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**Formal Education**

2012-2014 Master of Science in Sociology, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Trondheim  
2009-2012 Bachelor in Social Science (Sociology), Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Trondheim

**Employment record**

2020-d.d. PhD-student / Researcher III, Ruralis – Institute for Rural and Regional Research.  
2017-2020 Researcher III, Ruralis – Institute for Rural and Regional Research  
2015-2017 Research assistant, Ruralis – Institute for Rural and Regional Research  
2015-2015 Consultant, Sosiologisk poliklinikk.

**Publications**

*Peer reviewed journal articles and book chapters*

- 2024 **Zahl-Thanem, A.**, and Blekesaune, A. (2024). Social origin and educational choices: A comparison of rural and urban students' school track choices in Norway. (*Submitted*).
- 2024 **Zahl-Thanem, A.**, and Rye, J.F. (2023). Spatial inequality in higher education. A growing urban-rural educational gap? *European Sociological Review*. XX, 1-15. Doi: 10.1093/esr/jcae015.
- 2023 **Zahl-Thanem, A.** (2023). 'Ulikhet i høyere utdanning i Norge. Betydningen av klassebakgrunn, kjønn og bosted' [Inequality in higher education in Norway. The importance of class, gender and place]. In Villa, Valestrand and Rye (Ed.). *Migrasjon og Mobilitet*. Oslo: Cappelen Damm.
- 2023 Heggem, R., Gjørund, G., **Zahl-Thanem, A.**, Brigham, M. (2023). Overweight children in rural Norway – public health nurses' possibilities and limitations within national guidelines. *Rural and Remote Health*. 23: 7783. Doi: 10.22605/RRH7783.
- 2022 Heggem, R. and **Zahl-Thanem, A.** (2022). Overweight and obesity among children in rural areas: The importance of culture. *Scandinavian Journal of Public Health*. Doi: 10.1177/14034948211037877
- 2021 **Zahl-Thanem, A.**, Burton, J.F., and Vik, J. (2021). Should we use email for farm surveys? A comparative study of email and postal survey response rate and non-response bias. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 87 : 352-360. Doi : 10.1016/j.jrurstud.2021.09.029.
- 2021 Farstad, M., and **Zahl-Thanem, A** (2021). Social transparency in rural areas in Norway: Promoting or restraining the desire to stay? *European Countryside*. 59(4). Doi: 10.1111/soru.12251
- 2021 Kragt, M.E., Burton, R. **Zahl-Thanem, A.**, and Otte, P. P (2021). Farmers' interest in crowdfunding to finance climate change mitigation practices. *Journal of Cleaner Production*. Doi:

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- 2020 **Zahl-Thanem, A.**, Burton, J.F., Blekesaune, A., Haugen, M.S., and Rønningen, K. (2020). The impact of wolves on psychological distress among farmers in Norway. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 78: 1-11. DOI: 10.1016/j.jrurstud.2020.05.010
- 2020 Hansen, L., and A. **Zahl-Thanem** (2020). 'Holdning for endring?' [Attitude for change?]. In Burton, R., Forbord, M., Fuglestad, E. M., and M. Ellingsen (ed.) *Etter Oljen – Vår Bioøkonomiske Framtid* [After the Oil – Our Bioeconomic Future]. Oslo: Cappelen Damm, pp. 221-240.
- 2019 **Zahl-Thanem, A.**, and Haugen, M.S. (2019): Attitudes toward immigrants in rural Norway. A rural-urban comparison. *Sociologia Ruralis*, 59: 685-700. DOI: 10.1111/soru.12251

#### *Other publications*

- 2024 Stræte, E.P., Logstein, B., Melås, A., Mittenzwei, K., Winsvold, A., og **Zahl-Thanem, A.** Rekruttering av avløserer til jordbruket. R 1/24, ISSN 2704-0208.
- 2022 **Zahl-Thanem, A.** og Melås, A.: Trender i norsk landbruk 2022. En nasjonal spørreundersøkelse blant bønder i Norge. R 10/22.
- 2022 **Zahl-Thanem, A.** og Stræte, E.P. (2022). Trender i norsk landbruk 2022. Regional rapport for Møre og Romsdal. [Trends in Norwegian Agriculture 2022. Regional report for Møre og Romsdal]. R-6/22, ISSN 1503-2035, Rurals.
- 2022 **Zahl-Thanem, A.**, Ersfjord, E., Gjørund, G., Heggem, R., Oldervoll, L., Plasil, L., og Brigham, M. (2022). Kommunitilpasset forebygging og behandling – Overvekt og fedme blant bygdebarn. Sluttrapport. [Municipality-adapted prevention and treatment – Obesity and overweight among rural children]. R-3/22, ISSN 1503-2035, Rurals.
- 2021 **Zahl-Thanem, A.**, Farstad, M., and Blekesaune, A., (2021). Lokalsamfunnsundersøkelsen 2021. Dokumentasjonsrapport med frekvenser [The local community survey 2021. Documentation report with frequencies]. R-8/21, ISSN 1503-2035, Rurals.
- 2020 **Zahl-Thanem, A.**, and A. Melås (2020): Trender i norsk landbruk 2020. [Trends in Norwegian Agriculture 2020]. R-2/20, ISSN 1503-2035, Rurals.
- 2019 Otte, P., **Zahl-Thanem, A.**, Hansen, S., and N. Mæhle (2019): Norwegian farmers' willingness to participate in a local climate crowdfunding program – results from a national survey. R-5/19, ISSN 1503-2035, Rurals.
- 2019 Forbord, M., and **Zahl-Thanem, A.** (2019): Bønders opplevelse av spredte jordbruksarealer. Resultater fra en spørreundersøkelse [Farmers' experiences of scattered agricultural land]. R-1/19, ISSN 1503-2035, Rurals.
- 2018 **Zahl-Thanem, A.**, Fuglestad, E. M., Vik, J. (2018): Trender i norsk landbruk 2018. Et landbruk i endring. [Trends in Norwegian Agriculture 2018]. R-7/18, ISSN 1503-2035, Rurals.
- 2018 Bjørkhaug, H., Hansen, L. og **Zahl-Thanem, A.** (2018): Sektorvise scenarier for bioøkonomien [Sectoral scenarios for the Bioeconomy]. R-4/18, ISSN 1503-2035, Rurals.
- 2018 **Zahl-Thanem, A.** og Flemsæter, F. (2018): Lokalbefolkningen rundt Dovrefjell og Sunndalsfjella – Betydningen av fjellområdet og holdninger til forvaltningen. [The importance of the mountain area Dovrefjell and Sunndalsfjella for locals] R-3/18, ISSN 1503-2035, Rurals.
- 2017 Heggem, R., Brigham, A. M. og **Zahl-Thanem, A.** (2017): Overvekt blant bygdebarn – årsaker og forebygging. En forprosjektrapport. [Overweight among rural children – causes and preventions]. R-7/17, ISSN 1503-2035, Rurals.
- 2017 Vik, J., **Zahl-Thanem, A.** og Almaas, H. (2017): Virksomme virkemidler? En analyse av budsjettstøtte og oppnåelse av politiske mål for jordbruket. [An analysis of budget support and

- the achievement of political goals for agriculture]. R-9/17, ISSN 1503-2035, Ruralis.
- 2017 Gundersen, V., Strand, O., Flemsæter, F., Nerhoel, I., **Thanem, A.** og Wold, L. C. (2017): Kunnskapsgrunnlag om ulike scenarier for Snøheimvegen. [Knowledge for different scenarios for "Snøheimvegen". ISSN 1503-3312, NINA.
- 2017 **Thanem, A.** Farstad, M. og Haugen, M. (2017): Innvandrere og integrering i bygd og by. Komparative analyser mellom rurale og urbane kommuner. [Immigrants and integration in rural and urban areas]. N. 1/17, ISSN 1503-2027.
- 2017 **Thanem, A.** (2017): Befolkningens syn på utviklingen i distriktene. Komparative analyser av befolkningen i rurale og urbane kommuner. [Residents perception of the development in the districts]. N. 2/17. ISSN 1503-2027.
- 2016 Heggem, R. og **Thanem, A.** (2016): Trender i norsk landbruk 2016, frekvensrapport. R-5/16, [Trends in Norwegian Agriculture 2016]. ISSN 1503-2035, Norwegian centre for Rural Research.
- 2016 Heggem, R. og **Thanem, A.** (2016): Trender i norsk landbruk 2016, frekvensrapport – Møre og Romsdal. R-6/16, ISSN 1503-2035, Norwegian centre for Rural Research..
- 2016 Heggem, R. og **Thanem, A.** (2016): Trender i norsk landbruk 2016, frekvensrapport – Rogaland. R-7/16, ISSN 1503-2035, Norwegian centre for Rural Research..
- 2015 Brigham, A. M. og **Thanem, A.** (2015): Evaluering av Utviklingsprosjektet i Ørland og Bjugn. [Evaluation of the Development project in Ørland and Bjugn]. R-6/15, ISSN 1503-2035, Norwegian centre for Rural Research.
- 2014 **Thanem, A.** (2014): *Nyhetsmedier og innvandrere: En kvantitativ studie av nordmenns uttrykte følelser til innvandrere fra land sør i Asia og i Midtøsten* (Masteroppgave). [News media and immigrants: A quantitative study of Norwegians feelings towards immigrants from countries in south Asia and middle east (Master Thesis)]. Institutt for sosiologi og statsvitenskap, NTNU, Trondheim.

### Conference papers and presentations

- 2023 **Zahl-Thanem, A.** Social inequality and the rural gap. European Society for Rural Sociology Congress (ESRS). Rennes, France, 2023.
- 2022 **Zahl-Thanem, A.** Trender i norsk landbruk: Møre og Romsdal. [Trends in Norwegian Agriculture: Møre & Romsdal]. Presentation at consultation seminar for new county strategy for agriculture in Møre og Romsdal. Molde, 1/9-2022.
- 2021 Heggem, R., Gjørund, G., and **Zahl-Thanem, A.** (2021): Overvekt og fedme blant bygdebarn: Barrierer og muligheter for helsesykepleiere som jobber på landsbygda [Overweight and obesity among rural children: Barriers and opportunities for health nurses working with children in rural areas]. Folkehelsekonferansen. October 2021, Trondheim, Norway.
- 2021 Rønningen, K., and **Zahl-Thanem, A.** (2021): "Are grazing practices in the outfields sustainable? Mental health pressures in carnivore affected areas". Nordic meeting on agricultural occupational health and safety. September 2021, Skjetlein, Norway.
- 2020 **Zahl-Thanem, A.** (2020): «Psykisk helse blant bønder i rovdyrutsatte områder». [Psychological distress among farmers in carnivore pressured areas]. Nordic meeting about agricultural health. November 2020, Digital conference.
- 2019 **Zahl-Thanem, A.** (2019): «Psykisk helse blant bønder i rovdyrutsatte områder». [Mental health among farmers in carnivore pressured areas]. Formidlingskonferanse i prosjektet Beiteressurs, rovdyr og lokalsamfunn. Oktober, 2019, Oslo.
- 2019 Heggem, R., **Zahl-Thanem, A.**, and Brigham, M. (2019): «Potential causes of overweight and obesity in rural areas». European Society for Rural Sociology Congress (ESRS). June 2019,

Trondheim, Norway.

- 2018 Flemsæter, F., og **Zahl-Thanem, A** (2018): «Moralen på Dovrefjell. Naturinngrep eller inngrep i friluftslivet». December 2018, Tønsberg, Norway.
- 2018 **Zahl-Thanem, A.**, Blekesaune, A., og Burton, R. (2018): «Are carnivores driving farm succession failure in Norway?». Poster presentert ved Pathways Europe 2018 – Human Dimensions of Wildlife Conference, 16-19 September 2018, Goslar, Germany.
- 2018 **Zahl-Thanem, A.** og Haugen, M. (2018): «Acceptance of immigrants in Rural Areas». Paper presentert ved Nordic Conference for Rural Research, 14-16. Mai 2018, Billund, Danmark.
- 2016 **Thanem, A.** og Logstein, B. (2016): «Biosmart – Survey of the Norwegian Bioeconomy – preliminary findings». Poster presentert ved NoRest Konferansen, 25-26. October 2016, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2016 **Thanem, A.** (2016): «The significance of unifying events in rural areas». Paper presented at the Nordic Conference for Rural Research. May 2016, Akureyri, Iceland.
- 2016 Bjørkhaug, H., **Thanem, A.**, Hansen, L., og Blekesaune, A. (2016): «Survey of the bioeconomy». Poster at the Biosmart Workshop, May 2016.
- 2016 Rønningen, K., Blekesaune, A., Haugen, M., **Thanem, A.**, og Burton, R. (2016): «Grazing Resources, Carnivores and Local Communities». Oppstartskonferanse SU-Fakultetet NTNU, Trondheim, March 2016.

#### Other activities

- Reviewer for Acta Sociologica, 2024.
- External sensor, Research Methods in the Social Sciences (SOS1002), Department of Sociology and Political Science, Trondheim. 2024.
- External sensor, Research Methods in the Social Sciences (SOS1002), Department of Sociology and Political Science, Trondheim. 2022.
- External sensor, Research Methods in the Social Sciences (SOS1002), Department of Sociology and Political Science, Trondheim. 2021.
- Reviewer for the journal "Tidsskriftet Utmark", 2020.
- External sensor, Bachelor thesis in Sociology, Department of Sociology and Political Science, NTNU, Trondheim. 2020.
- External sensor, Bachelor thesis in Sociology, Department of Sociology and Political Science, NTNU, Trondheim. 2019.
- Member of the Local Organizing Committee for European Society for Rural Sociology Conference 2019 (ESRS), Trondheim. June 25-28, 2019.
- External sensor in the subject «Rettferdighet, sosial ulikhet og undervisning i samfunnsfag» [Justice, social inequality and education in social studies] (MGLU2107), Department of Teacher Education, NTNU, Trondheim. 2018.