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Key Qualifications

Political scientist with over thirty years of working experience in research, teaching, and development aid. Specialisation in democratisation, human rights, transitional justice, reconciliation, courts, judicial reform, gender, and development issues. Regions of interest: South America (Argentina, Chile, Uruguay), Southern Africa (Angola, Mozambique, Namibia), and Europe (Norway and the Nordic countries).

Skaar has been Research Director of the “Rights, Democracy and Development” programme (2007-2009); coordinator for the cluster on “Rights and Legal Institutions” (2009-17); head of the research group on “Rights and Gender” (2017- 2019); and heads research on transitional justice at the CMI (2007-present). She is part of the steering committee at the Center for Law and Social Transformation, where she also coordinates the unit on Transitional Justice. She has directed several international research projects, such as “Women on the Bench: The Role of Female Judges in Fragile States” and “Truth Commissions and Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: African and Latin American Experiences”.

She is a former member of the Board of Chr. Michelsen Institute (2017-21) and former member of the Board of Directors at the Centre for applied research at the Norwegian School of Economics, Norway (2007 – 2015).

Skaar has done programme work for the UNDP and served as a consultant for NORAD, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nordic Consulting Group A/S, and Ireland Aid.

Education

- **PhD** from the Department of Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles, May 2002. Title of dissertation: *Judicial Independence: A Key to Justice. An Analysis of Latin America in the 1990.*
- **Mag. Art. degree (MA)** from the Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, Norway, 1994. Title of thesis “*Human Rights Violations and the Paradox of Democratic Transition – A Study of Chile and Argentina*”.

- **Cand. Mag. degree** (BA) from the Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, Norway, 1991, with the following subjects: Political Science, English, Spanish, and Turkish.

Professional Experience

Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway

- Research Professor. 2010 – to date
- Senior Researcher. 2002 – to date
- Cluster coordinator. 2009-- to date
- Research Director. 2007 – 2009
- Researcher. 1996 – 2002 and
- Research Assistant. 1994 - 1995

Department of Political Science, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), USA

Teaching Assistant. 1997- 1999

United Nations Development Programme, Windhoek, Namibia

Programme Officer. 1995 – 1996

Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway

Research and Teaching Assistant. 1992 - 1993

Norwegian Public Broadcasting System, Oslo, Norway

Television presenter. 1991 – 1992

Project Experience

International: **Truth Commissions and Conflict Related Sexual Violence Project head.** This project investigates how Latin American and African truth commission since the early 1980s have dealt with conflict related sexual violence (CRSV) throughout their operations and in their recommendations. To what extent have changing international norms and legal frameworks shaped the agenda of truth commissions when it comes to CRSV? And how may truth commissions have contributed (or not) to the global Women, Peace and Security agenda and its focus on the gendered experience of conflict and violence? Funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, NORGLOBAL 2 programme (2021-2025).

Norway: **TRUCOM Project initiator** and core team member. **Truth and Reconciliation in a Democratic Welfare State: The Indigenous Sami and the Kven/Norwegian Finns Minority in Norway** examines the origins, process, and findings of the Norwegian Truth and Reconciliation and its implications for reconciliation between the state and minority groups, and between minority groups and the majority population. Partnership between CMI and University in Tromsø - The Arctic University of Norway. Funded by the Research Council of Norway (RCN) SAMISK FORSKNING (2020-2024).

- Angola: **Enhancing the Research Environment in Angola through Capacity Development 2019-2024**
 Project member. This interdisciplinary project, which is a collaboration between the CMI and Scanteam in Norway and seven Angolan research-partner institutions, seeks to take stock of what has happened in the political, legal, social, and economic spheres under President Laurengo, after the end of the long-lasting Dos Santos MPLA regime. Through extensive research collaboration, the programme seeks to strengthen research capacity in Angola. 37.5 million NOK for a duration of four years. Funded by the Norwegian Embassy in Luanda/MFA (2020-2025).
- International: **Women on the Bench: The Role of Female Judges in Fragile States**
Project head. In long-established western democracies, women have made inroads as judges only during the past few decades. In post-conflict and transitional developing countries, however, they constitute an increasingly larger proportion of judges. Why is this so? This project explores the following questions: What are the main pathways of women judges to the bench? What are the gendered experiences of women on the bench? How and in what ways does having more women on the bench impact on judicial outcomes – specifically on cases involving violence against women and children? In essence, what difference do women judges make? Funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, NORGLOBAL 2 programme (2018-2023).
- International **Beyond Words: Implementing Latin American Truth Commission Recommendations**
Project head. This interdisciplinary research project will analyze the recommendations of fourteen Latin American truth commissions established by twelve countries since 1982 in order to gather more knowledge about their implementation. While recognizing that implementation is also determined by broader contextual factors, this project focuses on the triangular relationship between the processes that shape the formulation of TC recommendations, the nature of these recommendations, and the degree of implementation. Funded by the Research Council of Norway (2014-2018).
- International **Everyday Manoeuvres: Military-Civilian Relations in Latin America and the Middle East**
 Project member. This interdisciplinary project aims to foster links between Brazilian, Norwegian and Middle Eastern research institutions and individual researchers, contributing to the building of a strong interdisciplinary development research networks across these regions. The project introduces a novel comparative perspective on the contrasting roles of the military in the Latin American and Middle Eastern processes of political transition. Funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2013-2016).
- International **Reconceptualising Transitional Justice: The Latin American Experience**
Project head. This interdisciplinary project provides explorative empirical analysis of the significance of four transitional justice mechanisms (trials, truth commissions, victims' reparations and

amnesties) on accountability for past human rights violations in nine 'post-authoritarian' and 'post-conflict' cases in Latin America, using a common template. Funded by the Research Council of Norway (2010-2014).

- International **Drivers of Justice: The Dynamics of Accountability Mechanisms in Transitions from Violent Conflict**
Project head. The project theoretically and empirically explores the interplay between local, national (non-state), and international actors in the pursuit of justice for past human rights violations after armed conflict in Afghanistan, Sudan, Lebanon and Mozambique. Funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2010-2013).
- International **Transitional Justice Mechanisms: Assessing the Impact on Violence and Reconciliation**
Project head. The main focus of the project is to understand what effects various transitional justice mechanisms (such as truth commissions, trials, amnesties and local justice mechanism etc.) have on reconciliation and violence in societies emerging from armed conflict and/or repressive rule. Case studies are Angola, Rwanda, Peru and Uruguay. Funded by CMI's Programme for Human Rights (2007-2009) and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2010-2012).
- International **Refugee Convention Article 1 F and Articles C-E**
 Member of team. The project analyses central judicial issues linked to the recognition as a refugee. Special focus is placed on the moral and practical problems that arise when the asylum seeker is suspected of having committed gross human rights violations, or of having participated in terrorist activities. The project presents an analysis of the international legal framework with respect to exclusion and cessation, combined with a comparative study of five selected countries (Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and Canada). Commissioned by the Norwegian Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development (2004-2005).
- International **Courts in Transition**
 Member of team. Strategic institute programme. Analyses the political role of courts in new democracies, principally in Africa and Latin America. Partly financed by the NFR (Norway-South Africa Research Collaboration), the University of Bergen (postdoctoral funding, CMI-UiB collaborative fund). Course for graduate students, international workshops, academic publications, commissioned work. Co-operation with Department of Comparative Politics, and Faculty of Law, University of Bergen and international research team (2002-2007).
- International **Reconciliation and Democratisation**
Project head. The project analyses institutional mechanisms and processes to deal with crimes of former regimes after transitions to authoritarian and repressive rule, with particular focus on the role of international community and the UN. Conference on "Roads to Reconciliation" in April 2002. Commissioned by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Sparebank 1 Vest. 2001-2002.

Angola	Norwegian Aid to Angola Member of team. Aided NORAD in preparing background policy paper to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs assessing Norwegian Aid to Angola in the 1990s and mapping out strategies for future aid to the country. Commissioned by NORAD. 2002.
Guatemala Honduras	Ireland Aid Review Member of team. The main objective of this review is to outline strengths and weaknesses of Ireland Aid's Human Rights and Development scheme to date and to suggest practical options for its future direction. The empirical focus for the study is Central America and Asia. Particular importance is attached to the impact of projects on awareness of HRD issues at the grassroots community level. Commissioned by Ireland Aid. 2002.
Namibia	Poverty Issues Extensive work on poverty issues through UNDP's "Poverty Reduction Team", 1995-96. Aided Namibian government in preparing a report for roundtable discussions on poverty reduction.

Language Skills

Mother tongue:Norwegian

	Write			Speak			Understand		
	Excellent	Good	Basic	Excellent	Good	Basic	Excellent	Good	Basic
English	X			X			X		
Spanish		X			X			X	
German			X			X			X

Long-term Assignments Abroad

- Angola: fieldwork 2020, 2023, 2024, 2025 (6 weeks)
- Chile: fieldwork 2015 (2 weeks)
- Mozambique: fieldwork 2005 (2 weeks)
- Angola: fieldwork 2003 and 2004 (one month)
- Uruguay: fieldwork. 2001 (one month)
- Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay fieldwork. 2000 (4 months)
- USA: PhD related work at UCLA. 1996-2000
- Namibia: UNDP Programme Officer, Windhoek. 1995-96
- Chile and Argentina: fieldwork 1993 (4 months)

Selected Publications

In progress

Skaar, Elin, Marianne Tøraasen, Pilar Domingo, and Siri Gloppen (guest editors). Forthcoming. "Women on the Bench: Gendered Experiences of Female Judges". *European Journal of Politics and Gender* (Special Issue).

Tøraasen, Marianne, Elin Skaar, Pilar Domingo, and Siri Gloppen. *In press*. "STATE OF THE ART: Women judges in fragile states: state of the art and analytical framework", *European Journal of Politics and Gender* • vol XX • no XX • 1–27.

Skaar, Elin and Aaron Spitzer. "What happens after a Truth Commission? Follow-ups to the TRCs in Norway and Canada". Under review. Paper prepared for inclusion in edited volume 'Politics of Difficult Histories: (Post)Colonial Legacies in Northern Europe', edited by Magdalena Zolkos.

2025

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2024

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Elin Skaar. "Kunnskap og forsoning." *Samisk senters skriftserie* 23 (2023): 9-11.

Elin Skaar. 2023. "Accountability." In *Encyclopedia of Transitional Justice (2nd ed)*, edited by Lavinia Stan and Nadya Nedelsky. Cambridge University Press.

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2012

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Elin Skaar. 2011. "Impunidade versus responsabilidade no Uruguai: o papel da Ley de Caducidad", in Leigh A. Payne, Paulo Abrão, Marcelo D. Torelly: *A Anistia na Era da Responsabilização: O Brasil em Perspectiva Internacional e Comparada*. Centro de Estudos Latino-Americanos, Universidade de Oxford, Reino Unido, pp. 429-468 (in Portuguese).

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2004

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2002

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1999

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1998

Andreassen, Bård-Anders, and Elin Skaar (red). 1998. *Forsoning eller rettferdighet? Om beskyttelse av menneskerettighetene gjennom sannhetskommisjoner og rettstribunaler*. Oslo: Cappelen Akademisk Forlag, pp. 1-384 (in Norwegian)

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Human Rights through Truth Commissions and Trials, Beard-Anders Andreassen and Elin Skaar (eds), Oslo: Cappelen Akademisk Forlag, 1998, pp. 10-49 (in Norwegian).

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1994

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2022

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2018

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