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Professor in Political Science, Department of Administration and Organization Theory, University of Bergen, 2021 - Present

Academic Background

Deputy Dean of Research, Faculty of Social Science, University of Bergen, 2017 - 2021
Professor, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, 2016 - 2021.
Associated Senior Researcher, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), 2015 – 2017.
Associate Professor, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, 2013 – September 2016.
Post-doctor, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, 2009 to November 2013.
Visiting scholar, Department of Sociology, University of California (Berkeley), 2010.
University lecturer, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, 2008.
Ph.D., Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, 2008.
Visiting scholar, Department of Political Studies, University of Cape Town, South Africa, 2005-2006.
Visiting scholar, Political Science and Public Administration, Makerere University, Uganda, 2005.
Visiting PhD-student, The Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden, 2004.
University lecturer, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, 2002-2004.
Cand. Polit. Degree. Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, 2002.
Cand. Mag. Degree. Faculty of Social Science, University of Bergen, 1996.

Grants and Awards

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| 2021-26 | SUCCESS: Gender-Gap in Political Endurance.
PI, ERC Consolidator grant. |
| 2021-25 | The Cost of Doing Politics: Gender Aspects of Political Violence
Lead Researcher: Research project financed by FRIPRO. PI Vibeke Wang |
| 2019-23 | The Politics of Youth Interventions in Africa's Authoritarian Regimes.
Lead researcher: Research project financed by NORDGLOBAL. PI Lovise Aalen |
| 2016-17 | Inclusive Autocracies: Political Decentralization without Democratization
PI: Joint research project supported by the CMI-UIB Fund |
| 2016-20 | Money Talks: Gendered Electoral Financing in Democratic and Democratizing States.
PI: Research project financed by FRIHUMSAM, the Research Council of Norway. |
| 2015-17 | Symbolic representation of women in Africa.
Lead researcher: Joint research project supported by the CMI-UIB Fund |
| 2013-17 | Engineering gender equality: The effects of aid to women's political representation in Malawi, Sudan, Uganda and Zambia.
Lead researcher: Research project financed by NORDGLOBAL, the Research Council of Norway. |
| 2013-16 | Labor migration and the moral sustainability of the Norwegian welfare State.
Lead researcher: Research project financed by VAM, the Research Council of Norway. |

- 2013-15 Legislating marriages: Family Law Reform and Democratization in Africa, Asia and Latin America.
Lead researcher: Joint research project supported by the CMI-UIB Fund
- 2011-12 Between women's representation and democratization in Africa.
PI: Joint research project funded by the CMI-UIB Fund.
- 2009-13 Popular representation in Africa: The politics of expectations.
PI: Post-doc project funded by FRIHUMSAM, The Research Council of Norway.
- 2008-11 Electoral Processes and Political Parties in New Democracies
Researcher: Internationalization project for the research group on 'Comparative Democratization' at the Department of Comparative Politics funded by *The Bergen Research Foundation*.
- 2007-11 Democratic Consolidation in Malawi.
Researcher: Joint research project funded by NUFU between researchers at University of Malawi, Chr. Michelsens Institute (CMI) and the Department of Comparative Politics, UoB.
- 2004-08 Dilemmas connected to traditional institutions in Africa.
PI: Ph.D scholarship from the Research Council of Norway, FRIHUMSAM.

Books

- Muriaas, Ragnhild L, Vibeke Wang, and Rainbow Murray (2019). *Gendered Electoral Financing: Money, Power and Representation in Comparative Perspective* (eds.). Routledge.
- Aalen, Lovise & Ragnhild L. Muriaas (2018). *Manipulating Political Decentralization: Africa's Inclusive Autocrats*. Routledge.
- Hilde Danielsen, Kari Jegerstedt, Ragnhild L. Muriaas and Brita Ytre-Arne eds. (2016). *Gendered Citizenship and the Politics of Representation*, London, UK: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Muriaas, Ragnhild L. (2011). *Afrikanske utfordringer: En innføring i afrikansk politikk [African Challenges: An Introduction to African Politics]*. Høyskoleforlaget.

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- Muriaas, Ragnhild, Amy Mazur and Season Hoard (2021 FirstView). Payments and Penalties for Democracy: Gendered Electoral Financing in Action Worldwide. *American Political Science Review*.
- Murray, Rainbow, Ragnhild Muriaas and Vibeke Wang (2021, OnlineFirst). Editorial Introduction: Gender and Political Financing. *International Political Science Review*.
- Wang, Vibeke, Ragnhild Muriaas and Gretchen Bauer (2021, OnlineFirst). Funding Demands and Gender in Political Recruitment: What Parties do in Cabo Verde and Ghana. *International Political Science Review*.

- Chiweza, Asiyati Lorraine, Happy Kayuni, and Ragnhild Louise Muriaas (2021) Understanding Handouts in Candidate Selection: Challenging Party Authority in Malawi. *African Affairs*, 120(481) 569-589.
- Vibeke, Wang, Ragnhild Muriaas and Yvette Peters (forthcoming 2021). *Why party allegiance matters: Affirmative action positioning among electoral candidates in Zambia*. *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 59 (4): 49(4): 507-533.
- Robinson, Amanda L., Amanda Clayton, Martha Johnsen and Ragnhild L. Muriaas (online 2019). (How) Do Voters Discriminate Against Women Candidates? Experimental and Qualitative Evidence from Malawi. *Comparative Political Studies*.
- Wang, Vibeke and Ragnhild L. Muriaas (2019). Candidate selection and gender imbalance in parties with strong leaders: 'Soft' quotas in Zambia, *Politics, Groups and Identities*, 7 (2): 401-411.
- 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*.
- Cappelen, Cornelius and Ragnhild L. Muriaas (2018). 'Polish labour migrants and undeclared work in Norway'. *Scandinavian Political Studies*, 41 (2): 167-187.
- Muriaas, Ragnhild L., Liv Tønnessen and Vibeke Wang (2018). Counter-mobilization against child marriage reform in Africa. *Political Studies*, 66 (4): 851-868.
- Aalen, Lovise and Ragnhild L. Muriaas (2017). 'Power calculations and political decentralisation in African post-conflict states', *International Political Science Review*, 38 (1), 56-69.
- Muriaas, Ragnhild, Lise Rakner and Ingvild A. Skage (2016). 'Political Capital of ruling parties after regime change: contrasting successful insurgencies to peaceful pro-democracy movements. *Civil Wars*, 18 (2): 175-191.
- Muriaas, Ragnhild L. and Lars G. Svåsand (2015). Opposition Parties and the Decentralisation Process in South Africa and Zambia', *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, 453 (4).
- Kayuni, Happy and Ragnhild L. Muriaas (2014). 'Alternatives to gender quotas: electoral financing of women candidates in Malawi', *Representation*, 50 (3): 393-404.
- Muriaas, Ragnhild L., Liv Tønnessen and Vibeke Wang (2013). 'Exploring the Relationship between Democratization and Quota Policies in Africa', *Women Studies International Forum*, 41: 89-93.
- Muriaas, Ragnhild and Happy Kayuni 2013). 'The Reversed Contagion Effect: Explaining The Unevenness of Women's Representation across South African Municipalities', *Women's Studies International Forum*, 41: 150-9.
- Muriaas, Ragnhild L (2013). 'Party Affiliation in New Democracies: Local reactions to the split of the ruling party in Malawi', *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*, 7 (4): 190-9.

- Muriaas, Ragnhild L. and Vibeke Wang (2012). 'Executive dominance and the politics of quota representation in Uganda', *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 50 (2): 309-38.
- Mpesi, Andrew M, and Ragnhild L. Muriaas (2012). 'Food security as a political issue: the 2009 elections in Malawi', *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, 30 (3): 377-93.
- Muriaas, Ragnhild L. (2011). 'ANC & Power Concentration in South Africa: does local democracy allow for power-sharing?' Special Issue on Opposition in Africa, *Democratization*, 18 (5), 1067-86.
- Muriaas, Ragnhild L. (2011). 'Traditional institutions and decentralization: A typology of co-existence in Sub-Saharan Africa', *Forum for Development Studies*, March, 38 (1), 87-107.
- Muriaas, Ragnhild L. (2009). 'Local Perspectives on the 'neutrality' of traditional authorities in Malawi, South Africa and Uganda', *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics*, 47 (1), 28-51.
- Muriaas, Ragnhild L. (2009). 'Reintroducing a Local-Level Multiparty System in Uganda: Why be in opposition?' *Government and Opposition*, 44 (1), 91-112.
- Muriaas, Ragnhild L. (2009). 'ANC og maktkonsentrasjon i Sør-Afrika: Åpner lokaldemokratiet for maktdeling?', *Politica*, 41 (3), 283-99.

Chapters in books

- Johnsen, Martha, Ragnhild L. Muriaas, Amanda Clayton and Amanda Robinson (2021). Deeper Decentralization, Fewer Women? Decentralization and Women's Candidacies for Local Office in Benin and Malawi. In R. Arriola, M. Johnsen and Melanie Phillips(eds) *Women and Power in Africa: Aspiring, Campaigning, and Governing*. Oxford University Press. Ch. 4 (85-113).
- Muriaas, Ragnhild (2020) Gendered Electoral Financing: Two Approaches Toward Funding as an Affirmative Action Measure. In Jamil, I., Aminuzzaman, S.M., Lasna Kabir, S., Haque, M.M. (Eds.) *Gender Mainstreaming in Politics, Administration and Development in South Asia*, Palgrave.
- Muriaas, Ragnhild, Vibeke Wang and Rainbow Murray (2019). Introduction: Introducing the Concept of Gendered Electoral Financing, pp. 1-24. In Muriaas, Wang and Murray (eds) *Gendered Electoral Financing: Money, Power and Representation in Comparative Politics*. New York: Routledge.
- Borges, Aleida, Ragnhild Muriaas and Vibeke Wang (2019). Cabo Verde: Legislated Candidates Quotas with Reward for Compliance in Cabo Verde: Victory for no one? pp. 74-92. . In Muriaas, Wang and Murray (eds) *Gendered Electoral Financing: Money, Power and Representation in Comparative Politics*. New York: Routledge.
- Muriaas, Ragnhild and Amy G. Mazur (2019). Conclusion: Does Money Talk? An initial Comparative Analysis, pp. 154-174. In Muriaas, Wang and Murray (eds) *Gendered Electoral Financing: Money, Power and Representation in Comparative Politics*. New York: Routledge.
- Muriaas, Ragnhild L., Liv Tønnesen and Vibeke Wang (2016). 'Substantive Representation: From Timing to Framing of Family Law Reform in Morocco, South Africa and Uganda. In Hilde Danielsen et al. (eds) *Gendered Citizenship and the Politics of Representation*, London, UK: Palgrave Macmillian.

Hilde Danielsen, Kari Jegerstedt, Ragnhild L. Muriaas and Brita Ytre-Arne (2016). 'Introduction'. In Hilde Danielsen et al. (eds) *Gendered Citizenship and the Politics of Representation*, London, UK: Palgrave Macmillan.

Muriaas, Ragnhild L. (2015) 'The Quality and Stability of Subnational Elections in Africa: A Methodological and Conceptual Tool', ch. 5. In Tony Spanakos and Francisco Panizza (eds.) *Conceptualizing Comparative Politics*, New York, NY: Routledge.

Muriaas, Ragnhild L. (2013). 'The ANC and power concentration in South Africa: does local democracy allow for power-sharing?' pp. 12-31. In Emil Uddhammer, Elliott Green and Johanna Söderström (eds.) *Political Opposition and Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa*, Routledge, 2013. (reprint).

Hussein, Mustafa K. and Ragnhild L. Muriaas (2013). 'Traditional Authorities' in Nandini Patel and Lars Svåsand (eds) *Government and Politics in Malawi*, second edition. Lilongwe, Malawi: Capital Printing Press.

Muriaas, Ragnhild L. (2005). 'Dilemmas Connected to Recognising Customary Law and Courts in South Africa' in Lone Lindholt and Sten Schaumburg-Müller (eds.) *Human Rights and Local/living law in Human Rights in Development*, Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill Academic Pub.

Reports

GLD report on gender (2017). The Local Governance Performance Index (LGPI) in Malawi: Selected Findings on Gender. Report prepared by Lindsay Benstead, Boniface Dulani, Ragnhild L. Muriaas, Lise Rakner and Vibeke Wang.

Book reviews

Ragnhild L. Muriaas (2019). The political over-representation of the rich in the USA. *European Political Science*, online first.

Ragnhild L. Muriaas (2013). 'Sexuality and Gender Politics in Mozambique: Rethinking Gender in Africa' by Signe Arnfred, *Tidsskrift for kjønnsforskning*, January, 88-92.

In progress

Benstead, Lindsay, Vibeke Wang and Ragnhild L. Muriaas. When Do Donor Endorsements Help or Hurt? A Survey Experiment on Quotas and Land Reform in Malawi. Under review

Aalen, Lovise, Aslak Orre and Ragnhild L. Muriaas. Post-War Parties and their Youth Wings: How Old Rebels handle the African Millennials. In Ishiyama and Sindre (eds) *Rebel group inclusion and the effects on democracy and peace*, Oxford. Submitted.

Chiweza, Asiyati, Happy Kayuni and Ragnhild L. Muriaas. Gender and Cost of elections in Decentralized Party Candidate Selection Processes. In process

Gretchen Bauer, Ragnhild L. Muriaas and Vibeke Wang. The role of time and money in political recruitment: A comparative study of women's entry into politics in Cape Verde and Ghana. In process

Ragnhild Muriaas, Amy Mazur, Season Hoard, The Immediate Effects of Gendered Electoral Financing on Election Results: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of 30 initiatives. In process.

Muriaas, R and Y. Peters. 'Extending Gender Quotas to Social Institutions: Survey Experiments of Representatives and Citizens in Norway'. In progress

Teaching experience

Prizes *Studiekvalitetsprisen, SV-Fakultetet 2015.* Lecturer at MET 102 Samfunnsvitenskapelig metode.

Pedagogical training

Introduction to University Pedagogy (autumn 2013); Research supervision (autumn 2013); Digital learning: Self-made videos in teaching (spring 2015).

University of Bergen:

2002 -18 Courses I have developed and taught: SAMPOL 221 The Politics of Gender in a Global Perspective. SAMPOL 327 The Politics of Gender: Citizenship, Representation and Development, SAMPOL 321 Political Parties in Post-Conflict States, SAMPOL 307 Comparative Methods, SAMPOL 100 Introduction to Comparative Politics. Classes I have held by invitations: MET 102: Social Science Methods, SAMPOL 304 Comparative method, SAMPOL 206: Constitution-Making, Democracy and Development: Africa, Middle East and Comparative Perspectives; SAMPOL 207: Citizenship: Theories and Policies. SAMPOL602 Human Rights Observation, SAMPOL 606 Democracy Assistance, SAMPOL607 Field Methodology.

2002- *Supervisor*, Bachelor, Master and PhD-level.

Current Board Memberships

Leader Board at the Center for Women's and Gender Research (SKOK), UiB. 2018 – 2022.

Leader Career program for Postdocs at The Faculty of Social Sciences, 2018-2021.

Leader National Publication Committee for Social Sciences. 2020 – 2021.

Deputy Leader Board, The Faculty of Social Science, University of Bergen, 2017-2021.

Deputy Leader Steering board of Center for Climate and Energy Change (CET), University of Bergen, 2017-2021.

Member The National Publication Board, Norway (2020-2021)

Member Steering Group for the career program of the joint collaboration between TMS-UiB

Member Forskningsutvalget (Research committee), UiB, 2017-2021.

Member Leader group on innovation, UiB, 2017-2021.

Member Evaluation Committee, Open access funding program for Norwegian journals.

Member Committee for Infrastructure, UiB, 2017 – 2021.

Member Regional Research Board, Hordaland, 2017-2021.

Member Board of Bergen Center for Competition Law and Economics (BECCLE), 2017-2021.

Member Steering group Christiekonferansen 2019.

Member Utvidet råd (Honorary Board) for Studentersamfunnet i Bergen, 2015 –

Deputy Member Steering group for strategic initiative on Societal Global Challenges, UiB, 2017-2021.

Deputy Member UHR Samfunnsfag, 2017 – 2021.

Journal Editor

2014-16 Norsk statsvitenskapelig tidsskrift (The Norwegian Journal of Political Science).

Journal Co-editor

2016 Special issue on 'Gender in Malawian Politics' for *Malawi Journal of Social Science*

2012-13 Special issue on 'Democratization and Quota Policies in Africa' for *Women's Studies International Forum*, forthcoming.

Reviewer:

**African Affairs *American Journal of Political Science *American Political Science Review * Africa Spectrum *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations *Babylon – Nordisk tidsskrift for Midtøstenstudier *British Journal of Political Science *Comparative Politics *Comparative Political Studies *Development Southern Africa *Ethnicity *European Journal of Politics and Gender *International Review of Administrative Sciences *Journal of Peace Research *Journal of Politics * Journal of Women, Politics & Policy *Nordic Journal of Human Rights *Political Research Quarterly *Routledge *Scandinavian Political Studies *Third World Thematics *Third World Quarterly *World Development *Women's Studies International Forum *Universitetsforlaget*