Faculty University of Bergen. June 2019.