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Key Qualifications

Telle is a social anthropologist with long-term research experience in Indonesia since 1994, spanning various aspects of religion and religious change (Islam, Hinduism), including state management of religion, religious minorities, secularism, blasphemy trials, and the politics of religious freedom.

Telle's research also deals with the upsurge of militias and civilian security groups in Indonesia since 1998, with a focus on policing, violence, vigilantism, insecurity, crime, and the interaction between state and non-state security providers. Other areas of expertise include: local justice, legal pluralism, and human rights.

Between 2012-2016 Telle served as the editor of the Norwegian Journal of Anthropology (Norsk Antropologisk Tidsskrift), with Annelin Eriksen, University of Bergen.

Selected Publications

Special issue/ edited volume

2016 *Performing the State*. Jeremy Kingsley and Kari Telle (eds). *Performing the State*. Special Issue on militias in Southeast Asia. *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land-en Volkenkunde*, volume 172 (2-3), BRILL (UHR level 2 best)

2010 *Contemporary Religiosities: Emergent Socialities and the Post-Nation State*. *Social Analysis* Bruce Kapferer, Kari Telle, Annelin Eriksen (eds). Berghahn Books: New York and Oxford. Also published as a Special Issue in *Social Analysis: the International Journal of Cultural and Social Practice* (2009) (UHR level 2)

Journal articles/ book chapters

2017 Faith on Trial: Blasphemy and 'lawfare' in Indonesia. *Ethnos*.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00141844.2017.1282973> (Sept.1, 865 views) (UHR level 2)

2016 False Prophets: Blasphemy and Ontological Contests in an Indonesian Court. In *Critical Anthropological Engagements in Human Alterity and Difference*, Synnøve Bendixen and Bjørn Bertelsen (eds). Pp.89-110. Palgrave MacMillan.

2016 Ritual Power: Risk, Spirituality and Religious Pluralism on Lombok, Indonesia. *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology (TAPJA)*. Volume 17 (5): 419-438. (UHR level 1)

2016 Introduction: Performing the State. Jeremy Kingsley and Kari Telle. *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land-en Volkenkunde*, volume 172 (2-3): 171-178. BRILL. (UHR level 2)

2015 Policing and the Politics of Protection on Lombok. In *Policing and the Politics Order-Making*. Peter

- Albrecht and Helene Maria Kyed (eds). Pp. 40-56. New York: Routledge.
- 2014 Changing Spiritual Landscapes and Religious Politics on Lombok. In *Between Harmony and Discrimination: Negotiating Religious Identities in Majority-Minority Relationships in Bali and Lombok*. Brigitta Hauser-Schäublin and David D. Harnish (eds). Pp. 35-61. BRILL.
- 2013 Vigilante Citizenship: Sovereign Practices and the Politics of Insult in Indonesia. *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde*, Volume 169(3-4):183-202. BRILL. (UHR level 2)
- 2011 Spirited Warriors: Conspiracy and the Power of Tradition. In *Engaging the Spirit World: Popular Religion, Power and Prosperity in Contemporary Southeast Asia*, Kirsten Endres and Andrea Lauser (eds). Pp. 42-61. Berghahn Books.
- 2010 Seduced by Security: The Politics of In(security) in Indonesia. In *Hearts and Minds: Anthropological Perspectives on the Security Development Nexus*, John McNeish and Jon Harald Sande-Lie (eds). pp.130-42. Berghahn Books.
- 2010: Introduction: Religiosities toward a Future--in Pursuit of the New Millennium. Bruce Kapferer, Annelin Eriksen, Kari Telle. In *Contemporary Religiosities: Emergent Socialities and the Post-Nation State*. Bruce Kapferer, Kari Telle, Annelin Eriksen (eds.). Also published in *Social Analysis*, Volume 53 (1):1-16. (UHR level 2)
- 2010 Dharma Power: Searching for 'Security' in Post-New Order Indonesia. In *Contemporary Religiosities: Emergent Socialities and the Post-Nation State*. In Bruce Kapferer, Kari Telle, Annelin Eriksen (eds.). Also published in *Social Analysis*, 2009, Volume 53(1):141-156.
- 2009 Spirited Places and Ritual Dynamics among Sasak Muslims on Lombok. *Anthropological Forum*. 19(3):289-306. Winner of the Australian Anthropological Society's (AAS) Essay Prize 2010. Best article published in an *Australian Anthropology Journal* in 2009.
- 2009 Swearing Innocence: Performing Justice and 'Reconciliation' in Post-Suharto Lombok. In *Reconciling Indonesia: Grassroots Agency for Peace*. Birgit Brauchler (ed.). Pp.57-76. London: Routledge.
- 2007 Entangled Biographies: Rebuilding a Sasak House. *Ethnos*, Volume 72:2: 195-218. (UHR level 2)
- 2006 Nurturance and the Spectre of Negligence: Sasak Ways of Dealing with the Dead. In *Kinship and Food in Southeast Asia*. Monica Janowski and Fiona Kerlogue (eds), Pp. 121-48. Copenhagen: NIAS Press
- 2003 The Smell of Death: Theft, Disgust and Ritual Practice in Central Lombok, Indonesia. In *Beyond Rationalism: Rethinking Magic, Witchcraft and Sorcery*. Bruce Kapferer (ed). 75-104. New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books. Also published in *Social Analysis: The International Journal of Cultural and Social Practice*, 46(3), Fall 2002. (UHR level 2)
- 2000 Feeding the Dead: Reformulating Sasak Mortuary Practices. *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land-en Volkenkunde*, Vol. 156 (3): 771-805. (UHR level 2)