

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family name, First name: Berntzen, Lars Erik

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## CURRENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2019 – Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, Norway

2017 – 2019 Researcher, Center for Research on Extremism (C-REX), University of Oslo, Norway

## EDUCATION

2013-2018 PhD in Political and Social Science, Faculty of Political and Social Science, European University Institute, Italy

Supervisor: Professor Donatella della Porta

2015 Exchange, Faculty of Social Science, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, Norway

2013-2014 Master of Research (M.Res), Faculty of Political and Social Science, European University Institute, Italy

2009-2011 Master in Sociology, Faculty of Social Science, Department of Sociology, University of Bergen, Norway

2008 Exchange, Social Sciences Division, Department of Sociology, U.C Berkeley, USA

2006-2009 Bachelor's degree in Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Bergen, Norway

## CAREER BREAKS

January 22, 2022 – August 6, 2022: Parental leave, baby. 6 ½ months.

July 1, 2017 – December 18, 2017: Parental leave, baby. 5 ½ months.

## PUBLICATIONS

Bjånesøy, L., Ivarsflaten, E., & Berntzen, L.E., (forthcoming, 2023). “Public Political Tolerance of the Far Right in Contemporary Western Europe”. *West European Politics*.

Berntzen, L.E. (forthcoming, 2023). “Pegida”, in Snow, D., della Porta, D., McAdam, D., and Klandermans, B., *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements, 2nd Edition* (Hoboken, Wiley-Blackwell).

Berntzen, L. E., Kelsall, H., & Harteveld, E. (2022). “Affective Polarization and Its Consequences: Avoidance, Intolerance and Support for Violence in the UK and Norway”. *OSF Preprints*.

Harteveld, E., Berntzen, L. E., Kokkonen, A., Kelsall, H., Linde, J., & Dahlberg, S. (2022). “The (Alleged) Consequences of Affective Polarization: Individual-Level Evidence & a Survey Experiment in 9 Countries”. *OSF Preprints*.

Berntzen, L. E., & Ravndal, J. A. (2021). “Monster or Hero? Far-right Responses to Anders Behring Breivik and the July 22, 2011 Terrorist Attacks”. *Perspectives on Terrorism, 15*(3), 37-59.

Berntzen, L. E., & Bjørger, T. (2021). “The Term ‘Lone Wolf’ and its Alternatives”. *Perspectives on Terrorism, 15*(3), 132-141.

Berntzen, L. E. (2020). *Liberal Roots of Far Right Activism: The Anti-Islamic Movement in the 21st Century* (London, Routledge).

- Positively reviewed in [Patterns of Prejudice](#) (Karavasilis, 2021), [e-Extreme](#) (Downes, 2021), *Revue internationale de politique compare* (Robert, 2021) and [ECPS Book Reviews](#) (Girdap, 2022).

Berntzen, L.E. (2020). "How elite politicization of terror impacts sympathies for partisans: Radical right versus social democrats". *Politics and Governance*, 8(3), 19-31.

Berntzen, L.E., & Rambøl, A.H. (2020). "What is Islamophobia?", in Anders R.J., and Eviane L., (Eds.), *Knowing what's (far) right. A compendium*. Center for Research on Extremism Report, University of Oslo, 24-27.

Weisskircher, M., & Berntzen, L.E. (2019). "Remaining on the Streets: Anti-Islamic PEGIDA Mobilization and its Relationship to Far Right Party Politics", in Caiani, M., and Císar, O., *Far Right 'Movement- Parties' in Europe* (London, Routledge).

Berntzen, L. E. (2018). *The Anti-Islamic Movement: Far Right and Liberal?*, PhD thesis, European University Institute.

Berntzen, L.E. (2018). "Ytre høyre: ideologier, grupper, vold og rekruttering", in Reiss E., and Noor, L., *Radikalisering – fenomen og forebygging* (Oslo, Frekk forlag), 74-93.

Berntzen, L. E., Bjånesøy, L., & Ivarsflaten, E. (2017). "Patterns of Legitimacy on the Far Right", in University of Bergen Digital Social Science Core Facility (DIGSSCORE) working paper series (4).

Berntzen, L. E., & Weisskircher, M. (2016). "Anti-Islamic PEGIDA beyond Germany: Explaining differences in mobilization". *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, 37(6), 556-573.

Berntzen, L.E. (2015). "Pegida". *Store norske leksikon* (Oslo, Foreningen Store norske leksikon).

Berntzen, L. E., & Sandberg, S. (2014). "The Collective Nature of Lone Wolf Terrorism: Anders Behring Breivik and the Anti-Islamic Social Movement". *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 26(5), 759-779.

Sandberg, S., Oksanen, A., Berntzen, L. E., & Kiilakoski, T. (2014). "Stories in action: The cultural influences of school shootings on the terrorist attacks in Norway". *Critical Studies on Terrorism*, 7(2), 277-296.

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

2018 Principal Investigator - Terror and Culture: Identifying the Drivers of Hostility to Muslims in Liberal Democracies, Grant from Center for Research on Extremism (C-REX), University of Oslo (est. € 4 000)

2016 Norwegian Research Council FRIHUMSAM Scholarship Award, 264204/F10 (€ 19 591)

2016 European University Institute, Fourth Year Scholarship Award (€ 15 360)

## **GRANTS, CO-APPLICANT**

2019 NRC FRIHUMSAM. Intersecting flows of Islamophobia, INTERSECT (NOK 10 000 000). Co-applicant, project leader Iselin Frydenlund (MF CASR).

2019 NRC FRIHUMSAM. Terms of Agreement: The Challenge of Muslim Inclusion, TERMS (NOK 9 000 000). Co-applicant, project leader Elisabeth Ivarsflaten (UiB).

2019 NRC SAMRISK. Far right politics online and societal resilience, FREXO (NOK 11 999 000). Co-applicant, project leader Kari Steen-Johnsen (ISF).

## **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

2020- Present Lecturer and course co-organizer – SAMPOL226: Populism and its Consequences for Liberal Democracy, University of Bergen, Department of Comparative Politics, Norway

2021 - Present Lecturer – SAMPOL306: Master's Seminar in Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, Department of Comparative Politics, Norway

2021 – Present Lecturer – SAMPOL223: Democratic Transformations in Europe. Trends and

- 2019 – 2020 Implications, University of Bergen, Department of Comparative Politics, Norway  
Seminar leader – SAMPOL350: Master’s Thesis - workshop, Department of Comparative Politics, Norway
- 2015 Guest lecturer - SAMPOL115: Democracy and Democratization, Department of Comparative Politics, Norway
- 2015 Guest lecturer - SOC117: Diverse Societies and International Migration, Department of Sociology. University of Bergen, Norway
- 2015 Co-organizer – Introduction to Social-Scientific Network Analysis, SPS 3rd Term Workshop (PhD level), Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute

### **REVIEWING ACTIVITIES**

European Journal of Political Research, Terrorism and Political Violence, Perspectives on Terrorism, Social Movement Studies, Routledge’s Extremism & Democracy series book manuscript review.

### **MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES AND NETWORKS**

European Consortium for Political Research, Standing Group Extremism & Democracy (2015-present), American Political Science Association (2019-present), Early Career Research Network on Extra-Parliamentary Far Right Research (2019-present), Centre on Social Movement Studies (2013-present), Terrorism Research Initiative's PhD Network (2014-2018), Nordic Populism Network (2012-2016), International Migration and Ethnic Relations University of Bergen Research Network (2010-2011)

### **MAJOR COLLABORATIONS**

- 1) Associate Professor Eelco Harteveld, Professor Jonas Linde, Associate Professor Andrej Kokkonen, on affective polarization and its consequences, ongoing collaboration between Democracy in an Age of Populism (University of Bergen, Norway) and Divided Democracies (University of Gothenburg, Sweden) projects (2019-). Current output: 2 articles (both preprint, one manuscript with status Revise & Resubmit at European Journal of Political Research, 2022), 1 dataset.
- 2) Professor Elisabeth Ivarsflaten and Postdoctoral Fellow Lise Lund Bjånesøy, survey experimental work on public tolerance for far-right initiatives (activist groups, parties), The Digital Social Science Core Facility (DIGSSCORE), University of Bergen, Norway (2014-2022). Output: 1 article (forthcoming in West European Politics, 2023), 1 working paper, NCP survey data available via NSD.
- 3) Professor Sveinung Sandberg, in-depth analysis of right-wing terrorism and school shooting perpetrators, University of Oslo, Norway (2011-2014). Output: 2 articles.
- 4) Associate Professor Jacob Ravndal, ten-year collaboration on tracing support for right-wing terrorist Anders Breivik, University of Oslo, Norway (2011-2021). Output: 1 article, 1 dataset.

### **INVITED TALKS AND KEYNOTES**

- 2021 Invited talk at the 50<sup>-year</sup> anniversary celebration for the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Bergen (November) titled “Ekstreme holdninger og handlinger”.
- 2021 Invited panelist during Arendalsuken, panel titled “Når barrikadene brytes – vold som virkemiddel i det offentlige ordskiftet” (August).
- 2021 Talk at the Counter-Extremism Project Virtual Conference: 10th Anniversary of Oslo/Utøya and 20th Anniversary of 9/11 – Long-term Implications and Effects (August).
- 2021 “Right-wing extremism during the pandemic”, panel conversation hosted by Bergen Global CMI/UiB (April).
- 2020 Invited panel participant at meeting by the Fritt Ord foundation, titled "Rasisme, ytringsfrihet og islam", Oslo/digital, (October).
- 2020 Invited talk in the UiB DIGSSCORE webinar series titled “On Conflict and Polarization” (December).
- 2019 Invited panel participant on “Høyreekstremisme i Norge» together with Professor Ivarsflaten at breakfast meeting with Studentsamfundet i Bergen (September).

- 2016 Invited talk titled “Europe and Beyond. The Anti-Islamic Movements’ Growth and Ties” at the Center for Research on Extremism.
- 2015 Keynote talk titled “Journey to Extremism” at the JUMP Slovenska Conference on extremism, Slovakia digitally broadcasted to the country’s high-school students.
- 2014 Invited talk on Counter-Jihadism at The Norwegian National Research Ethics Committees meeting on research on the extreme right after July 22.
- 2013 Keynote talk at ISS, University of Tromsø titled “Anti-islamsk motstand - fra populisme til ekstremisme”.
- 2013 Invited talk on the potential for violence from the anti-Islamic movement at Consortium for Research on Terrorism and International Crime, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs
- 2012 Lecture on extreme right violence in series titled ‘Response to 22 July’, Stein Rokkan Centre for Social Studies, International Migration and Ethnic Relations (IMER) network (2012).
- 2012 Invited lecture on anti-Islamic opposition in Norway at the Norwegian Political Science Unions (NSF) yearly conference.

### **Conference participation and paper presentations**

- 2021 “Escalating Polarization: From Partisan Engagement to Intolerance and Support for Violence”, Paper presentation, Nordic Conference on Violent Extremism March 2021, Helsinki (virtual).
- 2019 “Exposure to the Other Side(s): Affective Polarization in Multi-Party Systems”, Paper presentation, APSA Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
- 2018 “Breivik's Cult: The Evolution and Dissolution of a Transnational Clandestine Community”, Paper presentation, Nordic Conference on Violent Extremism. November Oslo.

**Panel Chair:** Gender approaches to violent extremism, Nordic Conference on Violent Extremism November 2018, Oslo.

- “Together in Joy and Trust: Anti-Islamic Mobilization on Facebook”, Paper presentation, Center for Research on Extremism Conference October 2017, Paris.
- “The Words and Emotions of anti-Islamic Activists”, Paper presentation, Seminar on Local and global islamophobias, PRIO September 2017, Oslo.
- “Transnational Anti-Islamic Networks: Unveiling a Changing Far Right”, Paper presentation, ECPR August 2017, Oslo.

**Panel Chair:** Reconfiguring Nationhood: Populist and Minority Political Mobilisation in an Age of Acceleration, ECPR August 2017, Oslo.

- “Anti-Islamic PEGIDA beyond Germany. A Comparative Study of Far-Right Mobilization”, Paper presentation in Panel on Social Media and Social Movements, ECPR August 2015, Montreal.
- “Diffusion of anti-Islamic activism: PEGIDA beyond Germany”, Paper presentation, Nordic Network for Research on Populism (NOPO) March 2015, Copenhagen.
- “Conflicts involving the radical right. A comparative historical analysis of media debates in the Nordic countries”, Presentation, Nordic Network for Research on Populism (NOPO) May 2013, Turku.
- “Collective Nature of Lone Wolf Terrorism”, Paper presentation, Nordic Network for Research on Populism (NOPO) November 2012, Bergen.
- “Anti-Islamic Opposition in Norway”, Paper presentation, Nordic Sociology Conference August 2011, Oslo.

### **POPULAR SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS**

2016- : Social science podcast *Politikk og Røvere*, in collaboration with online provider of scientific news *Forskning.no*. 49 half-hour episodes.

#### **Newspaper Op-Eds and blog pieces:**

[Mer konflikt etter 22. juli](#) - VG (14.07.2021).

[Understanding the liberal roots of far-right activism](#) - UiO blog *Right Now!* (11.11.2019).

[Trusselen fra gutterommet](#) – Bergens Tidende (22.11.2015).

[Høyreekstreme grupper og einstøinger. Hvorfor Sverige ikke er så spesielt](#) – Aftenposten (10.11.2015).  
[Pegida marsjerer fortsatt gjennom Europa](#) – forskning.no (15.07.15).  
[Demokratiske rettigheter og diskriminering. Funn fra tre survey-eksperimenter](#) – Vox Publica (26.06.15).  
[Anti-Islamic Pegida groups have spread beyond their German heartlands](#) – LSE European Politics and Policy (17.06.15).  
How anti-Islamic Pegida spreads across Western Europe – EUI Times (07.04.2015)  
[Var 22. juli egentlig en skolemassakre?](#) – Morgenbladet (04.07.14).  
[Anti-islam, høyreekstremisme og vold](#) – NRK Ytring (20.06.14).  
[De som vil redde oss](#) – NRK Ytring (17.07.13).  
[Terrorhandlingenes fundament](#) - Bergens Tidene (30.07.11), Stavanger Aftenblad (16.08.11).

### **Television, radio and podcast appearances (2019 - )**

[Mer konflikt etter 22. juli](#) - NRK Nyhetsmorgen (10.08.2021).  
[Breivik avvist av ytre høyre](#) - NRK Nyhetsmorgen (28.06.2021).  
[SIAN og ytringsfrihet](#) - NRK Debatten, television interview (03.09.2020).  
[The Far Right and Muslims](#) - Conversation with Dr. Ismail Patel for UK ReOrient Podcast, The Journal of Critical Muslim Studies (2020).  
[Hva er det SIAN vil?](#) - Aftenposten Forklart, podcast interview (31.08.2020).  
[Hvordan høyreekstreme går fra nettforum til angrep](#) - Aftenposten Forklart, podcast interview (15.08.19).  
[Den høyreekstreme terroren og inspirasjonen](#) - Aftenposten Forklart, podcast interview (21.03.19).  
[English Defence League og ytre høyre](#) – Studio 2, NRK P2, radio interview (25.02.2019).

### **Newspaper interviews and references to research (2019 - )**

[A decade on, 'the hatred is still out there' but attacker's influence is seen as low](#) – CNN (23.07.2021).  
[Forskere har for første gang kartlagt støtten til 22. juli-terroristen. To miljø skilte seg ut](#) – Aftenposten (06.07. 2021).  
[Forskere: Frp gjør det vanskeligere å være høyreradikal i Norge](#) – Nettavisen (23.06.2021).  
[Breivik avvist av ytre høyre](#) - forskning.no (29.06.2021).  
[Fryktet Breivik-kopier – slik lot høyreekstreme seg påvirke etter 22. juli](#) – nrk.no (17.07.2021).  
[Breivik's massacre inspires squabbling far-right heirs a decade on](#) – The National (17.07.2021).  
[Arven etter Behring Breivik](#) – Stavanger Aftenblad (31.07.2021).  
[Spørsmålene Norge måtte ha svar på](#) – Universitetet i Bergen Aktuelt (07.07.2021).  
[Verkar valkampen – egentleg?](#) Stavanger Aftenblad (18.08.2021).  
[Startet blodig terrorstafett](#) – Dagbladet (20.07.2021).  
[Ulven og hans flokk](#), Dagbladet (19.07.2021).  
[Ekstremister misforstår ikke hva FrP står for](#), - Anne Bitsch (op-ed), Morgenbladet (11.07.2021).  
[Stopp splittelsen – stå sammen mot voldelig ekstremisme](#), - Sylvi Listhaug, Ketil Solvik-Olsen og Terje Søviknes (op-ed), Aftenposten (11.07.2021).  
[FrPs alternative historieskriving](#) - Anne Bitsch (op-ed), Aftenposten (15.07.2021).  
[Ti år etter 22. juli: tida leger alle sår?](#) - Universitetet i Oslo.  
[Koraanin julkiset häpäisyt toistavat samaa kaavaa, joka usuttaa ihmiset toistensa kimppuun, arvioi norjalaistutkija](#) - Helsingin Sanomat. (31.08.2020).  
[Ytre høyre provoserer oftere på gata enn før](#) - forskning.no (16.01.2020).  
[Rasister, nynazister og anti-islamske nevnes ofte i samme åndedrag, men det er ulikheter](#) - Vårt Land (04.08.2020).  
[Slik er gruppa som gjør folk rasende](#) - Klar Tale (29.08.2020).  
[Sian-dilemmaet vokser](#) - Aftenposten (28.08.2020).  
[Unge, hvite menn som dyrker vold, rasisme og konspirasjonsteorier](#) – TV2.no (24.08.2019).  
[Forsker om høyreekstrem terror: – Er som å finne en nål i en høystakk](#) - VG (16.03.19).  
[Ekspert om samfunnsdebatten: – Vi er i stor grad dobbeltmoraliske](#) – NRK (21.03.19).

[SV varsler kamp mot muslimhat -Vårt land \(25.03.19\).](#)

[Soloterrorister blir radikaliseret ved å kommunisere med likesinnede på nett](#) (Dagen, 12.08.19).

[– Det går ganske kaldt nedover ryggen](#) - NRK (12.08.19).

[Åpen plattform hyller høyreekstrem terror: - Gir næring til hatet, sier forsker](#) – Nettavisen (14.08.19).

[«Gud, jeg håper han får et solid drapstall». Slik reagerte nettforumet under angrepet på moskéen](#) - Aftenposten (14.08.19).

[Personer som «heiet» på Manshaus på nett oppga å være norske](#) – Nettavisen (14.08.19).

[Terrorsiktede Philip Manshaus: - Veldig uvanlig](#) - Dagbladet (20.08.19).

[Etterforsker om terrorsiktede Philip Manshaus hyllet Breivik på Instagram](#) – Nettavisen (15.08.19).

[Hvite massedrapsmenn finner inspirasjon i hverandre: – Det er en «copycat»-tendens](#) -VG (15.08.19).

[Hemmelig-funksjonen endres i Facebooks kamp for å få kontroll over de lukkede gruppene](#) – Aftenposten (15.08.19).