

Espen Villanger – curriculum vitae

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Key Qualifications

Villanger is a Research Director at CMI with a long track record in impact evaluation and causal analysis in development. He has worked on several rigorous evaluations of interventions to reduce poverty, create jobs, empower women and reduce intimate partner violence. He has been a team leader for a range of quantitative and qualitative evaluations and has several contributions to the aid effectiveness debate. Passionate about development practice and putting knowledge to use, he worked as a Senior Economist for the analysis division of the World Bank in Ethiopia (2009-2012) and was the Gender Focal Point for the Country Office. He was also appointed by the Research Council of Norway as a member of the Working Group for the development of the “Effects of Aid” research program 2013-2015. Villanger is currently co-supervising a PhD Student from the Norwegian School of Economics (NHH).

Education

- **Dr. Oecon. Degree (Ph.D.)** from the Department of Economics, Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration. Title of Dissertation: “Fighting Poverty: Company Interests and Foreign Aid Policy, and an Impact Analysis of Natural Disasters“. 2003
 - **Cand. Polit. Degree** from the Department of Economics, University of Bergen, Norway. Subjects: Micro economics, macro economics, econometrics, development economics, rural development, international trade. Title of thesis: “A theory of bonded labor”. 1999
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Professional Experience

Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen

Research Director, 2017 to date.
Senior Researcher, 2012 to 2017.
Acting Director, 2 months in 2007, 1 month in 2008.
Research Director for the *Poverty Reduction Research Group*, 2006 to 2009.
Senior Researcher, 2003- 2006.
Researcher 2002- 2003.

World Bank Group

Consultant, Financial and Private Sector Development (Finance & Markets Global Practice), 2014 to date.
Consultant, Post Conflict and Social Development Practice Group, 2012 to 2014.
Senior Economist, PREM, Poverty and Gender (AFTP2), from 2009 to 2012.

University of Bergen

Lecturer in development economics, 2003 - 2008.

Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration, Bergen

PhD position and lecturer in economics, 1999-2002.

Selected recent projects

Ethiopia	Women in the Developmental State. Randomizing jobs to women in the manufacturing industries in Ethiopia. Evaluating the gendered impacts of jobs on a range of outcomes; domestic violence, empowerment, income, household decision making, fertility and political participation. Leading the implementation of the RCT. Funded by the Research Council of Norway, 2015-2019.
Tanzania	Impact Evaluation of Skills in the Oil and Gas Sector in Africa (SOGA) Rigorous impact evaluation of the income and employment effects of value chain based interventions to support smallholder farmers to connect to higher-paying markets. Funded by the Norwegian Embassy in Tanzania, 2015-2018. Explicit goal to build capacity at REPOA, Tanzania. Team leader.
Sudan	Assisting Regional Universities in Sudan and South Sudan (ARUSS) Capacity building of regional universities in Sudan, including through joint research. Funded by the Norwegian Embassy in Sudan, 2012-2017.
Four SSA countries	Engineering Gender Equality: The Impacts of Aid on Women's Political Representation in Malawi, Sudan, Uganda and Zambia. Survey design and methodological contributions. Funded by the Research Council of Norway, 2014-2018.
Ethiopia	The Women Entrepreneurship Development Project (WEDP) Member of the WEDP team, various roles from design to implementation to operation. World Bank funded project. 2009-2017.
Ethiopia	Ethiopian Flower Farm Employment Project Impact evaluation of women getting jobs at the rose farms in Ethiopia, on income, consumption, poverty and gender relations within the household. Supervision and capacity building of an Ethiopian PHD Student from University of Bonn. 2009-2014. Team leader.
Mozambique	Review of the “Entrepreneurship Development of the Youth” – a program to develop competencies suitable for the private sector. Team leader. Funded by Norad. 2013.
International	The Norad Framework Agreement on Microfinance, Entrepreneurship and Private Sector Development 2013-2015. Team Leader.
Ethiopia	Impact Evaluation of Domestic Violence Interventions in Ethiopia Randomizing an awareness raising campaign against domestic violence. Funding from the Research Council of Norway, 2009-2013. Team Leader.
Ethiopia	Impact Evaluation of Powering Up: Empowerment of Vulnerable Girls World Bank executed, funded by the Italian Cooperation. 2012-2014.
International	Evaluation of the Norwegian Aid Administration System and Practices to Ensure Evaluability of Norwegian Grants. In partnership with ITAD. Core member of the evaluation team, responsible for the impact evaluation assessment. Commissioned by Norad. 2013.
Ethiopia	Internal Migration in Ethiopia World Bank funded, analyses of internal migration in Ethiopia. 2009-2011. Analysis of household data. Team Leader.
Ethiopia	Ethiopia Poverty Analytical Program 2011-13 Analytical work on the main challenges for poverty reduction, gender gaps and inequality in Ethiopia. Focus on results. Team Leader.
Ethiopia	Urban Poverty and Inequality Technical Assistance to the Ethiopian Government on the changes in urban poverty and inequality, and on policies to address the challenges. Report No. 55731-ET. 2009-2010. Team Leader.
Nepal	Poverty Traps in Microenterprise Industries with low Knowledge and

Investment Barriers.

Analysis of household data. Funded by the Research Council of Norway, 2009-2011

Ethiopia

Ethiopian Flower Farm Employment Project: Impacts on gender equality. Impact evaluation, randomized control trial. CMI funding, in cooperation with University of California, Berkeley and Institute of Gender Studies, Addis Ababa University, 2008-2010. Team leader.

International refereed journal articles

17. Awareness raising against domestic violence: A cluster randomized control trial in Ethiopia. *Under review.*
16. Active private sector development policies revisited: Impacts of the Ethiopian industrial cluster policy (with Tigabu Getahun). *Journal of Development Studies*, forthcoming.
15. Labor-intensive jobs for women and development: Intrahousehold welfare effects and its transmission channels (with Tigabu Getahun). *Journal of Development Studies*. **2017**. DOI:10.1080/00220388.2017.1327661
14. Local content requirements in the petroleum sector in Tanzania: A thorny road from inception to implementation? *The Extractive Industries and Society*. **2017**. DOI: 10.1016/j.exis.2017.01.007
13. Why can we not demonstrate the difference that Norwegian aid makes? An evaluation of the results measurement system and practice (with Rob Lloyd, Derek Poate and Merima Ali). *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, 8(2), 171-195, **2016**.
12. Back in business: Private sector development for poverty reduction in Norwegian aid. *Forum for Development Studies*. **2016**.
11. Entrepreneurial abilities and barriers to microenterprise growth: A case study in Nepal, *Journal of Entrepreneurship*, 24(2), **2015**.
10. Assessing aid impacts revisited: results measurement in Norwegian aid (with Rob Lloyd). *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, 6(4), **2014**.
9. Results measurement and evaluability: a comparative analysis (Co-authored with Derek Poate and Rob Lloyd). *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, 6(4), **2014**.
8. Assessing aid impact: A review of Norwegian evaluation practice (Co-authored with Alf Morten Jerve). *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, 1(2), **2009**.
7. Cash transfers contributing to social protection: A review of evaluation findings. *Forum for Development Studies*, 35(2), **2008**.
6. Determinants of foreign direct investments in services (Co-authored with Ivar Kolstad). *European Journal of Political Economy*, 24(2), **2008**.
5. Foreign direct investment in the Caribbean (Co-authored with Ivar Kolstad). *Development Policy Review*, 26(1), **2008**.
4. Arab foreign aid: Disbursement patterns, aid policies and motives. *Forum for Development Studies*, 34(2), **2007**.
3. Company interests and foreign aid policy: Playing donors off against one another. *European Economic Review*, 50(3), **2006**.
2. Economic Aid to Post-Conflict Countries: A Methodological Critique of Collier and Hoeffler (Co-authored with A. Suhrke and S. L. Woodward). *Conflict, Security and Development*, 5(3), **2005**.
1. Company Influence on Foreign Aid Disbursement: Is Conditionality Credible when Donors have mixed motives?, *Southern Economic Journal*, 71(2), **2004**.

Reports for wider audiences and work in progress

37. Gender impacts of female industrial employment: Evidence from the Ethiopian cut-flower industry, 2016 (Mimeo, CMI. With Tigabu Getahun).
36. Awareness raising against domestic violence: A cluster randomized control trial in Ethiopia. Paper presented at the *Nordic Conference in Development Economics* 2016.
35. Business development for poverty reduction. Report to the Norwegian Church Aid, 2015 (with LJO. Berge).
34. Private sector development interventions in poor countries: Opportunities and challenges for Norwegian development aid. *CMI Report* 2015:9. (with Lars Ivar Oppedal Berge).
33. Labor-intensive jobs for women and development in Ethiopia: Intrahousehold welfare effects and its transmission channels. *CMI Working Paper* WP 2015:15. Chr. Michelsen Institute, 2015.
32. "Can we demonstrate the effect that Norwegian aid makes? Evaluation of results measurement and how this can be improved", Norad Evaluation Department Evaluation Report 1/2014 (with Derek Poate and Rob Loyd).
31. "End Review of the Entrepreneurship Development of the Youth", *Norad collected reviews* 6/2014.
30. "The Stromme Foundation. An Organisational Review", *CMI Commissioned Reports, June 2013* (with Elling Tjønneland).
29. "Caste Discrimination and Barriers to Microenterprise Development in Nepal", *CMI Working Paper 2012: 9*.
28. "Backlash: Female Employment and Domestic Violence", mimeo, 2012, University of California, Berkeley (with Jonas Hjort).
27. "The Ethiopian Urban Migration Study: The Characteristics, Motives and Outcomes of Migrants to Addis Ababa", *World Bank Report, 2010, No. 55731-ET* (with Elisa Ticci).
26. "Improving the integrated rural development projects in Western Ethiopia", *CMI Commissioned Report* 2008 (with Messele Endalew, Mabrat Galalcha and Sorssa Natea).
25. "Cash transfers contributing to social protection: A synthesis of evaluation findings", *NORAD Synthesis Report* 2/2008.
24. "Accounting for poverty reduction in Norwegian development aid to Mozambique", *CMI Report* 2008: 15 (with Inge Tvedten).
23. "The challenge of assessing aid impact: A review of Norwegian evaluation practice", *Norad Evaluation Study* 1/ 2008 (with Alf M. Jerve).
22. "Matsikkerhet og sult: en strategisk plattform for handling", Report from the working group on food security established by the Minister of Development. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2007.
21. "Will international trade reduce poverty? A background note to NORAD", *CMI Report* 2007:16 (Co-authored with Arne Wiig and Line Tøndel, with contributions from Ottar Mæstad).
20. "Arab foreign aid: Disbursement patterns, aid policies and motives", *CMI Report* 2007:2.
19. "Economic Prospects for Ethiopia and Challenges for Poverty Reduction", *CMI Report* 2006: 17.
18. "Is bonded labor voluntary? Evidence from the liberation of the Kamaiyas in far-western region of Nepal", *CMI Working Paper, WP* 2006:16.
17. "Is bonded labor voluntary? A framework against forced work", *CMI Working Paper, WP* 2006:7.
16. "Multilateral Aid Agencies and Strategic Donor Behaviour" (Co-authored with George Mavrotas), *UNU-WIDER Discussion Papers series, DP* 2006/02.

15. "Growth with distribution framework for Malaysia, 2005-2020 ", *CMI Commissioned Report, 2005*.
14. "Economic Aid to Post-Conflict Countries: A Methodological Critique of Collier and Hoeffler" (co-authored with Astri Suhrke and Susan Woodward), *CMI Working Paper, WP 2005:4*).
13. "The role of participation and empowerment in income and poverty dynamics in Indonesia 1993-2000" (Co-authored with Anette W. Enes), *CMI Working Paper, WP 2004:13*.
12. "Powerful donors and foreign policy: The role of multilateral financial institutions", *CMI WP 2004:12*.
11. "Promoting investments in small Caribbean states" (Co-authored with Ivar Kolstad), *CMI WP 2004:9*.
10. "Aid, policy and growth in post-conflict societies revisited". Presented at UNU WIDER June 2004.
9. "Multilateral organizations: Instruments for donor's foreign policy?" Paper presented at NEUDC 2004 and the Cornell-DPRU-Tips conference 2004.
8. "How does social development affect FDI and domestic investment?" *CMI Report 2004:2* (with Ivar Kolstad).
7. "Social development and industry level foreign direct investments." *CMI Report 2004:1* (with Ivar Kolstad).
6. "Determinants of foreign direct investments in services" *CMI Working Paper, WP 2004:2* (with Ivar Kolstad).
5. "Income mobility and cumulative effects of disasters in rural Pakistan: Bootstrap inference and measurement error simulation", *CMI Working Paper, WP 2003:6*.
4. "Company interests and foreign aid policy: Playing donors out against each other", *CMI WP 2003:5*.
3. "Company influence on foreign aid disbursement: Is conditionality credible when donors have mixed motives?", *CMI Working Paper, WP 2003:4*.
2. "The World Bank Structural Adjustment Programmes: Impacts and Policy Changes", *CMI WP 2003:3*.
1. "The SAPRIN Report: An assessment of the empirical analysis supporting main conclusions", *CMI WP 2003: 2*.