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### **Key Qualifications**

Social anthropologist focusing on peace, conflict and forced migration in South Asia and the Middle East.

Are Knudsen is senior researcher at the Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI) and holds a PhD in social anthropology from the University of Bergen (2001). Knudsen was research director at CMI (2006-09) and project manager for institutional research collaboration in Palestine (2005-13). He is currently co-director of an institute programme on Forced Migration (with Arne Strand). Knudsen has done fieldwork in Afghanistan, Lebanon, Pakistan and Palestine and specialises on peacebuilding, forced migration and micro-conflict. He also published on gender-based violence ("honour killings"), refugee law and transitional & international criminal justice.

He is the author of *Violence and Belonging: Land Love and Lethal Conflict in the North-West Frontier Province of Pakistan* (NIAS Press, 2009). With Sari Hanafi he is editor of *Palestinian Refugees: Identity, Space and Place in the Levant* (Routledge, 2010). His most recent edited books are *Lebanon: After the Cedar Revolution* (Hurst, 2012) and *Popular Protest in the New Middle East: Islamism and Post-Islamist Politics* (I.B. Tauris, 2014). Knudsen has led project evaluations in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Palestine and completed long-term fieldwork and short-term assignments in conflict zones and been a project member of external and in-house evaluations, reports and assessments.

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### **Professional Experience**

#### **CMI**

Research Director (Anthropology) 03/2014-  
Senior Researcher (forsker 1) 10/2009-  
Research Director 08/2006-09/2009  
Senior Researcher (forsker 2) 01/2002-07/2006  
Researcher (forsker 3) 1/2001-12/2001  
PhD Stipendiat (Research Council of Norway) 01/1996-12/2000

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### **Selected Publications**

#### **2014**

Knudsen, A and B. Ezbidid (Eds). *forthcoming*. Popular Protest in the New Middle East: Islamism and Post-Islamist Politics. London: I.B. Tauris.

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