

Curriculum Vitae Lovise Aalen

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Aalen, Lovise

Date of birth: 24.09.1974

Sex: F

Nationality: Norwegian

Married, four children

EDUCATION

- 2008 PhD in Political Science, April 2008
 Department of Political Science, University of Oslo
- 2001 Cand.Polit (MPhil) in Comparative Politics, November 2001
 Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen,
- 1999 Master of Arts in African Studies, September 1999
 School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

CURRENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 2015 – *to date* Research Director
 Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway
- 2009- *to date* Senior Researcher
 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 AND AWARDS

- 2015-2019 Young Talented Researcher Grant from RCN, on the project ‘Women in the developmental state: Female Employment and Empowerment in Ethiopia’ (project no: 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, Bergen (project no: 190938)
- 2003- 2007 PhD Scholarship received by Research Council of Norway, while at the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo (project no: 153624/730)

MOBILITY

- 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

SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND RESEARCH FELLOWS

- 2015 Co-supervisor of PhD-Fellow, Centre for Human Rights, Addis Ababa University
2012 Co-supervisor of PhD-Fellow, Department of Religion, Philosophy and History, University of Agder

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 2011-2012 Occasional lecturer for MA African Studies, African Studies Centre, University of Oxford
2009-2014 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
2008-2009 Associate Professor/Lecturer, Intercultural Understanding, Royal Norwegian Naval Academy

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 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 Chr. Michelsen Institute Cooperation Committee
2014-to date Leader, Research programme on Political Institutions, Chr. Michelsen Institute
2012- 2015 Coordinator, Research cluster on Democracy and Governance, Chr. Michelsen Institute

COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

- 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 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

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Norad Country Evaluation Briefs (2016-2017). Synthesis and analysis of aid evaluation reports for six focus countries for Norwegian development aid, published and presented as Country Evaluation Briefs for Norwegian Directorate for Development Aid (Norad). Team member/author of the South Sudan brief, team leader on the second phase (coordinating the work with briefs on Malawi, Palestine and Somalia and the collaboration between CMI and Overseas Development Institute).

Assisting Regional Universities in Sudan and South Sudan (ARUSS). A three year research and capacity building programme (2014-2017) funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and administered by Affad University and University of Khartoum, Sudan, and University of Bergen and Chr. Michelsen Institute. Team member and coordinator of research cluster on decentralisation and governance. Funding for a new phase of the project from 2018 has just been secured.

Legislating Marriages: Family Law Reform and Democratization in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Research project and international workshop (November 2014) jointly organised by the Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen and the Chr. Michelsen Institute. Team member.

End Review of institutional cooperation between the Mekelle and Hawassa Universities, Ethiopia and Norwegian University of Life Sciences. Team member, commissioned by NORAD, November-December 2013

Managing the project ‘The end or the beginning of conflict? Post-war power sharing in the multi-ethnic polities of Ethiopia and Sudan.’ Research fellowship, funded by the Research Council of Norway, June 2009-May 2013

Evaluation of the prospects for establishing a Human Rights House in Ethiopia. Team leader, commissioned by Human Rights House Foundation, Norway, funded by Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs July 2009 – August 2009

Managing the project “Accommodating or amplifying difference? Federalism, ethnic groups and conflict in Ethiopia” Research fellowship, funded by the RCN, November 2003- June 2007

LIST OF PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Aalen, Lovise, Espen Villanger and Andreas Kotsadam, forthcoming 2018, “Family Law Reform, Employment and Women’s Political Participation in Ethiopia” *Social Politics* (awaiting review)

Aalen, Lovise, forthcoming 2018, “Modifying Revolutionary Democracy in Ethiopia: From Ethnic Federalism to ‘the Developmental State in Ethiopia’” *Government and Opposition* (Revise & Resubmit)

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

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 Hagemann, T. and K. Tronvoll . Leiden: Brill Publishers

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

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

LIST OF POPULAR SCIENCE AND USER ORIENTED DISSEMINATION

Selected list of non-peer reviewed publications

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 2013 “Vekst mot valfridom: den etiopiske utviklingsstaten” [“Growth against freedom of choice: The Ethiopian Developmental state”]in *Afrikas 99%: Økonomisk vekst, ulikhet og protest*. Oslo: Fellesrådet for Afrika/ Council for Africa

Aalen, Lovise, 2012 “Etiopias nye sterke mann» [«Ethiopia’s new strong man»] Newspaper Op.Ed Klassekampen, 27. August

List of most recent presentations (both academic and popular)

Aalen, Lovise 2018 ‘Utviklingsstatens’ kvinner: sammenhengen mellom fabrikkarbeid og likestilling i Etiopia’ [the Developmental State’s Women: the Link between Factory Work and Gender Equality in Ethiopia’ Gender and Development Seminar Series, NORAD, Oslo, March 22, 2018’

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

Aalen, Lovise 2017 ‘Modifying Revolutionary Democracy: From Ethnic Federalism to the Developmental State in Ethiopia’ presented at African Studies Association Annual Conference, Chicago, November 2017

Aalen, Lovise 2016 Presentation at the The Norwegian Development Fund’s public debate entitled ‘Ready for the job, but Who looks after the Children’ at the Literature House in Oslo, December 2016.

Aalen, Lovise 2015, ‘Women in the Developmental state: Female employment and empowerment in Ethiopia’ at the International Conference on Ethiopian Studies, Warsaw, August 24-28, 2015

Aalen, Lovise, 2013, ‘Ethiopian Support to the Sudan People’s Liberation Front’ at the PRIO/University of Durham’s conference on “Struggles over Emerging States in Africa” Durham University, 9-11 May 2013

Aalen, Lovise, 2012, ‘The space for action for Norwegian engagement in Ethiopia’ on Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ seminar on ‘Hvordan bør Norge engasjere seg i Etiopia? [How should Norway engage with Ethiopia], Litteraturhuset, Oslo, November 19