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Key Qualifications

Amundsen is a political scientist focussing on democratic institutionalisation, political economy, parliaments, political parties, political corruption, and natural resources revenue management. His main study areas are Angola, Malawi, Palestine, Bangladesh, Nigeria, and Ghana. Amundsen made his PhD in comparative African studies at the University of Tromsø in 1997. He was Research Director at CMI from 2000-2003, Director of the U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre from 2002-2006, and he has coordinated three CMI institutional cooperation programmes.

Education

Ph.D. (Dr. Polit.) Department of Political Science, University of Tromsø, Norway. 1991-1997
Thesis: In Search of a Counter-Force. State Power and Civil Society in the Struggle for Democracy in Africa (or: Mapping the Political Landscape of Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire and Cameroon).

MA (Cand. Polit.) Department of Political Science, University of Oslo, Norway. 1987-1990
The degree includes Political Science, French Language and Eastern Europe Area Studies.

Professional Experience

Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), Bergen, Norway

Senior Researcher 1998-
Director - U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre 2002-2006
Research Director 2000-2003
Coordinator: Democracy and Governance research group 2015-2017

University of Bergen, Department of Comparative Politics

Assistant Professor II 2001-2003
Lecturer on the Master course in African Politics and researcher on the Political Institutions in Africa programme.

Department of Political Science, University of Tromsø, Norway

PhD candidate in development studies 1992-1997

Lecturer in Political Science, 1992-1998. Lecturer in qualitative and quantitative methodologies, development studies, political theory, comparative politics and international relations.

Other Functions and Engagements

Reviewer for the *Journal of Comparative Politics*, *World Development*, *Resources Policy*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Nordisk Østforum*, *African Studies Review*, *Forum for Development Studies*, *Journal of South Asian Development* and the *International Journal of Public Administration*.

Teaching experience:

- University of Bergen, Norway: Corruption Investigation, 2009 - current.
- University of Bergen, Norway: Donor Support to Democratisation 2009 - current.
- Petrad, Stavanger: Good Governance and Corruption Prevention; Corruption Challenges in the Petroleum Sector. 2008 - 2015.
- U4: In-country and on-line basic training: Corruption and Corruption Prevention. 2002 - 2006, 2018, 2019
- University of Tromsø, Norway: Political Science undergraduate courses in International Politics, Comparative Politics, Social Science Research Methodologies (qualitative and quantitative), African Politics, Development Studies. 1992 - 1997.

External **examiner**:

- University of Bergen, Norway: Bachelor and Master students, 2009 - to date
- University of Tromsø, Norway: Bachelor and Master student, 2008 - 2012
- University of Trondheim, Norway: Ph.D. 2010
- University of Oslo, Norway: Ph.D 2008, Master 2016 - to date
- University of Stockholm, Sweden: Ph.D. 2008
- Åbo Akademi, Finland; Ph.D. 2013
- Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway: Master 2014

Country of Origin Expert registered with the *International Refugee Rights Initiative* Rights In Exile Programme (<http://www.refugeelegalaidinformation.org/country-origin-information-experts>); the Electronic Immigration Network (EIN) ILPA and EIN Directory of Experts on Countries of Origin (<https://www.ein.org.uk/experts>); the *European Asylum Support Office* (EASO) Country of Origin Information Portal; the US Centre for Gender & Refugees Studies (CGRS) Expert Witness Database (<https://cgrs.uchastings.edu/expert/search>), and the *Netherlands Refugee Council* (Vluchtelingenwerk).

Project Experience

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| Malawi | DT GLOBAL (eu)-Evaluation of the European Union cooperation with Malawi (2014-2021)
Project member 2022 - 2023
Evaluation of EU cooperation with Malawi (2014-2021), a team of 5 consultants led by the Spanish firm DT Global. Amundsen's responsibility is the evaluation of the support for the governance sector.
European Commission |
| Angola | Enhancing the Research Environment in Angola through Capacity Development 2019-2024
Project member 2020 - 2023
We will study institutions like the parliament, the courts and actors like civil society groups and youth to see if there have been any changes in their ability to hold the government accountable. |

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- Africa **CMI: Political Corruption book project**
Project leader 2018 - 2019
- Malawi **Norad-Country Evaluation Briefs (CEB- Fase 2)**
Project member 2016 - 2017
Author. Country Evaluation Brief, CEB, (Malawi)
Norad
- Malawi **Analysis of the Political Economy of Malawi**
Project member 2016 - 2017
A comprehensive analysis of the political economy (PEA) of Malawi, with an emphasis on the implications for Norway as a donor. A cross-sectoral analysis of the economy and the governance system.
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Angola **Risk Analysis: Oil for Development support to Angola**
Project leader 2015
A risk analysis of the Norad/Oil for Development institutional cooperation with Angola's Ministry of Petroleum.
Norad
- World **Corruption, corruption prevention and good governance in the petroleum sector**
Project leader 2015
Presentations on corruption, anti-corruption, company perspectives and good governance in the petroleum sector. Part of Petrad's 8-week course on "Petroleum policy and resource management".
Petrad
- Malawi **Democratisation, Political Participation, and Gender in Malawi**
Project leader 2014 - 2016
The project will study what promotes women's participation in politics in Malawi, and the possible effects of women's participation, with a focus on the executive, parliament, and political parties.
Norwegian Research Council
- Ghana **Training programme: Understanding the petroleum sector**
Lecturer 2012
One day on Good Governance and Corruption Prevention in the Petroleum Sector, arranged by Petrad and "Oil for Development" in a two weeks programme for Ghana officials. Elmina, Ghana, November
Petrad
- Bangladesh **The Political Parties in Bangladesh: Political Dynasties and Democratisation**
Project Leader 2011 - 2013
Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Bangladesh **The Parliament of Bangladesh: Accountability and Control**
Project Leader 2010 - 2012
Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Tanzania, Zambia, Uganda, Kenya **Sida: Study on Support to Parliaments**
Project leader 2010
This study provides an overview of the modalities of donor support to parliaments in Africa, with a special focus on experiences of different modalities of multi-donor parliamentary support.
Sida

- Nigeria **Nigeria: Norwegian Support of Good Governance**
 Project leader 2010
 This analytical study encompasses the political economy of Nigeria, management of oil resources, anti-corruption and people's participation in decision-making.
 Norad
- Angola **Angola: CNE**
 Project member 2010 - 2013
 One institution may mitigate the centralisation of power in Angola and pave the way for democratisation; the Angolan national electoral commission (the Comissão Nacional Eleitoral, CNE).
 Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- World **Corruption Challenges in the Petroleum Sector**
 Lecturer 2009 - 2013
 Presentations on corruption, anti-corruption and good governance at Petrad's eight-week course on Petroleum Policy and Resource Management for people working in governmental institutions.
 Petrad
- World **Synthesis Study of International Experiences with Support to Legislatures**
 Project member 2009
 Summary and synthesis of donors experiences and lessons learned with support to parliaments Desk study,
 Norad
- Angola **Political Parties in Angola**
 Project leader 2008 - 2010
 The first part of this project is a description of the political parties in Angola; the second part is an analysis of the parties in the democratic process.
 Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Angola **Angola: Effects of 1992 elections**
 Project member 2008 - 2009
 Many Angolans are afraid that the elections (parliamentary in 2008 and presidential in 2009) can bring new violence. This project explores the anxiety and opinions as to the coming elections.
 Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Angola **Angola: Social Funds**
 Project leader 2007 - 2008
 "Social funds" and social projects financed and managed by private actors in Angola raises questions of transparency, accountability and democratic control.
 Norad
- Angola **Angola: Budget Process**
 Project member 2006 - 2007
 This study discerned several deficiencies in the budget process in Angola.
 Norad
- Angola **Angola: Civil Society as Promoters of Governance and Accountability**
 Project leader 2006
 Advice for Norwegian Embassy and partners on how to support civil society organisations in Angola, with capacity to promote accountability in and good governance.
 Norad

Corruption	U4 Focus Area: Political Corruption Project leader 2005 - 2007 Focus Area and Issue Papers published on U4 website on Political Corruption DFID
Uganda	Corruption, lack of political will and the role of donors (in Uganda) Project leader 2005 This study is interpreting the theoretical notion of 'lack of political will', using Uganda as a case. It is also an evaluation of the donor agencies and their influence on corruption. Norad
Madagascar	Bureau Indépendant Anti-Corruption (BIANCO) Madagascar Project leader 2005 Desk study (evaluation of progress report), mid-term, of Norwegian support to the Malagasy anti-corruption bureau BIANCO. Norad
Angola	Angola: Parliamentary Accountability and Control Project leader 2003 - 2005 The project analysed the Angolan Parliament and its accountability function. Norad
Corruption	U4 - Utstein Anti-Corruption Resource Centre (www.u4.no) Director 2002 - 2006 DFID

Selected Publications

2022

Coping with corruption: Small and medium enterprises in Ghana. U4 Brief 2022:2, Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute.

Tuning in to the politics of (anti-)corruption: astute interventions and deeper accountability. With David Jackson. U4 Issue 2022: 3, Bergen, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI).

Angola: Religion and Repression. CMI Working Paper WP 2022:1, Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI)2021

2021

Always top-down: Constitutional reforms in Angola. CMI Working Paper 2021:09, Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI).

Sempre do Topo para a Base: Revisões Constitucionais em Angola. CMI Working Paper 2021:10, Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI).

Rethinking anti-corruption in de-democratising regimes. With David Jackson. U4 Issue 2021: 5, Bergen, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI).

Cabinda Separatism. Angola Update, April 2021. Bergen, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI).

Human Rights in Angola. With Cesaltina Abreu and Catarina Gomes (LAB). Angola Update, March 2021. Bergen, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI).

2020

Covid-19, Cash Transfers, and Corruption. U4 Brief 2020:9, Bergen Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI)

2019

Political Corruption in Africa. Extraction and Power Preservation. (Editor). Cheltenham, UK; Edward Elgar

Publications.

Extractive and Power-Preserving Political Corruption. Chapter 1 in Inge Amundsen (ed.) (2019): *Political Corruption in Africa. Extraction and Power Preservation.* Cheltenham, UK; Edward Elgar Publications.

Congenitally Conjoined and Inseparable: Politics and Corruption in Nigeria. With E.M. Oyo and V. PRusa. Chapter 4 in Inge Amundsen (ed.) (2019): *Political Corruption in Africa. Extraction and Power Preservation.* Cheltenham, UK; Edward Elgar Publications.

Stuck in Transition. Political Corruption as Power Abuse. Chapter 9 in Inge Amundsen (ed.) (2019): *Political Corruption in Africa. Extraction and Power Preservation.* Cheltenham, UK; Edward Elgar Publications.

2018

Mujib dynasty retains control in Bangladesh. *East Asia Forum*, 10 August 2018. Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University.

The ruins of Bangladesh's LGBT community. *East Asia Forum*, 23 March 2018. Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University.

Democracy Decaying in Bangladesh. *East Africa Forum*, 6 March 2018. Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University.

2017

Malawi: Country Evaluation Brief. Oslo, Norad (Norad Report 4/2017).

Book Review: *Magnificent and Beggar Land: Angola since the Civil War.* *Perspectives on Politics*, March 2017, vol. 15, no. 1, pp. 272.273.

Nigeria: Defying the Resource Curse. Chapter 1 (pp. 17-27) in Aled Williams and Philippe le Billon (Eds), *Corruption, Natural Resources and Development. From Resource Curse to Political Ecology.* Cheltenham/UK, 2017, Edward Elgar Publ.

2016

Women in Politics in Malawi. Inge Amundsen and Happy Kayuni (Eds.) Bergen and Zomba, 2016, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI) and University of Malawi, Chancellor College, Department of Political and Administrative Studies (PAS).

Women in Politics in Malawi: An Introduction. With Happy Kayuni. Chapter 1 in *Amundsen and Kayuni (Eds.) 2016.*

2015

Høy risiko, ingen gevinst. En risikoanalyse av Olje for Utviklings institusjonssamarbeid med Petroleumministeriet i Angola. Bergen, November 2015, CMI Commissioned Report. Commissioned by Norad.

2014

Drowning in Oil. Angola and the Resource Curse. *Comparative Politics*, vol. 46, no.2, January 2014, pp. 169-189.

Dynastiene dreper demokratiet. Op-ed, *Bergens Tidende*, 12 January 2014. (In Norwegian).

'Pay up and off you go!' Buying political positions in Bangladesh. Book chapter 11 (pp 140-147) in T. Søreide and A. Williams (eds.): *Corruption, Grabbing and Development: Real World Challenges.* Cheltenham/UK and Northampton/MA, USA, Edward Elgar Publishing.

2013

Democratic Dynasties? Internal party democracy in Bangladesh. In *Party Politics*, vol. 22, no. 1, pp. 49-58.

Dynasty or democracy? Party politics in Bangladesh. Bergen; Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI Brief vol. 12 no. 6, 2013).

Institutions of Checks and Balances: The Election Commission of Angola. Bergen: Chr, Michelsen Institute (CMI Report R 2013:5).

Controlling elections: The Angolan Election Commission. Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute (Angola Brief vol. 3 no. 1).

Can Ghana Avoid the Resource Curse? Book chapter 8 (pp. 109-141) in *Kwaku Appiah-Adu (ed.): Governance of the Petroleum Sector in an Emerging Developing Country.* Farnham/Surrey, 2013, Gower Publ. Ltd.

The Challenges of Petroleum Revenues: Ghana, Corruption, and Institutions. Chapter 7 (pp 155-180) in *Timothy Afful-Koomson and Kwabena Owusu Asubonteng (eds.): Collaborative Governance in Extractive Industries in Africa.* Accra, Ghana, United Nations University, Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA).

2012

Who Rules Nigeria? Report. *NOREF* - Norwegian Peacebuilding Resource Centre (Report November 2012).

Ghana fant olje - kan det gå bra? Op-ed, *Bergens Tidende*, 28 November 2012. (*In Norwegian*).

The Parliament of Bangladesh. Representation and Accountability. With Rounaq Jahan. Dhaka and Bergen, (CPD-CMI Working Paper Series 2:2012).

Parliament of Bangladesh: Boycotts, business, and change for the better. Bergen, Chr. Michelsen Institute. (CMI Brief vol. 11 no. 2, 2012).

2011

Revenue management, corruption challenges and revenue distribution. Chapter 5 in *UNIDO (2011) Competitiveness and Diversification: Strategic Challenges in a Petroleum-Rich Economy.* International Policy Conference Proceedings. Vienna, United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

Angola Party Politics: Into the African Trend. Bergen, Chr. Michelsen Institute (Angola Brief vol. 1, no. 9, May 2011).

2010

Support for Parliaments: Tanzania and Beyond. Bergen, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI Report R 2010:8).

Good Governance in Nigeria: A Study in Political Economy and Donor Support. Oslo, Norad (Norad Discussion Report 17/2010).

Support to Legislatures. With Arne Tostensen. Oslo, Norad (Evaluation report 2/2010).

2009

Introduction to Public Sector Ethics. Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI, Bergen) and Universidade Católica de Angola (UCAN). 64 pp.

Introdução à Ética no Sector Público. Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI) and Universidade Católica de Angola (UCAN). 64 pp.

2008

Social Funds in Angola - Channels, Amounts and Impact. With Arne Wiig. Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI Working Paper WP 2008:8).

Opposition Parties and the Upcoming 2008 Parliamentary Elections in Angola. With Markus Weimer. Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute. CMI Working Paper WP 2008:9.

2007

Budget, State and People. Budget Process, Civil Society and Transparency in Angola. Jan Isaksen, Inge Amundsen, Arne Wiig with Cesaltina Abreu. Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute. CMI Report R 2007:7.

Donor Support to Political Parties: Status and Principles. Chr. Michelsen Institute. CMI Report R 2007:6.

2006

Civil Society in Angola: Inroads, Space and Accountability. With Cesaltina Abreu. Bergen, CMI. CMI Report 2006:14.

