

Karin Ask ,

Anthropologist (Mag.Art. Dept. of Anthropology 1984).

Current position ; Researcher Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI)

Key Qualifications

Social anthropologist with twenty-five years experience from applied and academic work on gender and migration patterns in South Asia.

Main topics of interest is Gender analysis, Human rights, Islam and migration.

Ask has two years of anthropological field work in Pakistan, and several shorter field studies in Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan

Ask has been the leader of missions to evaluate repayment patterns and practices in the Grameen Bank (Bangladesh) and evaluation of gender differentiated assistance to Afghan refugees.

Geographic areas of ethnographic specialisation South Asia: Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Bangladesh

Professional Experience

Chr. Michelsen institute Researcher, 1992 -

1999 - present engaged in 50 percent position.

Centre for Gender and Development, University of Bergen Lecturer (part time)

January 2002- 2007

• School of Development planning, NORAD

Teacher at course in "Gender planning", May 1993

• Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen

Lecturer in Middle Eastern Studies, 1989-1992

Research Assistant, 1986-89.

Selected Publications**2010**

“Democratic Transition and Gendered Exceptions, Women’s rights under fire in Khyber Paktunkwah Pakistan” presentation at NIAS (Nordic Institute for Asia Studies) Copenhagen 8. November . To be published at Gendering Asia Network website with Farhat Taj.

2008

Gender injustice. An analysis of the interpretation of the Hudood Ordinance, and the application of the adultery Zina laws by Pakistani courts. Unpublished Report with Nausheen Ahmad and Saba Gul Khattak.

2007 “Women Gender and Human Rights in Afghanistan” In Suad Joseph: Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Culture: Leiden Brill Vol.6

2005

“Legal Pluralism and Transitional Justice in Afghanistan, a Gender perspective.” Chapter in Human Rights yearbook Eds.Lindholt and Schaumberg, Amsterdam, Kluwer.

2005 “Tradition and Change: Afghan Women in an Era of War and Displacement” in *Gender, Religion and Change in the Middle East. Two hundred years of history* Eds. Inger Marie Okkenhaug and Ingvild Flaskerud.

2003

“Retorikk og realiteter. Kvinnerens erfaring med Sharia i Pakistan” *Babylon No 2*; Hva er Islamsk lov?

2002

Afghanistan and Civil Society. With Arne Strand and Kristian Berg Harpviken. CMI Report commissioned by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2001

Humanitarian challenges in Afghanistan: Administrative Structures and Gender and Assistance with Arne Strand and Kristian Berg Harpviken. CMI Report commissioned by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2000

“Solidarity with Afghan women at what cost?” (In Norwegian: “Solidaritet med Afghanske kvinner til kva pris?”), *Kvinneforskning* no.2, Oslo

1998

With Marit Tjomsland (eds.), *Women and Islamization. Contemporary Dimensions of Discourse on Gender Relations* Oxford, Berg Publishers.