

Curriculum vitae – Thorvald Sirnes

Personal information

First name, Surname:	Thorvald Sirnes		
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Education

Year	Faculty/department - University/institution - Country
1997 (dissertation defended)	<i>Dr.polit.</i> Faculty of Social Sciences - University of Bergen - Norway
1987	Cand.Polit. Faculty of Social Sciences - University of Bergen - Norway

Positions - current and previous

Year	Job title – Employer - Country
2016-	Professor - Centre for the Study of Sciences and the Humanities, University of Bergen - Norway
2008-2016	Associate Professor - Centre for the Study of Sciences and the Humanities, University of Bergen - Norway

Career breaks

Year	Reason
1987-1988	Travelling in India

Project management experience

Year	Project owner - Project - Role - Funder
2003-2007	Centre for European Cultural Studies (SEK), University of Bergen - <i>Regime of Goodness</i> - Project leader - NRC, Program for Cultural research

2004 /2007	Stein Rokkan Centre for Social Studies, Unifob - <i>Biobanks. The construction of Informed Consent.</i> - Project leader - NRC, FUGE.
2004 /2007	Stein Rokkan Centre for Social Studies, Unifob - <i>National Moral Landscapes. The Politics of Stemcells.</i> - Project leader - FUGE, ELSA, NRC.
2001/2008	Stein Rokkan Centre for Social Studies, Unifob - <i>Contexts of choice. Prenatal diagnostics and selective abortion</i> - Project leader - Health and Society, NRC.
2001/2007	Stein Rokkan Centre for Social Studies, Unifob - <i>Selective abortion in national and historical context. A comparison of Norway and UK.</i> - Project leader - Health and Society, NRC.
2000/2003	Centre for European Cultural Studies (SEK), University of Bergen - <i>Valuepolitics</i> - Project leader - NRC, Program for Cultural Research
2012/2012	Centre for the Study of Sciences and the Humanities, University of Bergen - <i>Moral Imaginaries. Emerging normative regimes in India, China and the West</i> - Project leader - SAMKUL, NRC

Supervision of students

(Total number of students)

Master's students	Ph.D. students	University/institution - Country
30	250	University of Bergen - Norway (Supervision of essays in philosophy and ethics of the social sciences)

Other relevant professional experiences

Year	Description - Role
1998 - 2000	The Norwegian Biotechnology Advisory Board (Bioteknologinemnda) - Personal member
2004- 2008	Stein Rokkan Centre for Social Studies - Research leader
2010- 2012	The Norwegian Health Directorate, Expert group on biotechnology - Member
2008 -	PhD course: <i>Philosophy and Ethics of Social Sciences</i> – Academic responsibility, course and essay supervision of all new PhD students at the Faculty of Social Sciences, UiB

Track record

Total number of publications :25.

List of 10 selected publications.

- 1." Risiko og mening. Mentale brot og meningsdimensjonar i industri og politikk. Bidrag til den sosiale stadieteorien." Rapport nr. 53 (1997), Inst.adm.org. Avhandling til dr.polit.graden/ Dr.polit.thesis, University of Bergen 1997.
2. "Akademisering. Diskurskollisjon, habitus og sosial verdsetting." Sosiologisk tidsskrift 1\2 (1998), pp.107-130.
3. "3.3.1. Three discourses. Three countries. One sector. A comparison of theatre-policy in Norway, Sweden and Finland in a discourse-perspective." Nordisk kulturpolitisk tidsskrift, nr.1 2001, s. 46-84.
- 4." Deviance or Homo Sacer ? Foucault, Agamben and Foetal Diagnostics. Scandinavian Journal of Disability Research. Vol.7, No. 3-4. 2005. Routledge.
- 5." Population Biobanks: The Ethical Gravity of Informed Consent." (Brekke and Sirnes). BioSocieties (2006), 1, 385-398. London School of Economics and Political Science 2006. Cambridge UP.
- 6." Biosociality, biocitizenship and the new discourse of hope and despair: interpreting 'Portraits of Hope' and the 'Mehmet Case'." (Brekke and Sirnes). New Genetics and Society (2011) , Vol. 30, No. 4, 347-374.
7. "The decision: Relations to oneself, authority and vulnerability in the field of selective abortion." (Risøy and Sirnes). BioSocieties (2015), Vol 10, 3, 317 – 340.
8. "Unntakstilstand, det nakne livet og døden." Norsk antropologisk tidsskrift (2015), Vol. 26, Nr. 1, s. 40 – 55.
9. "Alt som er fast, fordamper ? in Siri Meyer og Thorvald Sirnes (red.) "Normalitet og identitetsmakt i Norge,"Ad Notam Gyldendal 1999 (Makt-og demokratiutredninga), pp. 29-75.
10. "Dimensjonar i moderne sosialteori" (Brekke, Høstaker, Sirnes). Samlaget 2003. Kapittel 4 : "Kjærleik og kunst: Luhmann og Bourdieu." Kapittel 5: "Samfunnsdiagnose".

Conferences/other output

- I was instrumental in arranging the very first ELSA (Ethical, Legal and Social Aspects of Biotechnology) Conference in Norway in 1998, and I was instrumental in making this into a research field and program in the NRC. As a part of this initiative, I became a personal member of the Norwegian Biotechnology Board, and a member of the Norwegian Health Directorate expert group on Biotechnology.
- "Moral Imaginaries. Emerging normative regimes in India, China and the West." Conference and workshop, 2012. Financed by SAMKUL, NRC. In this conference we brought together leading scholars in comparative normative theory and research (philosophy, history and the social sciences) from India, China, the US and Europe.
- In the NRC project *Regime of Goodness* we created one of the most prolific, famous, controversial and influential concepts in the Norwegian public: *Godhetsregimet*.
- Among other places, I have been invited to give presentations at EHESS/Paris, University of California Santa Cruz, Kings College/London, JNU (Jawaharlal Nehru University)/Delhi, Central University Hyderabad.
- I have been invited to give keynote presentations on different conferences, e.g. on the Norwegian Anthropological Conference, 2015.

In 2013 I conducted a participatory field work among the Nagababas/sadhus in North India for half a year. I have presented results from this at JNU/Delhi, in Kerala and the Norwegian Anthropological Conference. A major book manuscript is in the final stages of completion.

In my period at the Stein Rokkan Centre for Social Studies/Unifob (now NORCE) I was responsible for and leading a group of 15-20 researchers, both junior and senior.

In my current position (professor at SVT/UIB) I am supervising around 30 PhD students within the social sciences every year.