

## **Curriculum Vitae**

**(short version)**

**for**

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### **PERSONAL DETAILS**

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Academic degree: Ph.D (Dr.polit), University of Bergen 1991  
Present Academic positions:  
Professor, Dept. of Geography, University of Bergen (since 1992)  
Affiliated Professor CICERO, Norwegian Climate Research Centre Oslo (since 2011).  
Languages; Norwegian (mother tongue), English (fluently), Nepali (some), Hindi (some), Urdu (some), German (good), French (some)

### **Research Interests**

Region: South Asia, Himalaya, Europe  
Topics: Natural Resource Management (energy, agriculture, fisheries)  
Climate change and Environmental issues  
Social differentiation; ethnicity, power and poverty  
Rural Development

### **Some Concluded Projects.**

- Migration as a strategy in peasant economy (Pakistan)
- Development of hydro-electric power in the Karakoram Mountains
- Environmental impacts of modernisation in subtropical Eastern Nepal
- Development of traditional fisheries in Orissa, India
- Local responses to large scale global processes in Himalaya: The case of Manang valley, Nepal

### **Current Research Projects:**

- Himalayan Climate Change Adaptation Programme (HICAP), with CICERO, UNEP, and ICIMOD/Kathmandu; funded by Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2011-2015).
- Legal frameworks for Conservation of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in the Himalayas (Himalines). NFR 2009-2012

### **Some Administrative positions**

Spring 1999 Dean, Social Sciences Faculty, University of Bergen  
 1999-2002 Vice Dean of Research, Social Sciences Faculty  
 2001-2004 President, Nordic Association of South Asia Studies (NASA)  
 2008-2011 Member of the Board, Nordic Institute for South Asia Studies (NIAS),  
 Copenhagen  
 2011- Leader of Research Committee, Dept of Geography  
 2006- Leader of Research Group on Development Geography, UiB.

### **Some invited lectures**

Lecture on 'Honour and Revenge' at Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS), Copenhagen (2010)

Lectures on "The Grammar of Honour" at Max Planck Institute, Halle, Germany (June 2008)

The Annual Nirman Lecture, British Association for South Asian Studies (BASAS) 21<sup>st</sup> Conference, Cambridge 28-30 March 2007: *Local Responses to Globalization in the Himalayas*

International Geography Union (IGU) International Workshop on "Cultures and Civilisations for Human Development", Rome Dec. 12-14 2005: *The Concept of "Culture" and some Challenges of Intercultural Dialogue* (first keynote speech)

### **Some recent publications**

Aase, T.H., Chapagain P.S., Tiwari P. 2013: The Capacity of Himalayan Farmers to Adapt to Climate Change. *Mountain Research and Development* vol 33:1

Holmelin N. & Aase T.H. 2013: Flexibility of scope, type and temporality in Mustang, Nepal. Opportunities for adaptation in a farming system facing climatic and market uncertainty. *Sustainability*.

Aase, T.H. (to be published in 2014): The grammar of Honour and Revenge. *Journal of Law and Society*, Gillani College, Multan, Pakistan

Aase T.H. and Bakka P.H. 2012: Kunnskapsrøveri fra fattige land? *Forskning og Penger*. The National Committee of Research Ethics.

Aase T.H. 2011: Primary Production under Conditions of Global Change: a Case Study from Annapurna Conservation Area, Nepal. In Saxena K.G., Liang L., Xue X. (eds): *Global Change, Biodiversity and Livelihoods in Cold Desert Regions of Asia*. United Nations University, Tokyo

2009: (with Ram Chaudhary and Ole Vetaas) Farming flexibility and food security under climatic uncertainty: Manang, Nepal Himalaya. *Area*. London

2007: (with Vetaas, O.R): Risk Management by Communal Decision in Trans-Himalayan Farming: Manang Valley Valley in Central Nepal. In *Human Ecology* London

2007: (with Fossaskaret E.): *Created Realities. Production and Interpretation of Qualitative Field Data*. (in Norwegian) University Press, Oslo

2007: The Grammar of Honour. In Hylland-Eriksen T. & Fuglerud O (eds): *The Limits of Cultural Explanation*. Pax Publishers, Oslo

(2007) (Chaudhary R, Aase TH, Vetaas OR, Subedi BP eds) *Local Responses to Large Scale Global Change: A Case from Nepal Himalayas*. Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu

2006: (with Chapagain, Prem S): The Maoist Insurgency in Nepal (in Norwegian). In *Hvor Hender Det?* NUPI Oslo

2006: The Push-Pull Thesis: Why people move or remain. In Uggelvik Larsen (ed): *Theory and Methodology in Geography* (in Norwegian). Fagbokforlaget, Bergen

2005: Aase, T.H. & Chapagain, P.S: Nepali Agriculture in Crisis? In *Studies in Nepali History and Society vol. 10 no1* Kathmandu

2002: T.H. Aase ed: *Tournaments of Power. Honour and Revenge in the Contemporary World*. Ashgate Publ. Aldershot UK

2002: (with Choudhary, R.P, Subedi, B.P, Vetaas, O.R. (eds)): *Vegetation and Society. Their interaction in the Himalayas*. Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu.

1999: The use of metaphor in Himalayan resource management. In Toft-Madsen, S. ed. *State, Society and the Environment in South Asia*. Curzon Press, Richmond, UK

1999: The Theological Construction of Conflict. Gilgit, Northern Pakistan. In Manger L. (ed): *Muslim Diversity. Local Islam in Global cContexts*. Curzon Press, Richmond UK

1998: The Local Dialectics of Migration in Pakistan. In Hesselberg J.(ed):  
*Development Geography* (in Norwegian). Tano Aschehoug, Oslo

1998: Politics of Natural Resource Management in the Sai Valley, Gilgit District. In  
Stellrecht, I ed: *Karakorum-Hindukush-Himalaya: Dynamics of Change*  
Rüdinger Köppe Verlag, Cologne

1996: (ed): *Methodological Approaches to the Study of Prejudice and Discrimination*  
(in Norwegian). Norwegian Research Council, Oslo