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Position

University of Oslo
Assistant Professor (Postdoktor) 2023-2027

University of Oxford
Nuffield College, Elected Associate Member 2024-25
Department of Politics and International Relations, Visiting Scholar

European University Institute
Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow 2022-23

Education

Yale University
Ph.D., Political Science, *awarded with distinction* 2022
Institutional Fault Lines: Crises, Norms, and the Informal Foundations of the State
Committee: Milan Svolik (chair), Ian Turner, Frances Rosenbluth, Didac Queralt. External reader: Gerard Padro i Miquel

M.A., Economics 2019
Fields: Microeconomics, Econometrics, Public Finance

M.Phil., Political Science 2019
Fields: Political Economy, Comparative Politics, Quantitative Methods

London School of Economics
MSc., Political Science and Political Economy, *Distinction* 2015

Washington University in St. Louis
A.B., International and Area Studies: Development and Political Economy, *Cum Laude* 2014
University of Oxford 2013

Publications

"Who Should Fight? Experimental Evidence on Policy Corrections to the Unequal Costs of U.S. Wars" with Drew Stommes. *International Studies Quarterly*, 69(4): December 2025.

"Reversals of Capacity: Norms, Culture, and Institutional Disruption" *The Journal of Politics* 86(2): April 2024.

"Who Do You Trust? The Consequences of Partisanship and Trust for Public Responsiveness to COVID-19 Orders" with Johannes Wiedemann *Perspectives on Politics* 20(2): June 2022.

Book Projects

"The Social Foundations of Democratic Norms: Theory and Measure" (under contract with *Cambridge University Press, Elements in Political Economy*) [Working Paper]

"Political Norms: Leaders, Institutions, & the Informal Foundations of the State"

Working Papers

"Elites as Democratic Gatekeepers: Theory and Evidence from Norway" with Kaja Sparre Bakke, Sirianne Dahlum, and Tore Wig (first author; revise and resubmit, *American Journal of Political Science*)

"How Much War Builds a State? Fiscal Bargaining in the Shadow of War" with Yusuf Magiya (*under review*)

"The Moral Question: Norms and Anti-System Politics" with Tore Wig (*under review*)

"The Social Dynamics of Democratic Preferences" with Sirianne Dahlum and Alexander Wuttke (*under review*)

"The Weight of Precedent: Parties, Trust, and Executive Norms" with Collin Schumock (*under review*)

"Political Bright Lines: Norms, Information, and Accountability"

"Under the Cover of Crisis: Policy License and the Limits of Veto Power"

"Putting Theory to the Test: Conjoint Evidence on Formal Models of Political Competition" with Milan Svolik

"The 'Daily Mail Test': How Public Trust Constrains Bureaucratic Discretion in Public Procurement" with Collin Schumock & Johannes Wiedemann

Work in Progress

"Moral Norms and Support for War" with Tore Wig and Eric Nilsen

"The Autocratic Alignment Problem" with Tore Wig

Teaching

University of Oslo

Course Convener

"Rational Choice and International Conflict," Graduate	F23,F24,F26
"Introduction to Game-theoretic Models of War," Undergraduate	S24,S26
"Conflict and Human Rights in International Politics," Undergraduate	S26

Lecturer

"Conflict and State Building," Graduate	F25
"Threats to Modern Democracy," Graduate	S26
"Master Thesis Research Design and Project Management: Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM)," Graduate	F26

Seminar Instructor

"Public Opinion and Political Behavior," Undergraduate	F25
"International Security Policy," Undergraduate	F25
"International Environmental and Resource Politics," Undergraduate	S24

M.A. Thesis Supervisor

Sigvart Fagerbakke, Lisa Rønningen, Kristine Helland, Julie Dystvold, Kisanet Tesfu Kiflemariam, Eleska Olsen Melliard	2024-

Yale University

Graduate Student Advisor

"Senior Honors Essays," Program on Ethics, Politics, and Economics (EP&E), Undergraduate	S22

Teaching Fellow

"Game Theory and Political Science," Undergraduate	F19,F21
"Intro to Game Theory," Ph.D.	S19,S20
"Strategic Models of Politics," Undergraduate	F18

Fellowships

Research Council of Norway, Research Stay Abroad Fellowship	2024-25
Princeton University, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Postdoctoral Research Associate (*Declined*)	2023-24
Yale-University College London Exchange	2022
Yale MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fellowship ($17150)	
Yale Hall-Mercer Scholarship Fund	2020-21
Yale Paolo Zannoni Graduate Fellowship in Political Science	2018-20
Yale Leitner Political Economy Graduate Fellowship ($5000)	2016-18

Grants

Norwegian Research Council FRIPRO (under review); European Research Council Starting Grant (under review)	2026
Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics (SIOE) Conference	2025
EUI Early Stage Researchers Grant (€3698)	2022
Yale ISPS Center for the Study of American Politics ($2500)	
Yale conference travel and research assistance grants (MacMillan Center, European Studies Council, Daniel Siegel Research Grant)	
Yale Tobin Center for Economic Policy ($5400)	2020
Yale Center for the Study of American Politics ($2000)	
Yale Leitner Political Economy Grants (five awards, $12,000)	2018–21

Service

Workshop Organizer

Social and Moral Norms, Threats to Democracy, and Political Violence Conference, Nuffield College, Oxford (with Sirianne Dahlum & Tore Wig)	2025
Political Economy of Polarization and Policymaking Conference, European University Institute (with Parth Parihar)	2023

Award Committees

Mancur Olson Best Dissertation Award Committee, APSA Political Economy Section	2026–27

Discussant & Panel Chair

MPSA (2023-6), EPSA/EPSS (2025-6), APSA (2024, 2026), ETH Zurich-CEPR Workshop on Democracy (2024), various workshops

University of Oslo

Research Ethics Assessment Reviewer (2025–), M.A. Thesis Examiner, Search Committees

Replication of Formal Models

Formal Theory Replicator for *International Organization*	2020-23
Replication Assistant to Ian Turner, Andrew Little, & Keith Schnakenberg; Daniel Mattingly; and Milan Svolik	2018-21

Yale University

Student Coordinator, Leitner Political Economy Seminar	2019-20
Co-creator, Political Economy Student Workshop	2018-20

Reviewer

American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Political Science Research and Methods, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Governance, Perspectives on Politics, Cities, Political Research Quarterly, Nature Scientific Reports, Public Opinion Quarterly, Political Studies Review, Political Behavior, Party Politics, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, International Studies Quarterly, Representation, International Journal of Public Administration, Journal of Peace Research, Economics of Governance, Cambridge University Press

Public Writing

The fate of democracy in the United States is decided by the Republicans who lose, Aftenposten [English version]	2026
"What the second Trump administration may mean for federal agencies and their capacity to deliver," LSE US Politics & Policy Blog	2024
Summary Post: "Reversals of Capacity," JOP Blog	
"Endogenous State Capacity," Broadstreet HPE Blog	2023
"Despite concerns about democratic backsliding, Americans are happy to punish those who break democratic norms," LSE US Politics & Policy Blog	
"Those who trust government and others are more likely to comply with stay at home orders," LSE US Politics & Policy Blog	2020

Conferences

APSA (2020–22, 2023–26), MPSA (2019, 2021–26), EPSA (2022–23, 2025), EPSS (2026), ECPR Joint Sessions (2022), SIOE (2025)

Talks & Workshops

Yale Workshop on Contested Democracy, Harvard Democracy and Political Violence Conference	2026
University of Chicago, University of Notre Dame, London School of Economics, University of Rochester Conference on Democratic Norms, Nuffield College-Oxford CPE Seminar, Nottingham Interdisciplinary Centre for Economic and Political Research (NICEP) Conference, IE University EPSA Pre-conference Workshop on Culture, Nordic Political Behavior Workshop	2025
Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict and International Security Workshop, University of Oslo, ETH Zurich-CEPR Workshop on Democracy, UiO Comparative Institutions and Regimes Conference, UiO Objections to Democracy Workshop (Rome), Consortium on the American Political Economy Junior Working Group	2024
Columbia Political Economy of Democratic Backsliding Workshop, EUI Political Behaviour Colloquium, EUI Occasional Political Economy Seminar Series, Yale-UB Historical Political Economy workshop, EUI Max Weber Fellows Conference, Zurich Political Economy Seminar Series (University of Zurich & ETH Zurich), UiO Comparative Institutions and Regimes Workshop	2023
University College London, Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference (Harvard), University of Oslo, Environmental Politics and Governance Online Seminar, Virtual Formal Theory Workshop	2022
Virtual American Executive Politics Seminar, Virtual Formal Theory Workshop (2020, 2021), University College London, London School of Economics, Yale ISPS Summer Workshop, Yale Leitner Political Economy Seminar, and Yale graduate workshops in American politics, comparative politics, and political economy	2019–21

Skills

French, Spanish (proficient, written); Italian, Norwegian (beginner)
University of Oslo Pedagogy Certificate (2027)
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (Duke, 2021)
LSE Certificate in Intermediate French
R, Mathematica, Python, oTree, Matlab, Stata, LaTeX, Qualtrics, JavaScript