

# Curriculum vitae with track record

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

Year	Faculty/department - University/institution - Country
2011 (PhD) Disputation date: 01-02.12.2011	Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, Norway Title of thesis: The many faces of political Islam in Sudan: Muslim women's activism for and against the state
2005 (Master)	Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, Norway Title of thesis: Islamism and Democracy: An Inquiry into the Political Thought of the Sudanese Islamist Hassan al-Turabi
Cand.Mag degree, University of Bergen 1998- 2002	Arabic (75 ECTS) Comparative Politics (210 ECTS) Election observation (15 ECTS) English (60 ECTS) Examen Philosophicum (30 ECTS) Fonetics and Linguistics (15 ECTS) Hebrew (15 ECTS) Middle Eastern History (30 ECTS) Women and Religion in the Middle East (15 ECTS)

## CURRENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Year	Job title – Employer - Country
2021-	Director of Center on Law and Social Transformation
2017-2021	Research Director, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), Norway
2012-	Senior Researcher, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), Norway
2008-2011	PhD candidate, University of Bergen, Norway
2010-2014	Coordinator of the Gender Politics research group, Chr.Michelsen Institute (CMI), Norway
2005-2006	Coordinator of Politics of Faith, Chr.Michelsen Institute (CMI), Norway
2003-2004	Trainee at the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Damascus, Syria

## CAREER BREAKS

Year	Reason
15.02.-01.12.2016	Maternity Leave

## PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

Year	Project owner - Project - Role - Funder
2023-2026	Project owner: Chr.Michelsen Institute Project: Sudan-Norway Academic Cooperation (SNAC)

	Funder: Royal Norwegian Embassy in Khartoum Role: Project manager
2021-2025	Project owner: Chr.Michelsen Institute Project: Rights Activism under Political Uncertainty (RightAct) Funder: Norwegian Research Council Role: Co-project leader with Leo Arriola (Berkely)
2018-2022	Project owner: Chr.Michelsen Institute Project: <i>Assisting Regional Universities in Sudan (ARUS)</i> Funder: Royal Norwegian Embassy in Khartoum Role: Project manager
2016-2020	Project owner: University of Madison Wisconsin, Chr. Michelsen Institute, ISIS WICCE in Uganda Project: <i>Women and Peacebuilding in Africa</i> Funder: Carnegie Foundation and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Role: Co-project leader with Aili Marie Tripp
2016-2022	Project owner: Chr.Michelsen Institute Project: <i>Political determinants of sexual and reproductive health: criminalization, health impacts and game changers</i> Funder: Norwegian Research Council Role: Lead of Sudan team
2014-2017	Project owner: Chr.Michelsen Institute Project: <i>Engineering Gender Equality: The effects of aid to women's political representation</i> Funder: Norwegian Research Council Role: Project manager
2014-2017	Project owner: Chr.Michelsen Institute Project: <i>Women's human rights and law reform in the Muslim world</i> Funder: Rafto foundation Role: Project manager
2011-2014	Project owner: Chr.Michelsen Institute Project: <i>Caught between Rape and Adultery: Women's Fight against Sexual Violence and for Justice in Sudan</i> Funder: Norwegian Research Council Role: Project manager
2012-2016	Project owner: Peace Research Institute Oslo Project: <i>Protection of civilians: from principle to practice</i> Funder: Norwegian Research Council Role: Responsible for workpackage on local practices and for research on Sudan
2009-2011	Project owner: Chr.Michelsen Institute Project: <i>Poverty reduction and gender justice in contexts of complex legal pluralism</i> Funder: Norwegian Research Council Role: Responsible for research on Sudan

#### COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

Year	Description - Role
2021-	Director of UiB-CMI Center on Law and Social Transformation
2016-2019	Board member of the program for development research, Swedish Research Council
2019	Guest editor in <i>Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State &amp; Society</i> . Special issue "Legal Change and Women's Economic Empowerment"
2019	Guest editor in <i>Health and Human Rights Journal</i> . Special issue "The limits of the law: Abortion in the Middle East and North Africa"
2015-2017	Board member of Chr. Michelsen Institute
2014-2021	Steering committee member of UiB-CMI Center on Law and Social Transformation

2013	Guest editor in <i>Women's Studies International Forum</i> . Special issue "Quotas and Democratization"
2012-2016	Founding member of the Norwegian Center for Humanitarian Studies
2010-2016	Board Member of the Nordic Middle East Society

#### MOBILITY

Year	Description - Role
2019	University of Texas at Austin, Texas, U.S
2008-2009	Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
2014	Ahfad University for Women, Sudan
2003-2004	Royal Norwegian Embassy in Damascus, Syria

#### INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Year	Description - Role
2017-2021	Research Director at Chr. Michelsen Institute
2009-2014	Coordinator, Gender Politics Research Group, Chr. Michelsen Institute
2013-2015	Leader, The Norwegian Association of Researcher at Chr. Michelsen Institute
2005-2006	Coordinator of Politics of Faith, Chr.Michelsen Institute (CMI), Norway

#### ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

Year	Description - Role
2022	Bergen exchanges on Law and Social Transformation (August 22-26), Bergen, Norway (100 participants)
2019	Convenor of American Political Science Association MENA workshop on Gender Politics in Abu Dhabi (June) and Rabat (October). 25 early career scholars from the MENA region.
2018	Convenor, international workshop on 'women and peacebuilding in Africa', 5-6 December, at PRIO, Oslo. 20 participants
2018	Convenor, international workshop on 'Legal change and women's economic empowerment', 10-11 January, Bergen. 15 participants
2018	Panel organizer and chair of 'Abortion in the Middle East and North Africa' at the annual Law and Society conference, <u>June 7-10 2018</u> Toronto, Canada.
2018	Panel organizer and chair of 'Political determinants of sexual and reproductive health in Africa' at the annual African Studies Association, November 28-December 1, Atlanta, Georgia
2014	Convenor, international workshop on 'Legislating Marriages: Family Law Reform and Democratization in Africa and Asia', 13-14 November, Bergen. 16 participants
2014	Organizer, international conference on 'New Horizons: Law reform and gender justice in the greater Middle East, Ahfad university for women', Sudan, 21-23 October. 50 participants
2012	Convenor, international workshop on 'the relationship between quota policies and democratization in Africa', 14-15 June, Bergen. 18 participants
2010	Organizer, Nordic Conference on Middle Eastern Studies, University of Bergen and Chr.Michelsen Institute, 24-26 September. 150 participants
2009	Convener, international workshop on 'Sharia and Human Rights', 27.-28. November, Bergen. 20 participants.

#### SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

Master's students	Ph.D. students	University/institution - Country
6	1	2011-2014 Co-supervising Lamya Badri for PhD at Ahfad University for Women (Sudan) as part of the RNC project <i>Caught between Rape</i>

		2011-2014	<i>and Adultery</i> Co-supervising four master students at Ahfad University for Women (Sudan) as part of the RNC project <i>Caught between Rape and Adultery</i>
		2021-2022	Supervising Aylin Areffard, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen (Norway)
		2022	Co-supervising Per Andreas Windingstad Larsen, Center for Human Rights, University of Oslo

## TEACHING

Year	Description - Role
2019	Lecturer SAMPOL 221 “The Politics of Gender in a Global Perspective”, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen (Bachelor)
2018	Lecturer SAMPOL 307 “Methods of Comparative Politics”, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen (master)
2018	Lecturer on “ Gender-based violence: Rights as governance mechanisms & political tools”, Bergen Summer Research School, University of Bergen (PhD)
2017	Lecturer SAMPOL 221 “The Politics of Gender in a Global Perspective”, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen (Bachelor)
2015	Lecturer HIM103 “Islam and Politics”, Department of archaeology, history, cultural studies and religion, University of Bergen (Bachelor)
2015	Lecturer on “Effects of Lawfare: Courts and law as battlegrounds for social change”, Center on Law and Social Transformation, University of Bergen (PhD)
2015	Lecturer on “Inequality and Governance: Challenges for Inclusive Sustainable Development”, Bergen Summer Research School, University of Bergen (PhD)
2014	Course coordinator ‘Women and Global Governance’, Ahfad University for women, (Master)
2014	Lecturer “Humanitarian Action and the Protection of Civilians”, Research School on Peace and Conflict, University of Oslo and PRIO (PhD)

## MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

American Political Science Association (APSA), Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA), African Studies Association (ASA) Law and Society Association (LSA)

For paper presentations at APSA, ASA, ECPG, Law & Society, MESA, WOCMES, AAA, BRISMES, see <https://www.cmi.no/staff/liv-tonnessen#publications>

## SELECTED SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

**Tønnessen, Liv** & Samia al-Nagar. (2023, forthcoming). “Women, revolution and backlash: Igniting feminist mobilization in Sudan” *Politics & Gender*

Abbas, Reem & **Liv Tønnessen**. (2022). “Tokens of peace? Women’s representation in the Juba Peace process” *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review* 12(2): 89-105

**Tønnessen, Liv**, Samia al-Nagar and Samah Khalaf Allah. (2022). “Activism from the closet: Fear of a double backlash against a nascent queer movement in Sudan” in Adrian Jjuuko, Siri Gloppen, Alan Msosa and Frans Viljoen: Pretoria: Pretoria University Law Press (PULP)

**Tønnessen, Liv** and Samia al-Nagar. (2021). “Sudanese Women’s Demands for Freedom, Peace, and Justice in the 2019 Revolution” in Aili Tripp, Ladan Affi and Liv Tønnessen (eds) *Women and Peacebuilding in Africa*. James Currey

**Tønnessen, Liv** and Samia al-Nagar. (2019). “The politicization of abortion and hippocratic disobedience in Islamist Sudan” *Health and Human Rights Journal* 21(2): 7-19

**Tønnessen, Liv**. (2019). “Women at work in Sudan: Marital privilege or constitutional right?”. *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society* 26(2): 223-244

Muriaas, Ragnhild, **Liv Tønnessen** and Vibeke Wang. (2018). “Counter-mobilization against child marriage reform in Africa”, *Political Studies* 66 (4): 851-868

- Tønnessen, Liv** (2017). "Enemies of the State: Curbing Women Activists Advocating Rape Reform in Sudan", *International Journal of Women's Studies* 18(2).
- Al-Nagar, Samia and **Liv Tønnessen**. 2017. "Women's rights and the women's movement in Sudan (1952-2014)" in Aili Marie Tripp and Balghis Badri (eds) *Women's Activism in Africa*. Zed books
- Tønnessen, Liv** (2016). "The Politics of Salafism in Sudan: Women's Empowerment through Gender Segregation?", *Frontiers: A Journal of Women's Studies* 37 (3): 92-124.
- Tønnessen, Liv** (2014). "When Rape becomes Politics: Negotiating Islamic Law Reform in Sudan", *Women's Studies International Forum* 44:145-153.
- Tønnessen, Liv and Samia al-Nagar** (2013). "The Women's Quota in Conflict Ridden Sudan: Ideological Battles for and against Gender Equality", *Women's Studies International Forum* 41:22-131.
- Tønnessen, Liv** (2011). "Feminist Interlegalities and Gender Justice in Sudan: The Debate on CEDAW and Islam", *Religion and Human Rights: An International Journal* 6(1): 25-39.

#### SELECTED POPULAR SCIENTIFIC WRITINGS

- Tønnessen, Liv** and Samia al-Nagar. (2022). "[Los derechos de las mujeres, en jaque tras el golpe de Estado en Sudán](#)" ELPAIS
- Tønnessen, Liv** (2020) "[Sudanese women's revolution for freedom, dignity and justice continues](#)" Sudan Blog, Chr.Michelsen Institute
- Tønnessen, Liv** and Samia al-Nagar (2019). "[I'm against all laws of this regime](#)": What Sudan's women want" African Arguments.
- Tønnessen, Liv** and Samia al-Nagar (2019). "[Que veulent les femmes qui participent à la révolution au Soudan ?](#)" Presse-Toi A Gauche
- Tønnessen, Liv**. (2018). "Counter-Mobilization against Child Marriage Reform in Sudan", *Strategic Initiative in Africa Journal: Women in Islam*.
- Ragnhild Muriaas, **Liv Tønnessen** and Vibeke Wang (2017). "[Counter-mobilization against child marriage reform in Africa](#)" *Political Insight Blog by the American Political Studies Association*
- Tønnessen, Liv**, Samia El-Nagar, Sharifa Gafar Bamkar (2017). "[Paper Tiger Law forbidding FGM in Sudan](#)" *Open democracy*
- Tønnessen, Liv** (2015). "What does Islam have to do with it? A close look at the facts: FGM in the horn of Africa". *Strategic Initiative in Africa Journal: Women in Islam*
- Tønnessen, Liv** (2014). "Complex realities and astute actors: Sudanese women's activism and UN Security Council Resolution 1325", NOREF (*Expert comments*)
- Tønnessen, Liv** (2014). "[Impunity and the conflation of rape and adultery in Sudan's Criminal Act](#)" *Norwegian Center for Humanitarian Studies*
- Tønnessen, Liv** (2013). "Law Reform in Post-Conflict Sudan: Are Female Members of the National Assembly Acting in the Interest of Sudanese Women?" *Ahfad Journal: Women and Change*
- Tønnessen frequently writes in Norwegian newspapers. She has been a columnist in Bistandsaktuelt (from 2023 with a new name: Panorama News) which is widely read by Norwegian policy makers and civil society.*