

Sunniva Midthaug Solnør - Curriculum Vitae

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Sunniva Midthaug Solnør is a PhD fellow at Ruralis, with a master's degree in sociology from NTNU. Sunniva is researching topics related to the relationship between people and the environment (environmental sociology), often from a qualitative approach. Other than her PhD-project, she is involved in research projects including land conflicts in Sami reindeer grazing areas in Trøndelag (JusticeFirst!), the potential for restoration of high biodiversity cultural landscapes (RESTORE), and opportunities to strengthen resilience in coastal communities (BluePlaces). In her doctoral project, Sunniva explores the role of Norwegian municipalities in addressing nature conservation.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2026-d.d.	PhD-fellow
2024-d.d.	Researcher, Ruralis
2022-2024.	Research Assistant, Ruralis
2021-2021	Student Assistant, Institute for sociology and political science, NTNU
2019-2022	Part-time Research Assistant, Sentio Research Norge

PROJECT PORTFOLIO

2026-	PhD-project: Between Nature Conservation and Local Development: Municipal Scope for Action and Trade-offs
2025-	BluePlaces: Building Resilient Blue Places
2024-	JusticeFirst! Community-Embedded Energy Transition Planning for Climate Resilience
2023-	RESTORE: Restoration of ecosystem functioning and biodiversity in semi-natural habitats under high pressure
2022-2025	EmpowerUs: socio-economic empowerment of coastal communities as users of the sea to ensure sustainable coastal development
2023-2024	Climate advice in agriculture
2023-2024	Sisters in the Arctic Blue Network – Advancing a Gender Perspective in Arctic Marine and Coastal Social Science Research
2022-2024	Civic Renewables: Development of collaborative approaches to civic renewable energy for sustainable rural development and land use

MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

2026-d.d.	Project lead for PhD: Between Nature Conservation and Local Development: Municipal Scope for Action and Trade-offs
2023-2024	Work Package Lead: Climate advice in agriculture

EDUCATION

2020-2022	Sociology – Masters programme, NTNU
2020-2022	Religious studies – Coursework equivalent to one-year programme, NTNU
2018-2020	Sociology – Bachelors programme, NTNU
2017-2018	Social anthropology – One year programme, NTNU

Peer-reviewed papers

- Antonova, A.S., Flannery, W., Gómez, S., Gustavsson, M., Hadjimichael, M., Murtagh, B., Ounanian, K., **Solnør, S.**, Steiro, V.M.D. & Svells, K. (2025). Centering coastal communities' diverse economic practices in the blue economy. *Geoforum*, 166, 104410.
- Sørensen, J., Ounanian, K., Jacobsen, R. B., Ekstedt, J., **Solnør, S. M.**, Rønningen, K., Gómez, S., Hadjimichael, M., Flannery, W., Svells, K., Antonova, A., Steiro, V. D., Gustavsson, M. (2025). Stepping stones as metaphor for building partnerships and co-producing knowledge in coastal transitions. *Local Development & Society*
- Ekstedt, J., Svells, K., Boström, M., Gustavsson, M., Ounanian, K., Rønningen, K., Schreiber, M., **Solnør, S. M.** & Österman, C. (2025). Hindered, Overlooked, and Undervalued: Gender Equality in Nordic Blue Economies. *Ocean and Society*, 2, Article 8761

Reports, chapters & books

- Gustavsson M., **Solnør S.** & Rønningen K. (eds) (2025). *Handbook of Inclusive Methodologies: How methods and methodologies contribute to equitable coastal transition through empowerment and inclusivity*. EmpowerUs DOI:10.5281/zenodo.17142234.
- Solnør, S.** & Sørensen J. (2025). Reflection interviews to secure observation data and facilitate peer debriefing. Chapter 9. In Gustavsson M., Solnør S. and Rønningen K. (eds). *Handbook of Inclusive Methodologies: How methods and methodologies contribute to equitable coastal transition through empowerment and inclusivity*. EmpowerUs DOI:10.5281/zenodo.17142234
- Gustavsson M., **Solnør S.** and Rønningen K. (2025). Introduction: Inclusive Methodologies for Equitable Coastal Community Transitions: Chapter 1. In Gustavsson M., Solnør S. and Rønningen K. (eds) 2025. *Handbook of Inclusive Methodologies: How methods and methodologies contribute to equitable coastal transition through empowerment and inclusivity*. EmpowerUs DOI:10.5281/zenodo.17142234.
- Rønningen, K., Gustavsson, M. & **Solnør, S.** (2025). Conclusions. In Gustavsson M., Solnør S. and Rønningen K. (eds) 2025. *Handbook of Inclusive Methodologies: How methods and methodologies contribute to equitable coastal transition through empowerment and inclusivity*. EmpowerUs DOI:10.5281/zenodo.17142234.
- Burton, R. & **Solnør, S. M.** (2024). A framework for understanding uptake of semi-natural habitat restoration schemes: general contributing factors, restoration issues, results-based approaches, and hay meadow restoration in Norway. *Ruralis Rapport* 2/24.
- Halland, H., Brobakk, J. & **Solnør, S. M.** (2024) Klimarådgiving som omstillingsrettet virkemiddel i jordbruket. Volum 10, NIBIO Rapport (103).
- Solnør, S. M.**, Rønningen, K., Otte, P., Borch, K., Sperling, K., Thomassen, J., Stokke, B. G. (2022). Demokratiske planleggingsprosesser for fornybare energisystemer I Norge – en oversikt over identifiserte samfunnstiltak. *Ruralis Notat* 7/22.
- Solnør, S. M.** (2022). Såret I Bygda – En kvalitativ studie av opplevelsen av demokratiske prosesser ved utbygging av vindkraft. *Ruralis Rapport* 12/22.

Conference papers, lectures & op-eds

- Burton, R. & **Solnør, S. M.** (2026, March 31). Hvor skal de nye slåttemark-entusiastene komme fra? *Nationen, Faglig snakka*. Chronicle/op-ed.
- Gustavsson, M., **Solnør, S. M.**, Rønningen, K., Bratt, C., Ounanian, K., Sørensen, J., Jacobsen, R.B., Ekstedt, J. Gómez Mestres, S., Hadjimichael, M., Antonova, A., Flannery, W., Bjørkan, M. & Morris-Webb, L. (2025, June). *Equity beyond 'Leaving No One Behind' (LNOB) in European coastal community (green) transitions*. Presented at MARE, Amsterdam.
- Solnør, S. M.** (2025, June 18). *Gender and the Blue Economy*. Presentation for a delegation from the Ministry of Gender Equality in Zanzibar. Coordinated by "Likestilling for utvikling" (Lifu)
- Solnør, S. M.** (2025, March 26). Er det mulig å redde slåttemarka? *Nationen, Faglig snakka*. Chronicle/op-ed.
- Solnør, S. M.** & Ellingsen, H. S. (2023, November 22). *Bridging Winds of Knowledge and Trust*. Conference paper, "NEON-dagene", Trondheim.
- Solnør, S. M.**, Rønningen, K., Ekeland, C., Steiro, V. M. D. (2023, June 16). *'Sea people' and powerful place attachment processes*. Conference paper, "'Sustaining, knowing and 'living' the Blue'", Trondheim.
- Solnør, S. M.** (2023, February 8). *Tendenser og muligheter for å sikre sysselsetting og bosetting i kyst og distrikt*. Lecture at "Håp i Havet", Tromsø.