

Liv Tønnessen - curriculum vitae

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Key qualifications

Tønnessen is a political scientist with a PhD from the University of Bergen. The title of her PhD dissertation is *The Many Faces of Political Islam in Sudan: Muslim Women's Activism for and against the State*. Her research focuses on the intersection between Islam, politics and gender. She has a track record from the Middle East and northern Africa with long term stays in Sudan, Lebanon and Syria. Tønnessen speaks Arabic and has published on Islamic feminism, legal pluralism and gender justice and women's rights and gender based violence. She has a track record from the Middle East and northern Africa with long term stays in Sudan, Lebanon and Syria. Tønnessen is the co-ordinator of a research cluster on Gender Politics at CMI. She is also co-ordinating a seminar series on gender based violence and human rights accountability, which is a co-operation between CMI and the University of Bergen. Tønnessen is additionally a board member of the Nordic Society for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies and an external advisor for Forum for Women and development.

Projects

Women and Sexual Violence in Conflict-Torn Sudan. (Project leader). Financed by Norwegian peacebuilding Center.

Transformations in the Arab World. Financed by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Caught between Rape and Adultery: Women's Fight against Sexual Violence and for Justice in Northern Sudan. (Co-project leader with Gunnar Sørbo). A capacity building project between CMI and Ahfad University for Women in Sudan. Financed by the Norwegian Research Council

Joint Evaluation of Norwegian and Swedish Aid in Support of Child Rights. Financed by NORAD and SIDA.

Poverty Reduction and Gender Justice in Contexts of Complex Legal Pluralism. Financed by the Norwegian Research Council.

Women and Peacebuilding in Sudan (project leader) Financed by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Moderation of Islamists Movements. Financed by the Norwegian Research Council)

Religious Dialogue and Peacebuilding in Sudan. Financed by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Politics of Faith. Financed by Chr.Michelsen Institute

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Tønnessen, Liv. "En nobel kvinnes kamp for demokrati i Jemen" Bergens Tidende 09.12.11

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