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Key Qualifications

Orre is educated in political science and social anthropology, and key competence areas include local government reform and the politics of decentralisation, corruption and anti-corruption, as well as parties and opposition in Africa.

Orre's research focus is on Angola and Mozambique, and he has followed political development in Venezuela closely over the last 15 years. He led CMI's cooperation programme with the Angolan institute *Centro de Estudos e Investigação Científica* (CEIC) between 2010 and 2015, which focusses on the Angolan "oil state" and how its politics and economy can be reformed to enhance equitable social and economic development. He also took part in CMI's previous collaboration in Angola (with *A-IP 2002-4*).

Current research interests also include the political economy of oil in Africa, the role of China in Africa; media, public space and press freedom; taxation and public sector reform, and the telecom sector.

Orre has extensive experience in project and programme management, editing for publication, mixed-method research, planning and carrying out surveys, interview-based methodology (more than 700 interviews in Angola and Mozambique) and the organization of conferences. He has been instrumental in the establishment of the new master programme in the Development and Resource Economics at UCAN.

He has participated in long- and short term studies, including consultancies (for the Norwegian MFA, NORAD, Mozambique Govn't), evaluations and extensive field work. He has lived and worked in Mozambique and Portugal.

Education

PhD Department of Comparative Politics, Faculty of Social Science, University of Bergen. 08/2005-03/2010

Cand. Polit Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen. 08/1996-05/2001
The study was punctuated by a 16 months in the military duty service (civil duty)

Cand. Mag Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen. 08/1992-06/1996

Professional Experience

Chr. Michelsen Institute

Researcher 5/2010-

PhD candidate researcher 07/2005-04/2010

Researcher and Project Co-ordinator, 2001 - 2005. 12/2001-08/2005

Project coordinator for the CMI-based U4 Utstein Anti-Corruption Resource Centre.

Centre for Social Research (SEFOS), University of Bergen, Norway

Research assistant 08/1996-10/1999

Language Skills

	<i>Speaking skills:</i>	<i>Reading skills:</i>	<i>Writing skills:</i>
Norwegian	mother tongue	mother tongue	mother tongue
English	excellent	excellent	excellent
Portuguese	excellent	excellent	good
Spanish	good	good	basic

Other Functions and Engagements

Guest researcher, Instituto Superior de Ciências do Trabalho e da Empresa (ISCTE)/ Centro de Estudos Africanos, Lisbon. August 2006-August 2007

Project Experience

Mozambique	Political Economy Analysis, Mozambique Project leader 2016 - 2017 Commissioned report: A political economy analysis to provide foreign policy makers, development aid planners etc with a basis for strengthening Norwegian engagement in Mozambique. Due mid-2017. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway
Angola, Venezuela	CMI-UiB-Fuelled by oil: Angola and Venezuela on the brink Project leader 2016 - 2017 CMI-UiB cooperation fund
Mozambique	Norad-Country Evaluation Briefs (CEBs) Project member 2016
Angola, Norway	Angola & Norway: The perfect partnership? Growth, human rights and business Co-organiser 2014 Fritt Ord, Norad, (MFA)
Angola	International Conference on Decentralisation and Local Administration Co-organiser 2014 MFA Norway

- Angola, UK **New Directions in Angolan Research - II International Conference on Angola**
Co-organiser 2014
A conference bringing young and experienced researchers together to discuss recent research on Angolan society.
MFA, Univ. of Oxford
- China, Angola **The Voice of China in Africa - Media and soft power**
Project member 2013 - 2015
A present 3-year research project on The Voice of China in Africa. It seeks to analyse the interaction between China and Africa in areas such as communication industries, media, and culture.
- Angola, Norway **Conference. Angola: Growth, development & inequality - what role for Norway?**
Main organiser 2012
MFA
- Angola **Local taxation and local democracy under the oil state**
Project coordinator/team member 2011 - 2014
Is the local governance system in Angola evolving towards a "developmental" system or a political control-and-spend system associated with the resource curse? Will also analyse the on-going tax reform
Royal Norwegian Embassy in Angola
- Angola **Media, elections, and critical voices in civil society and opposition**
Project coordinator 2011 - 2014
Analysis of media situation in Angola. Project will assess space available for critical voices in civil society and opposition parties. Has there been a move towards increased pluralistic openness?
Royal Norwegian Embassy in Angola
- Angola **CEIC-CMI cooperation on research and institution building**
Head of programme 2010 - 2014
CMI cooperates with the CEIC (research centre) at the Catholic Univ. of Angola. Research spans oil wealth challenges, politics & democracy. RNE also supports an institution building component.
Royal Norwegian Embassy in Angola
- South Africa & global **Climate Change Discourse, Rights, and the Poor**
Team member 2010 - 2012
How the climate change narratives affect approaches and responses to the poor and their rights related to resources profoundly affected by climate change impacts. South Africa a case country.
Norwegian Research Council
- Angola **Transparency in the Angolan construction sector**
Team member, coordinator 2010 - 2012
This project seeks to better understand corruption in public construction projects as well as reforms aiming to improve transparency
Royal Norwegian Embassy in Angola, Open Society Foundation Angola
- Angola **Participation, representation and taxation in local governance in Angola**
Project leader 2008 - 2009
To generate knowledge on crucial issues in Angolan local gov. and decentralisation debate: Are the evolving institutions at the interface of state and citizenry conducive to pro-poor local governance?
Norwegian Embassy, Angola

Mozambique	<p>Country study in Mozambique for the Norad Results Report, 2008 Lead consultant 2008 The study looked into the results achieved by Norwegian aid in the fields of good governance, girls' education and rural electrification during the period 2004-8 - special focus on aid channels. Norad</p>
Angola	<p>Review of UNDP's and Development Workshop's civic education programmes in Angola Project leader 2008 NORAD/Norwegian Embassy in Angola</p>
Angola	<p>Joint review of Development Workshop's and UNDP's civic and electoral education programmes Team leader 2008 The double review brought out lessons learned and recommendations about civic education and democracy support in Angola. Field studies in the provinces of Kwanza Sul, Benguela, Huambo and Cabinda. Norwegian Embassy in Angola/NORAD</p>
Angola	<p>CMI-UCAN cooperation: Natural resources & Governance Project assistant 2006 Cooperation with the Catholic University of Angola (UCAN). CMI input to the existing courses at UCAN in the fields of 'Governance in resource rich countries'. Funded by Statoil-Angola Statoil</p>
Angola and Mozambique	<p>Reconstructing traditional authority - for whom? Political parties, state Main researcher 2005 - 2009 The project explored new relations between political parties, state administration and traditional authority, and consequences for the party systems. The project led to a PhD degree in May 2010. Research Council of Norway</p>
Mozambique	<p>Study on integrated sub-national administration in Mozambique Team member 2005 Advise, through a team of four to the Min. of State Admin., about Mozambique's the restructuring of local gov'n't to deconcentrate and to improve local planning and service delivery capacities. COWI consult/ Gov. of Mozambique</p>
Mozambique.	<p>Mid-term review: Decentralised Finance Planning and Programme Team member 2004 Mid-term evaluation of the Decentr. Planning and Finance Programme (DPFP) - a GoM pilot programme (supported by UNCDF) to increase district level participatory planning and local gov'n't capacity. NORAD</p>
Mozambique.	<p>Municipalities in Mozambique - 5 years since the first local elections, a follow-up study Project leader 2003 A follow-up to previous research (with E. Braathen, NIBR) to assess the overall achievements of the municipalisation reform. A survey and panel interviews were carried out. Norad</p>

Angola	Angola 2003/2004. Key Development Issues and Political Decentralisation Project member 2003 The 4th annual report on Angola for NORAD. Analysis of recent information regarding political, economic and social developments. Part II topical focus on prospects for democratic decentralisation. NORAD
Angola	Good governance in Angola: the CMI-AIP institutional agreement Project assistant 2001 - 2005 Assistance to main researchers on the projects parliamentary accountability and control (Inge Amundsen) and the role of the courts (Elin Skaar). Translation, interviews and various inputs. NORAD
Angola	CEIC-CMI Angola Programme Project member 2015 - 2017 CMI's cooperation programme with the Centro de Estudos e Investigação Científica (CEIC) at the Catholic University of Angola. This is the 3rd phase of the programme. MFA Norway

Selected Publications

Track record – Aslak

Journal articles (2)

"Fantoches e cavalos de Tróia? Instrumentalização das autoridades tradicionais em Angola e Moçambique", in *Cadernos de Estudos Africanos*, CEA/ISCTE vol. Jul 2008/Jun 2009 no. 16/17 pp. 139-178

Braathen E. and Aslak Orre (2001), 'Can a Patrimonial Democracy Survive? The Case of Mozambique', *Forum for Development Studies*, p.199-239, No. 2-2001.

Book chapters, peer reviewed (3)

Opposition parties and local governance in contemporary Angola and Mozambique: Mechanisms of exclusion and domination, in Elliott Daniel Green; Johanna Söderström; Emil Uddhammar: *Political opposition in Sub-Saharan Africa*. London ; New York, NY: Routledge

Conselhos locais e institucionalização democrática em Moçambique: dinâmicas e desafios (with Salvador Cadete Forquilha). In Bernhard Weimer (ed.), *Moçambique: Descentralizar o centralismo? Economia política, recursos e resultados*. IESE, Maputo.

"An initiative condemned to success": The 7 million meticais investment fund in Mozambique (with Salvador Cadete Forquilha). In Bernhard Weimer (ed.), *Moçambique: Descentralizar o centralismo? Economia política, recursos e resultados*. IESE, Maputo.

Journal articles & book chapters (non UM-system) (5)

Um epitáfio para os CACS - o município e o centralismo. with Nelson Pestana, forthcoming in *Lucere*, Universidade Católica de Angola (mid-2017).

[A cobertura da China na imprensa moçambicana: Repercussões para o soft power chinês](#). *Cadernos IESE* N.º 16/2015. With Sérgio Chichava & Lara Côrtes

Transformações sem mudanças? Os conselhos locais e o desafio da institucionalização democrática em Moçambique, with *Salvador Cadete Forquilha and Aslak Orre (2011)* in *Luis de Brito et al., eds.: Desafios para Mocambique 2011*. Maputo: Instituto de Estudos Sociais e Economicos (IESE) pp. 35-53

"Puppets and Trojan horses : Instrumentalisation of traditional authorities". Presented at the conference *Democratisation in Africa: Retrospective and future prospects*. Panel: 'Democracy and traditional authority: compatible or mutually exclusive?' University of Leeds, December 4-5, 2009

"Integration of Traditional Authorities in Local Governance in Mozambique and Angola - the Context of Decentralization and Democratisation". In *State and Traditional Law in Angola and Mozambique*. A. Marques Guedes and M. J. Lópes. Coimbra, Almedina: 139-199.

Working papers & reports (3)

[Always choosing the oil rents: How leaders in Angola and Venezuela brought their countries to ruin](#), with Leiv Marsteintredet, Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI Working Paper WP 2016:10) 28 p.

Angola-Norway: The perfect partnership. Business, politics and the challenge of human rights in Angola. Discussion paper and conference proceedings, co-edited with Magnus Flacké. CMI/Fellesrådet for Afrika.

"Kalandula and the CACS. Voice or accountability?" CMI Working Paper WP 2009: 5

Consultancy & evaluation reports (7)

[Country Evaluation Brief: Mozambique](#), with Inge Tvedten, Oslo: Norad (Country Evaluation Briefs no. 8) 38 p.

[Angola's foreign policy & African agenda – Africa's emerging powerhouse ?](#), Commissioned report, by Direction Générale des Relations Internationales et de la Stratégie, Paris.

"How can the Elections Help us Quell Hunger?" Mid-Term Review of Norwegian Support to UNDP's Trust Fund for Civic Education. Orre, Aslak and Christian Larssen, with inputs from Manolo Sánchez (2008). Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI Report R 2008: 10)

"Making Elections is like Preparing Funge: If you don't do it Right it goes Puiti-Puiti". Review of Norwegian Support to Development Workshop's Programme for Civic and Electoral Education among State and Civil Society Actors. Orre, Aslak and Christian Larssen, with inputs from Manolo Sánchez (2008) Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI Report R 2008: 11).

MacDonald M, Orre A, et. Al. 2005. Reestruturação dos Governos Provinciais e Distritais. Independent consultancy report for the Ministry of State Administration, Republic of Mozambique.

Borowczak W, Orre A et.al. Mid-term evaluation report on 'Support to Decentralised Planning & Finance in the Provinces of Nampula and Cabo Delgado /Mozambique' (MOZ/01/C01 – MOZ/01/001).

Tvedten, Inge and Aslak Orre with a contribution by Rasmus Bakke, 2002/2003. *Key development issues and democratic decentralisation*, CMI Report R 2003: 10

Monographs (2)

Entrenching the party-state in the multiparty era. Opposition parties, traditional authorities and new councils of local representatives in Angola and Mozambique. Dissertation for the degree of philosophiae doctor (PhD). Bergen: Univ. of Bergen 394 p.

Orre, Aslak, *Local government reform in Mozambique - Does it matter?*, thesis submitted in partial fulfilment of the Cand. Polit. Degree, February 2001. Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen.

Popular Science articles (9)

[Angolas president Dos Santos: Den ubestridte hersker hinter om avgang, men går ikke - enda](#). Op-ed in Afrika.no.

[Angola from boom to bust - to breaking point](#). "CMI in the field", at CMI.no.

[Will the international community take a stand? Covering up a massacre in Angola?](#) "CMI in the field", at CMI.no

"Country profile" on Angola for Norwegian Council for Africa, 2014-15.

"Country profile" on Angola for Norwegian Council for Africa, 2012-13, with Svein-Erik Helle.

"Country profile" on Angola for Norwegian Council for Africa, 2010-11, with Mona Frøystad.

"Presidentmakten og grunnloven" (Country profile, Angola). Contribution to the Norwegian Africa Council's yearbook (with Mona Frøystad).

"President Guebuza's own micro-credit program: Development failure and political success". Published in the

bulletin of the Portuguese Institute of International Relations and Security, IPRIS Bulletin May 2010.
(www.ipris.org)

"Landprofil 2008-2009: Angola", contribution to the Norwegian Africa Council's yearbook (at www.afrika.no)

Other dissemination (20)

Radio appearance on Angola and Isabel dos Santos, in BBC World, June 3, 2016 and November 11, 2016.

Radio appearance on Angola and Norway's role in Her og Nå , at 16'15''.

<https://itunes.apple.com/podcast/nrk-p1-her-og-na/id93532669?amp%3Bs=143457&mt=2> December 12, 2012

Oil regimes on the verge of collapse, Aslak Orre and Leiv Marsteintredet in conversation with Åse Gilje Østensen about the situation in Angola and Venezuela. Public discussion at Bergen Resource Centre for International Development, March 11, 2016.

Av med de ideologiske skylappene. Interview with Orre in Bergens Tidende, 20 October, 2016.

"33 and 10 to go? The future of Angolan democracy". CMI-CEIC conference Angola: Growth, development & inequality - and what role for Norway? 04.12.2012

"CACS: A way station or deviation on the path to democratic municipalities"?, University of Oxford, July 1, 2011.

CACS & descentralização. Radio Huambo, Huambo, September 16, 2011:

Discussant and contributor at the symposium *Democracy, Development and Decentralisation in Africa*, at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, August 2007.

Discussant at the panel "Democracy, Development and Decentralisation" at the conference *Traditional authorities in Africa: A changing universe*, held at ISCTE, Lisbon, March 1-2, 2007.

Invited discussant at "Reconciliation and Social Conflict in the Aftermath of large-scale Violence in Southern Africa: the cases of Angola and Namibia", Final Conference of the project *Constructions of the Nation after Large-Scale Violence*, Windhoek, 14-19 October, 2012

Norsk oljeindustri og Angolas utvikling. Foredrag for Changemakers studentgruppe. Vonheim, Mjølfjell, 19 September 2015.

The future of social science research in Angola. University of Oxford, March 18, 2014.

Principles of outcome-results-based management, presentation at workshop for Faculty staff at UCAN, September 27, 2013.

'Angola: Development and democratisation – and what is Norway's role ?', presentation for the Solidarity Youth of Norwegian People's Aid, Det Akademiske Kvarter, Bergen, April 8, 2013.

'The human rights situation in Angola'. Presentation for the Rafto Committee, Rafto House, Bergen, February 5, 2013.

Rumo à democracia local em Angola- Até quando? Development Workshop, Luanda. April 20, 2012

Decentralisation and gradualism. Norwegian Embassy in Luanda, Oct 25, 2012.

Decentralisation and gradualism. UCAN, Rectors office, Oct 26, 2012.

Major invited speeches (7)

Angola. The «perfect partner» on the brink. On Norway-Angola relations. Communication at Stortinget, 17 November, 2015.

Balancing Economic Growth with Democratic Development in Angola. Lecture at the conference "Angola after 40 years of independence: The way ahead". Chatham House, London, 11 November 2015.

Lange linjer i Angolas økonomi og styresett. Foredrag for Institutt for Journalistikks kursreisende til Angola, 10 September 2015.

Did oil growth lead to development in Angola? With Alves da Rocha, Communication at Stortinget, 22

september, 2014.

‘Angola - Political leadership, Outlook & Risks’, at [Norwegian Risk Forum](#), Oslo, October 25, 2013.

“Power in Angola: from Centre to Periphery”, speech at Chatham House, London Monday December 7 2009 10:00 to 11:00. (<http://www.chathamhouse.org.uk/events/view/-/id/1351/>)

Keynote speaker and main panel member at debate “Mozambican Elections - Consolidating Democracy?”, December 3, 2009 at 17:00, Oslo, Innvik. Arr.: Fellesrådet for Afrika (<http://www.afrika.no/Detailed/19019.html>)

Keynote speaker at Kirkens Nødhjelp conference on Decentralisation in Africa, Durban, 2006.

Policy briefs (9)

[Arguments for democratic decentralisation in Angola: If challenges remain the same, why delay the autarquias?](#) With Nelson Pestana (2014). Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute (Angola Brief vol. 4 no. 6).

Para quando as autarquias em Angola? [Se os desafios são os mesmos, porquê adiar constantemente a sua implementação?](#) With Nelson Pestana. Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute (Angola Brief vol. 4 no. 6).

“Autarquias em Angola: Qual o problema do “gradualismo”?, in Lucere – revista académica da Universidade Católica de Angola (UCAN), 2013.

‘Taking stock of the tax reform process in Angola... and why tax incentives should be avoided.’ *Angola Brief* 2012, No. 1 (June). Bergen/Luanda: Chr. Michelsen Institute/Centro de Estudos e Investigação Científica, Universidade Católica de Angola, with Odd-H. Fjeldstad & Søren Kirk Jensen.

Análise do processo de reforma fiscal em Angola... e porque incentivos fiscais devem ser evitados. With [Odd-Helge Fjeldstad](#), Søren Kirk Jensen, [Aslak Orre](#) (2012). Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute (Angola Brief vol. 2 no. 2) 4 p.

Why collect local taxes in oil rich Angola? ... and the challenges of doing so. [Odd-Helge Fjeldstad](#), [Aslak Jangård Orre](#) (2011). Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute (Angola Brief vol. 1 no. 13)

Porquê cobrar impostos locais em Angola? .. e os desafios de o fazer? ... and the challenges of doing so. [Odd-Helge Fjeldstad](#), [Aslak Jangård Orre](#) (2011). Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute (Angola Brief vol. 1 no. 13)

[President Guebuza's own micro-credit program: Development failure and political success](#). IPRIS bulletin, May 2010. <http://www.ipris.org/>

[Aslak Jangård Orre](#) and Harald W. Mathisen (2008). Corruption in Fragile States. In Policy Brief - Fragile Situations, Copenhagen: Danish Institute for International Affairs (DIIS)

Op-eds (12)

Venezuela em expressão. February 2016.

En helt vanlig opposisjon. In Klassekampen, 6 October, 2016.

Venstrefyrtårnet har sluknet. In Klassekampen, 5 March, 2016.

Venezuela og venstresiden, Radikal Portal, Februar 2014.

As autarquias em Angola: como evitar os erros dos outros. Newspaper op-ed, with Nelson Pestana. Novo Jornal, ([Part I - Jan 13, 2014](#)), ([Part II - Jan 28, 2014](#)), ([Part III - Feb 10, 2014](#)).

"Kritiske norske selskaper i Angola", debate article in *Bistandsaktuelt* 2-2010

“Bistand til et land, et parti, en elite”, debate article in *Bistandsaktuelt* 2007.

Angola 2010, *Bistandsaktuelt*. Ca. 2 artikler.

Venezuela 2000.

Mosambik og Verdensbanken, Bergens Tidende, 1998.

Conference papers (6)

"Who's to challenge the party-state in Angola? Political space & opposition in parties and civil society". Presented at the conference *Election processes, liberation movements and democratic change in Africa*. IESE, Maputo, 8-11 April 2010.

"New councils of representation and local political space for the opposition in Angola and Mozambique". Presented at *ECAS 2009: 3rd European Conference on African Studies*. University of Leipzig: June 4-7, 2009

Traditional authority, new councils of representatives or opposition parties: who will speak up against the party-state in Angola? Paper presented for the conference "Analytical abstractions, lived realities: Politics, law and economy in Africa" organised by the Africa Network Norway, in Trondheim, May 13-14, 2008.

"Local political space for opposition parties in Angola and Mozambique". Presented at the conference *Opposition parties in Africa*, University of Växjö, October 2-3, 2008

"The local administration of the state: New law but little change?", paper presented at the international conference *Angola 2007: que recomposições e reorientações?* at ISCTE, 20 a 22 de Novembro de 2007

"What room for opposition in local politics and governance in Angola and Mozambique? Decentralisation in two states with dominant parties". Paper presented at the *Nasjonal fagkonferanse i statsvitenskap*. Bergen, January 4-6, 2006.