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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.

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### *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.

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### *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.

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***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).

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## ***Project Experience***

Angola	<p><b>Enhancing the Research Environment in Angola through Capacity Development 2019-2024</b></p> <p>Project member 2020 - 2023</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>
Malawi	<p><b>DT GLOBAL (eu)-Evaluation of the European Union cooperation with Malawi (2014-2021)</b></p> <p>Project member 2022 - 2023</p> <p>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.</p> <p>European Commission</p>
Africa	<p><b>CMI: Political Corruption book project</b></p> <p>Project leader 2018 - 2019</p>
Malawi	<p><b>Norad-Country Evaluation Briefs (CEB- Fase 2)</b></p> <p>Project member 2016 - 2017</p> <p>Author. Country Evaluation Brief, CEB, (Malawi)</p> <p>Norad</p>
Malawi	<p><b>Analysis of the Political Economy of Malawi</b></p> <p>Project member 2016 - 2017</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>

Angola	<p><b>Risk Analysis: Oil for Development support to Angola</b>  Project leader 2015  A risk analysis of the Norad/Oil for Development institutional cooperation with Angola's Ministry of Petroleum.  Norad</p>
World	<p><b>Corruption, corruption prevention and good governance in the petroleum sector</b>  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</p>
Malawi	<p><b>Democratisation, Political Participation, and Gender in Malawi</b>  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</p>
Ghana	<p><b>Training programme: Understanding the petroleum sector</b>  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</p>
Bangladesh	<p><b>The Political Parties in Bangladesh: Political Dynasties and Democratisation</b>  Project Leader 2011 - 2013  Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>
Bangladesh	<p><b>The Parliament of Bangladesh: Accountability and Control</b>  Project Leader 2010 - 2012  Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>
Nigeria	<p><b>Nigeria: Norwegian Support of Good Governance</b>  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</p>
Tanzania, Zambia, Uganda, Kenya	<p><b>Sida: Study on Support to Parliaments</b>  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.</p>

Sida

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	<p><b>Angola: Civil Society as Promoters of Governance and Accountability</b></p> <p>Project leader 2006</p> <p>Advice for Norwegian Embassy and partners on how to support civil society organisations in Angola, with capacity to promote accountability in and good governance.</p> <p>Norad</p>
Corruption	<p><b>U4 Focus Area: Political Corruption</b></p> <p>Project leader 2005 - 2007</p> <p>Focus Area and Issue Papers published on U4 website on Political Corruption</p> <p>DFID</p>
Uganda	<p><b>Corruption, lack of political will and the role of donors (in Uganda)</b></p> <p>Project leader 2005</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Norad</p>
Madagascar	<p><b>Bureau Indépendant Anti-Corruption (BIANCO) Madagascar</b></p> <p>Project leader 2005</p> <p>Desk study (evaluation of progress report), mid-term, of Norwegian support to the Malagasy anti-corruption bureau BIANCO.</p> <p>Norad</p>
Angola	<p><b>Angola: Parliamentary Accountability and Control</b></p> <p>Project leader 2003 - 2005</p> <p>The project analysed the Angolan Parliament and its accountability function.</p> <p>Norad</p>
Corruption	<p><b>U4 - Utstein Anti-Corruption Resource Centre (<a href="http://www.u4.no">www.u4.no</a>)</b></p> <p>Director 2002 - 2006</p> <p>DFID</p>

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## ***Selected Publications***

**2023**

**Subverting the Constitution and Curtailing Civil Society. Angola's New Law on NGOs.** *With Catarina Antunes Gomes, Cesaltina Abreu, and Margareth Nangacovie.* CMI Insight 2023:2, Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI).

**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 Petroleumsministeriet 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.