

Pauline Lemaire

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Research & Teaching experience

Since
February
2024

Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), Bergen, Norway.

Post-doctoral researcher (tenure – track)

- Project coordinator for Horizon Europe -funded project “ARM: the long arm of authoritarian states”.
- Lead the work package on research ethics and data management for the ARM project.
- Conduct research on how states control information, with a special focus on Rwanda, and on the effects of foreign information control on European citizens’ political attitude.

Since 2022

Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway

Lecturer

- Holding the session on research ethics and personal data protection for master students, as part of the course on research design and qualitative methods

April 2019 –
to January
2023

Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), Bergen, Norway.

Doctoral researcher

- Dissertation titled “Repressing or regulating? How African states control online activities”. Defence on 6 December 2023.
- Organize and lead creative workshops with international researchers, leading to new research collaboration on transnational information suppression.
- Team member, various commissioned projects for the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation

Consulting Experience

October –
December
2021

Development Learning Lab at CMI, Bergen, Norway

Contribute to the strategic development of the DLL and its Learning Arenas – a platform for learning and dialogue between academia and the aid sector.

May 2015 –
July 2018

Bergen Risk Solutions, Bergen, Norway

Senior analyst

Conduct security and geopolitical risks for clients within the Oil and Gas shipping industry; emergency support. Focus on West Africa, East Africa, maritime piracy worldwide

August 2013
– April 2015

Bergen Risk Solutions, Bergen, Norway

Analyst

Report on the political and security situation in Nigeria, forecast new trends and emerging threats. Contribute to risk assessments tailor-made to clients’ projects in West, East, and North Africa and South Asia

February
2010 – July
2013

Bergen Risk Solutions, Bergen, Norway

Researcher

Monitor the political and security situation in Nigeria, and maritime piracy incidents worldwide.

Leadership experience

Research group coordinator

Democracy & Governance group, CMI. Bergen, Norway (May 2021 – May 2023)

Chairperson, Research Ethics Committee

CMI. Bergen, Norway (May 2019 – May 2022)

Education

PhD, Comparative Politics

University of Bergen, Norway (December 2023)

Master’s degree in

Democracy Building

Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, Norway (2018)

Master’s degree in

International Relations,

specializing in Conflict Analysis and Peacebuilding, Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Lille, France (2009).

Language skills

French: mother tongue

English: full proficiency

Norwegian: full proficiency

Danish: reading proficiency

German: good understanding

Digital skills

Statistical analysis (R & R Studio)

Data Scraping and automated text analysis (R & R Studio)

Microsoft Office

Advocacy & NGO Experience

January –
August 2009

Global Witness, London, United Kingdom
Researcher (intern)

- Research on the tensions between the forest industry and local people in the Congo Basin (Gabon, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo),
- Press reviews and translation of news articles and speeches.

Grants & Awards

2024

Chr. Michelsen Prize for Outstanding Development Research: awarded to the best research article in the field of development published by a Norway-based researcher under 40. For the article “Online controls: How age affects the use of social media after shutdown” (2023), *International Political Science Review*, 50 000 Nok (\approx 4 600 USD)

2023

Horizon Europe: Aalen, Lovise (Scientific coordinator), Lemaire Pauline (Project coordinator) and Sewening (Grant manager), *ARM: The Long Arm of Authoritarian States*, 2 999 613 EUR (\approx 3,232,217 USD)

2020

Meltzer Fond: Lemaire Pauline, *Self-censorship in the shadow of repression? Young people, social media, and politics in Africa’s post liberation conflict regimes*, awarded to finance parts of PhD fieldwork and conference participation. 39 595 Nok (\approx 3 600 USD)

Academic publications

Online controls: How age affects the use of social media after shutdown, 2023, *International Political Science Review* ([Open Access](#)).

- This article was awarded the [Chr. Michelsen Prize for Outstanding Development Research](#).

How African countries respond to fake news and hate speech, with Lisa Garbe and Lisa-Marie Selvik 2023. *Information, Communication & Society*. ([Open Access](#))

Technical reports

Impact evaluations in Norwegian development cooperation: Opportunities, challenges, and proposed actions– Secretariat with Ottar Mæstad, Task Force on Evidence-Based Aid, 2023 ([available online](#)).

What, Why and How? A mapping and analysis of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ and Norad’s use of other Norwegian public sector institutions in development assistance, with Elling Tjønneland, Magnus Hatlebakk and Hilde Selbervik. 2021 ([available online](#)).

Evaluation of the Norwegian Aid Administration's Approach to Portfolio Management, with Rob Lloyd, Aoife Murray, Espen Villanger, and Chris Barnett, 2020 ([available online](#)).

Works in progress / under review

Social media and parliamentary candidates in Uganda, with Gerald Kagambirwe Karyeija, revise & resubmit at *the Journal of Modern African Studies*.

Revenue Mobilisation or Repression? Taxing the digital sector in Africa, manuscript in preparation.

Conference and workshop presentations

Revenue mobilisation or repression? Taxing online activities in Africa. Paper

Volunteering

Course leader with the Norwegian Humanist Association (January – May 2019)

Vice-President, Archery Association of Western Norway (2016-2018)

Board member, Bergen Archery Club (2011-2014)

presented at the European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, 4-8 September 2023, Prague.

How African Countries Respond to Fake News and Hate Speech. Paper presented at 117th American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Seattle, October 2021 (virtual panel; non-presenting co-authors: Lisa Garbe and Lisa-Marie Selvik)

Do you see me now? (C)overt censorship and youth's use of social media for information. Paper presented at 26th World Congress of Political Science, Lisbon, July 2021 (virtual panel).

Do you see me now? (C)overt censorship and youth's use of social media for information. Paper presented at the Workshop on Conflict Dynamics, Nuffield College, University of Oxford (virtual workshop, September 2020)

Other dissemination activities

Big Science: Gullgruve eller fallgruve? Invited talk at SamPol-Konferansen 2023 together with Samia Touibeb, 18 October 2023. More information [here](#).

Shutting down social media, shutting out the youth? CMI brief, Mai 2023, [available online](#)

What now, Nigeria? panel discussion on the Presidential elections in Nigeria, Bergen Global, 22 February 2023. Recording available [here](#).

Staten, ungdom og politikk i Afrika: sosiale mediers rolle, invited presentation for Forskningsdagene Ung, 30 September 2021 – available [here](#).

Shut out (of the field) and shut in (our homes) – navigating a PhD in times of pandemic – 26 March 2021, [here](#). Blog post.

Politics and security in West Africa: Ivory Coast, Senegal and Mali, Panel discussion, Bergen Global, November 2020. Recording available [here](#).

Hallucinatoriet / The Hallucinatorium, wrote & played “Lemariel” in an [art performance](#) on the challenges social media present to society, at dance biennale Oktoberdans & BIT Teatergarasjen, October 2020.