

Curriculum vitae Lovise Aalen

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family name, First name: Aalen, Lovise

Year of birth:1974

Sex: F

Nationality: Norwegian

EDUCATION

- 2008 PhD: Disputation date: 10.04.2008, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social Science, University of Oslo, Norway
- 2001 Cand.Polit/ MPhil Comparative Politics, Department of Comparative Politics, Faculty of Social Science, University of Bergen, Norway
- 1999 MA African Studies, School of African and Oriental Studies, University of London

CURRENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 2022- Research Professor, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway
- 2009- 2022 Senior Researcher, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway
- 2015 – 2021 Research Director, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway
- 2008- 2009 Associate Professor, Royal Norwegian Naval Academy, Bergen, Norway
- 2003-2007 PhD Fellow, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo
- 2002 Researcher, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND PRIZES

- 2020-2023 Researcher grant from RCN/Norglobal, on the project “Women in Transition: Female Employment and Empowerment during Ethiopia’s Political Reform Process’ (#301645)
- 2019-2022 Researcher grant from RCN/Norglobal, on the project ‘The politics of Youth Interventions in Africa’s authoritarian regimes’ (# 248889)
- 2015-2019 Young Talented Researcher Grant from RCN, on the project ‘Women in the developmental state: Female Employment and Empowerment in Ethiopia’ (#

ES542411)

- 2011-2012 Senior Associate Member, St. Anthony's College/ African Studies Centre, University of Oxford.
- 2009-2012 Post-Doc Scholarship received by RCN, while at Chr. Michelsen Institute (# 190938)
- 2003- 2007 PhD Scholarship received by Research Council of Norway, while at the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo (# 153624/730)

MOBILITY

- 2018 Visiting researcher at the Ethiopian Development Research Institute, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (3 months)
- 2017 Visiting researcher at the Ethiopian Development Research Institute, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (3 months)
- 2011-2012 Senior Associate Member/ Visiting Fellow, St. Anthony's College/ African Studies Centre, University of Oxford.
- 2004-2006 Visiting Fellow at the Department of Political Science and International Relations, Addis Ababa University

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 2008- 2009 Associate Professor, Royal Norwegian Naval Academy, Bergen, Norway
- 2011-2012 Occasional lecturer for MA African Studies, African Studies Centre, University of Oxford
- 2009-2019 Occasional lecturer for MA students at the Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, and BA students in Intercultural Understanding at the NLA University College, Bergen

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2019-to date Board member, Rafto Foundation for Human Rights
- 2015-to date Research Director, Chr. Michelsen Institute
- 2013-2016 Member of the Evaluation Methods Core Group at Chr. Michelsen Institute
- 2013-2016 Member of the University of Bergen and CMI Cooperation Committee
- 2014-2018 Leader, Research programme on Political Institutions, Chr. Michelsen Institute
- 2012- 2015 Coordinator, Research cluster on Democracy and Governance, Chr. Michelsen Institute

PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

- 2020-2023* PI/ project manager, on the project 'Women in Transition: Female Employment and Empowerment during Ethiopia's Political Reform Process' RCN/ Norglobal
- 2019-2022* PI/ project manager, on the project 'The politics of Youth Interventions in Africa's authoritarian regimes' RCN/Norglobal
- 2015-2019* PI/ project manager on the project 'Women in the developmental state: Female Employment and Empowerment in Ethiopia' RCN/Young Research Talent
- 2009-2012* PI/project manager on the project 'The end or the beginning of conflict? Post-war power sharing in the multi-ethnic polities of Ethiopia and Sudan.' Post-Doc Scholarship, FRIPRO/RCN 2003- 2007
- 2016-2017* Team leader, Norad Country Evaluation Briefs, coordinating synthesis and analysis of aid evaluation reports for six focus countries for Norwegian development aid, published and presented as Country Evaluation Briefs for Norad

COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

- 2020-to date* Editorial Board Member, Journal of Eastern African Studies, Taylor & Francis
- 2021* Examiner, PhD dissertation, School of Politics and IR, University of Kent
- 2018* Examiner, PhD dissertation, Institute of Federal Studies, Addis Ababa University
- 2017* Examiner, PhD dissertation, Department of Media and Mass Communications, University of Oslo
- 2017* Examiner, PhD dissertation, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Addis Ababa University
- 2013* Examiner, PhD dissertation, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford
- 2013* Examiner, PhD dissertation, Department of Geography, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim
- 2010- to date* Reviewer of academic journal articles in World Development, African Affairs, Africa Today, Journal of International Political Economy, Journal of Modern African Studies, International Journal of Minority and Group Rights, Nordic Journal of Human Rights, International Political Science Review

CAREER BREAKS

- 01.09.2002 - 31.08.2003 Maternity leave 12 months (twins)
- 02.06.2007 - 05.06.2008 Maternity leave 12 months
- 12.02.2010 - 01.02.2011 Maternity leave 12. Months

PUBLICATIONS

1. Peer reviewed articles and book chapters

- Lovise Aalen, Aslak Orre, Ragnhild L. Muriaas, 2022 "Post-war ruling parties and their youth wings: How old rebels handle the African millennials" in John Ishiyama and Gyda M. Sindre: *The Effects of Rebel Parties on Governance, Democracy and Stability after Civil Wars*. London: Routledge pp. 157-174
- Aalen, Lovise, 2021 "Ethiopia: The Interplay Between Federalism and Dominant Party Rule and the Sidama's Quest for Statehood" *International Journal of Minority and Group Rights* **28(5)**, 972-992. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1163/15718115-bja10035>
- Aalen, Lovise, Espen Villanger and Andreas Kotsadam, 2019, "Family Law Reform, Employment and Women's Political Participation in Ethiopia" *Social Politics* 26:2, 299-323
- Aalen, Lovise, 2019, "The Revolutionary Democracy of Ethiopia: A War time ideology both shaping and shaped by Peace Time Policy Needs" *Government and Opposition*, 55 (4), 653-668
<https://doi.org/10.1017/gov.2018.54>
- Aalen, Lovise, 2019, "African decentralisation as a power calculation, and its relevance for South Sudan" in Luka Biong and Sarah Logan (eds) *The Struggle for South Sudan: Challenges of Security and State Formation* London: Bloomsbury
- Aalen, Lovise and Ragnhild Louise Muriaas, 2017 "Power calculations and political decentralisation in African post-conflict states" *International Political Science Review* Volume 38, no.1
- Aalen, Lovise, 2014 "Ethiopian state support to insurgency in Southern Sudan from 1962 to 1983: local, regional and global connections" *Journal of Eastern African Studies*
DOI:10.1080/17531055.2014.949403
- Aalen, Lovise, 2013 "Making unity unattractive: The conflicting aims of Sudan's Comprehensive Peace Agreement" in *Civil Wars*, 15:2, 173-191
- Aalen, Lovise, 2012, "Revival of tradition? The power of clans and social strata in the Wolayta elections" in *Contested power: Traditional authorities and multiparty elections in Ethiopia* edited by Hagmann, T. and K. Tronvoll . Leiden: Brill Publishers
- Aalen, Lovise and Kjetil Tronvoll, 2009, "The end of democracy? Curtailing political and civil rights in Ethiopia" in *Review of African Political Economy*, 36:1
- Aalen, Lovise and Kjetil Tronvoll, 2009, "The 2008 Ethiopian local elections: The return to electoral authoritarianism" in *African Affairs*, 108:430
- Aalen, Lovise, 2006. "Ethnic Federalism and Self-Determination for Nationalities in a Semi-Authoritarian State: the Case of Ethiopia." In *International Journal on Minority and Group Rights*, 13: 243-261.
- Pausewang, Siegfried, Kjetil Tronvoll and Lovise Aalen (eds.), 2002 *Ethiopia since the Derg: A decade of democratic pretension and performance*, London: Zed Books pp. 245

Aalen, Lovise, 2002, "Expressions of control, fear and devotion: the elections in Mekelle and Wukro, Tigray region" in *Ethiopia since the Derg: A decade of democratic performance and pretension*. S. Pausewang, K. Tronvoll and L. Aalen. London, Zed Books.

Aalen, Lovise and Siegfried Pausewang, 2002 "Blighting the seeds of democracy: The 2001 local elections in Addis Ababa and the central regions" in Siegfried Pausewang et al. (eds.): *Ethiopia since the Derg: A decade of democratic pretension and performance* , London: Zed Books pp. 179-200

Pausewang, Siegfried and Aalen, Lovise, 2002, "Shattered promises and hopes : the 2001 local elections in southern region" in *Ethiopia since the Derg: A decade of democratic pretension and performance* London: Zed Books

2. **Research monographs**

Aalen, Lovise and Ragnhild Louise Muriaas, 2018, *Manipulating Political Decentralisation: Africa's Inclusive Autocrats* London: Routledge

Aalen, Lovise, 2011, *The politics of ethnicity in Ethiopia: Actors, power and mobilisation under ethnic federalism* Leiden: Brill Publisher

3. **Selected list of non-peer reviewed publications**

Aalen, Lovise and Mai Azzam, 2002 "Sudan's protestors aren't giving up despite heavy odds: here's why" *The Conversation Africa* February 09, 2022

Aalen, Lovise, 2021 "Another war in the Horn? Rising tension at the Ethiopia-Sudan border" Blogpost, *Democracy in Africa*

Aalen, Lovise, 2020 "After the uprising: Including Sudanese youth" Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute (Sudan Brief 2020:7) 4 p

Aalen, Lovise, 2019 "The paradox of federalism and decentralisation in South Sudan: An instrument and an obstacle for peace" Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute (Sudan Brief 2019:01) 5 p.

Aalen, Lovise, 2018 'Why is Ethiopia in upheaval? This brief history explains a lot.' *Monkey Cage - Analysis*, Washington Post, February 17, 2018

Aalen, Lovise, 2014 'Ethiopia after Meles: Stability for how long?' *Current History* (May Issue) 113: 763, pp 192-197

Aalen, Lovise, 2002, "Ethnic federalism in a dominant party state: The Ethiopian experience 1991-2000" Bergen: Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI Report R 2002:2) 135 p.

4. **Selected invited presentations**

Maastricht University, Centre for Citizenship, Migration and Development, 2019, March 13, 'Women in the developmental state: Factory employment and political participation in Ethiopia'

University of Leiden, African Studies Centre, March 15, 2018, 'Women in the 'Developmental State': Female Employment and Political Participation in Ethiopia'

SOAS, University of London with Prof. David Turton, February 1, 2012, The 'developmental state' in action: river-basin development in Ethiopia's Omo Valley'

University of Cambridge, Centre of Governance & Human Rights, May 22, 2012 'The exclusion effects of two partite power sharing: the link between Sudan's Comprehensive Peace Agreement and the insurgency in Darfur'

University of Oxford, African Studies Centre, at the roundtable 'Ethiopia since 2005 – redefining political spaces', June 13, 2012, 'The democratic developmental state: a product of 2005?'