

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2025 PhD in Social Anthropology, University of Bergen, PhD thesis “Soil regeneration beyond care: Unearthing farmer–soil relations and their conditioning”
2016 Master in Social Anthropology, University of Bergen
2013 Bachelor in Social Anthropology, University of Bergen
2012 Exchange semester, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú
2009 Spanish and Latin American Studies, Vestfold University College /Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua

Professional experience

2025 – t.d. **Researcher, PhD** at Ruralis – Institute for Rural and Regional Research
2023 **Visiting scholar** at the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE), Costa Rica
2018-2019 **Research assistant** for two NRC-funded projects, **Energethics:** Norwegian Energy Companies Abroad and **Urban Enclaving Futures:** Patterns of Global Futures in Three African Cities, University of Bergen

Recent research projects

Pathways to Preparedness: Reimagining socio-ecological resilience and civil preparedness “from below” (2025-2029). **WP leader.**

SolarFood: Developing inclusive business model (BM) concepts for solar food drying in the Himalaya region (2025-2028). **Deputy project manager and WP leader.**

Karbonmat: Designing sustainable business model (SBM) concepts for carbon sequestration in soils to transform the Norwegian food system (2023-2026). **WP leader.**

Other projects

- 2026 Evaluation of the initiative “Sustainable food production and value creation in the North”, commissioned research for Troms County Municipality.
- 2023 “Regenerativ Region: Oppskalering av regenerativ dyrkingspraksis i Viken”, funded by Viken County Municipality through the programme Jordløftet.

Publications

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

- 2025 “Climate smart agriculture metrics and its challenges for agroecology in Norway and Costa Rica.” *Climatic Change* 178 (171).
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10584-025-04014-2>
- 2025 “Digging into deep reality: Unveiling limits and potentials of care in human-soil relations.” *Focaal Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology*.
<https://doi.org/10.3167/fcl.2025.0123OF2>
- 2024 “Unearthing care: Rooting alternative agricultural practices in Norway and Costa Rica”. *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*, 7(4) 1711–1734. <https://doi.org/10.1177/25148486241245012>
- 2020 [with Ståle Knudsen, Dinah Rajak, and Siri Lange] “Bringing the state back in: corporate social responsibility and the paradoxes of Norwegian state capitalism in the international energy sector”. *Focaal Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology*, 88: 1-21. <https://doi.org/10.3167/fcl.2020.880101>
- 2020 [with Ståle Knudsen and Ingrid Birce Müftüoğlu] “Standardizing responsibility through the stakeholder figure: Norwegian hydropower in Turkey”. *Focaal Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology*, 88: 58-75.
<https://doi.org/10.3167/fcl.2020.880104>
- 2019 [with Cecilie Vindal Ødegaard] “Becoming ‘wild’ at the intersection of knowledges: Coffee rust crisis in Costa Rica”. *Ethnos*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00141844.2019.1640761>

Chapters in anthologies

- 2023 [with Ståle Knudsen, Dinah Rajak, and Siri Lange] “Bringing the state back in: corporate social responsibility and the paradoxes of Norwegian state capitalism in the international energy sector”. In: Ståle Knudsen (ed.) *Corporate Social Responsibility and the Paradoxes of State Capitalism: Ethnographies of Norwegian Energy and Extraction Business Abroad*. Oxford, Berghahn Books, pp. 1-35. <https://doi.org/10.3167/9781800738737>
- 2023 [with Oda Eiken Maraire] “Samfunnsansvar is not CSR: Mapping Expectations and Practices of (Corporate) Social Responsibility in Norway” in Ståle Knudsen (ed.) *Corporate Social Responsibility and the Paradoxes of State Capitalism: Ethnographies of Norwegian Energy and Extraction Business Abroad*. Oxford, Berghahn Books, pp. 63-91.
<https://doi.org/10.3167/9781800738737>
- 2023 [with Ståle Knudsen and Ingrid Birce Müftüoğlu] “Standardizing responsibility through the stakeholder figure: Norwegian hydropower in Turkey”. In: Ståle Knudsen (ed.) *Corporate Social Responsibility and the Paradoxes of State Capitalism: Ethnographies of Norwegian Energy and Extraction Business*

Abroad. Oxford, Berghahn Books, pp. 268-294.
<https://doi.org/10.3167/9781800738737>

Commissioned publications

2026 [with Egil Petter Stræte, Vetle Wiersholm Færaas and Aina Winsvold] “Nyttig, men begrenset: Evaluering av satsingen på bærekraftig matproduksjon og verdiskaping i nord.” Report 8/2026. Trondheim: Ruralis.

Popular scientific publications

2025 “[Er gjødselavgiften en gyllen mulighet?](#)” [Opinion piece]. *Nationen*, 2. December 2025.

2025 “[Er klimakalkulatoren et hinder for omstilling?](#)” [Opinion piece]. *Nationen*, 27. October 2025.

2024 “[Når idealet slår sprekker](#)” [Opinion piece]. *E24*, 24. January 2024.

2020 [with Ståle Knudsen] “[Hvor ble det av samfunnsansvaret?](#)” [Opinion piece]. *Dagens Næringsliv*, 08. January 2020.

Media appearance

2021 «[Vil inn på jærskje gardar](#)», by Jane Brit Sande, *Bondevennen*. 23 February 2021.

Podcasts

2026 «[Landbruk og antropologi i Norge](#): Isabelle Hugøy og Erik Nordnes Einum i samtale med Tom Bratrud». *Antro-podden* by Norsk Antropologisk Forening.

Presentations

Presentation of conference & workshop papers

2025, Oct “Klimasmarte beregninger og implikasjoner for alternativ drift av jordbruksland”, paper at the NAF conference “Umistelig”, University of Oslo, Norway, 24-26. October 2025.

2024, Sep “Unearthing care: Towards a deep understanding of farmer-soil relations”, paper at the workshop “Food, inequality and care in times of crises”, University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway, 30. September-1. October 2024.

2023, Apr “Soil fertility and soil temporalities in times of climate change”, paper at the ASA conference “An unwell world? Anthropology in a speculative mode”, University of London, London, England, 11-14. April 2023.

2022, Dec “Ethics of soil care: More-than-human life-making projects in Norwegian and Costa Rican agriculture”, virtual workshop with EASA panel for collaboration on special issue.

2022, Jul “Ethics of soil care: More-than-human life-making projects in Norwegian agriculture”, paper at the EASA conference “Transformation, hope and the commons”, Queen’s University Belfast, Belfast, Northern Ireland, 26-29. July 2022.

2022, Jun “Soilscapes and ethics of care in times of emergency and transition”, paper for workshop “Soils as sites of emergency and transformation” at the NESS-

- conference “Emergency and transformation”, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden, 7-9. June 2022.
- 2020, Jul “Decarbonising knowledge? Ways of knowing in times of altering ecologies”, paper at the EASA conference “New anthropological horizons in and beyond Europe” [[virtual conference](#)], 21-24. July 2020.
- 2020, May “Decarbonising/decolonising knowledge?”. Distribute 2020 [[virtual conference](#)], 7-9. May 2020.
- 2019, Sep “Decarbonising knowledge? Ways of knowing in times of altering ecologies”, paper at department seminar organized by the Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen at Hotel Solstrand, Bergen, Norway, 9-10. September 2019.
- 2016, Feb “Facing the coffee rust epidemic: An anthropological study of small-scale coffee farmers in Turrialba, Costa Rica”, paper at the NorLARNet-conference Oslo, Norway.

User-targeted presentations and activities

- 2026, Mar “Veien videre for klimaavtalen: utfordringer og muligheter sett fra norske gårdsbruk.” **Invited speaker** at the annual meeting of Rogaland Farmers and Smallholders Union, Bryne, Norway.
- 2024, May “Diverging approaches to sustainability in Costa Rican coffee production.” **Invited speaker** for a Cross-sector dialogue on social sustainability and specialty coffee at Lystgården, Bergen, Norway. Organized by a partnership between VID Specialized University, Volda University College, Kaffemisjonen, and Lystgården.
- 2020, Oct **Invited speaker** at the webinar “[Etikk og næringslivets ansvar. Samtale med HVL og UiB.](#)” [“Ethics and corporate social responsibility. A conversation with HVL and UiB”] organized by Fairtradebyen Bergen, 08. October 2020.

Other presentations

- 2024, Apr Poster presentation “Unearthing care in Norway and Costa Rica” at workshop “Engaging with Nordic communities on sustainable energy” at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway, 24-25. April 2024.
- 2023, Oct Presentation of preliminary results and papers at Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza (CATIE), Turrialba, Costa Rica.
- 2020, Oct “Between actuality and potentiality: moving beyond a flat ontology”. Paper presentation during PhD course *Unmodern Philosophies: Unmodern philosophies past and present: (Re)reading Latour, Dewey, de Castro and Tsing*, Bjørnarfjorden Hotel, Bergen, Norway.
- 2020, Jun Presentation of PhD project during the course “Global Food Systems” at Bergen Summer Research School, organized under the leadership of the University of Bergen, Norway.
- 2018 Jan-Apr Presentations on Social Anthropology at High Schools in and around Bergen, Norway. Representing the Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen, Norway.

2015, Jun “Temporalidad, percepciones de la roya y cambios cafetaleros en Turrialba, Costa Rica”. Presentation of preliminary findings at Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza, Turrialba, Costa Rica.

Participation and organization of events

2023-24 **Participant** in workshop series “Advancing strong sustainability in the Nordic social science and humanities (StrongSSH)”. The StrongSSH network is steered and organized by Carolin Zorell (Örebro University), Anne Bach Nielsen (University of Copenhagen), Marius Korsnes (Norwegian University of Science and Technology, NTNU), and Line Valdorff Madsen (Aalborg University, Copenhagen).

2019, Sep **Co-organizer** of the upcoming Bergen Anthropology Day with Olaf Smedal, University of Bergen and Antonio De Lauri Christian Michelsen Institute. Bergen, Norway.

2018, Sep **Co-organizer** of Bergen Anthropology Day with Ståle Knudsen University of Bergen and Antonio De Lauri, Christian Michelsen Institute. Bergen, Norway.

Fieldwork

2025 Chukha, Thimpu, Paro, Bhutan (1 week)

2022 Turrialba, Costa Rica (3 months) and Østfold, Norway (2 weeks)

2021 Jæren and Østfold, Norway (9 months)

2015 Turrialba, Costa Rica (6 months).

Relevant coursework

2025 “Norwegian agricultural cooperatives”, Norwegian University of Life Sciences.

2022 “Introduction to greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture”, Norwegian University of Life Sciences.

2021 “Soil fertility” (module 1-3), by Vital Analyse.

Pedagogical experience

Teaching

2025 **Lecturer** of the module “Political ecology” in the course “Global environmental studies” by OsloMet and Kulturstider, at Universidad Internacional San Isidro Labrador, Quepos, Costa Rica.

2024 **Guest lecturer** in courses “Sustainability and conservation” and “Global environmental studies” for OsloMet and Kulturstudier.

2023 **Guest lecturer** in BA-course SANT103 “Materiality: environment, place and economy”, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen.

2022 Seminar leader for BA students in SANT260 “Academic writing, methods and theory: anthropological approaches”, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen.

- 2022 **Guest lecturer** at BA-course SANT150 “Academic writing, methods and theory: anthropological approaches”, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen.
- 2020 **Course designer, leader and lecturer** with Ståle Knudsen in SANT285-6 “Corporations and the sustainable development goals”, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen.
- 2020 **Guest lecturer** in SANT103 “Materiality: environment, place and economy”, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen.

Supervision and examination

- 2026 **Examination** of 1 exam in Global development issues in a Latin American context, University of Agder.
- 2025 **Examination** of 14 BA essays in Social Anthropology, University of Bergen.
- 2025 **Examination** of 2 MA theses in Sustainability, University of Bergen and in Social Anthropology, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
- 2020-2023 **Examination** at BA-level in different courses in Social Anthropology, University of Bergen.
- 2023 **Supervisor** for 13 BA students in Social Anthropology, University of Bergen.
- 2020 **Supervisor** for 14 BA students in Social Anthropology, University of Bergen.
- 2020 **Examination** of MA-project proposal, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen.