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Current positions

- 2017- Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Michigan & Faculty Associate, Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan
- 2015- Board member, PRIO Board
- 2014- Deputy Editor, *Journal of Peace Research* (Ranked #3 in Political Science, #2 in IR)
- 2010- Senior Researcher, PRIO

Education

Degrees

- 2010 PhD, Political Science, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, NTNU
Dissertation title: *Beliefs & Bloodshed: Understanding Religion and Intrastate Conflict*
- 2004 Cand. Polit. (Master of Arts) and Bachelor of Arts (BA), Political Science.
Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

Work history

- 2016 Research Director, Conditions of Violence and Peace Department, Peace Research Institute Oslo, PRIO
- 2012-2016 Research Group Leader, Civilians in Conflict, PRIO
- 2012-2013 Associate Editor, *Journal of Peace Research*
- 2010-2011 Visiting Research Fellow, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame
- 2008-2010 Research Fellow, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School
- 2006-2011 Editorial Committee member, *Journal of Peace Research*
- 2006-2008 Book Review Editor, *Journal of Peace Research*
- 2005-2010 Researcher, Centre for the Study of Civil War (CSCW), PRIO
- 2005 Research Assistant, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, NTNU
- 2004-2005 Research Assistant, Centre for the Study of Civil War (CSCW)
- 2002-2005 Teaching Assistant, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, NTNU
- 2002 Student Assistant-SPSS, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, NTNU

Publications

Google Scholar profile: <https://scholar.google.no/citations?user=iyMUjAsAAAAJ&hl=en>

Peer-reviewed articles [reverse chronological order]

1. Rustad, S., G. Østby & R. Nordås (2016). "Artisanal mining, conflict, and sexual violence in Eastern DRC". *The Extractive Industries and Society*. 3(2): 475-484.
2. Rustad, S., G. Østby & R. Nordås (2016) Does Artisanal Mining Increase the Risk of Sexual Violence? Micro-level evidence from Eastern Congo. *Quality In Primary Care* 24(33).
3. Cohen, D. K. & R. Nordås (2015). "Do States Delegate Shameful Violence to Militias? Patterns of Sexual Violence in Recent Armed Conflicts" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 59(5): 877-898.
4. Gleditsch, N. P. & R. Nordås (2014) "Conflicting messages? The IPCC on conflict and human security", *Political Geography* 43: 82-90.
5. Cohen, D. K. & R. Nordås (2014) "Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict: A new dataset 1989-2009". *Journal of Peace Research*, 51(3): 418-428.
6. Nordås, R. (2014) "Religious demography and conflict: Lessons from Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana." *International Area Studies Review*, 17(2): 146-166.
7. Nordås, R. & C. Davenport (2013) "Fight the Youth': Youth Bulges and State Repression." *American Journal of Political Science* 57(4): 926-940.
8. Nordås, R. & S. Aa. Rustad (2013) "Sexual Exploitation and Abuse by Peacekeepers: Understanding Variation." *International Interactions* 39(4): 511-534.
9. Østby, G.; H. Strand, R. Nordås & N.P. Gleditsch (2013) "Gender Gap or Gender Bias in Peace Research? Publication Patterns and Citation Rates for Journal of Peace Research, 1983–2008." *International Studies Perspectives* 14(4): 493-506.
10. Østby, G. R. Nordås & J. K. Rød (2009) "Regional Inequalities and Civil Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa". *International Studies Quarterly* 53: 301–324.
11. Achvarina, V.; R. Nordås; G. Østby and S. Aa. Rustad (2009) "Armut und die Rekrutierung von Kindersoldaten: Eine disaggregierte Studie der afrikanischen Regionen." [Regional Poverty and Child Soldier Recruitment: A Disaggregated Study of African Regions] *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*. Special Issue (43).
12. Gleditsch, N.P. & R. Nordås (2009) "Climate Change and Conflict: A Critical Overview" (with Nils Petter Gleditsch). *Die Friedens-Warte: Journal of International Peace and Organization*, Special Issue on Climate Change and Armed Conflict 84(2): 11–28.
13. De Soysa, I. & R. Nordås (2007) "Islam's Bloody Innards? Religion and Political Terror, 1980–2000" (with Indra de Soysa). *International Studies Quarterly* 51(4): 927–943.
14. Gleditsch, N. P. & R. Nordås (2007) "Climate Change and Conflict" *Political Geography* 26(6): 627–638.

Peer-reviewed book chapters [reverse chronological order]

1. Nordås, R. & S. Aa. Rustad (2015) "Assessing Sexual Exploitation and Abuse by Peacekeepers" in Louise Olsson & Ismene Gizelis eds. *Gender, Peace and Security: Implementing UNSCR 1325*. Taylor & Francis.
2. Nordås, R. & N. P. Gleditsch (2015) "Climate change and conflict" In *Competition and Conflicts on Resource Use*. Susanne Hartland & Wolfgang Liebert (eds.) Springer. Pp. 21-38.
3. Nordås, R. & N. P. Gleditsch (2013). "The IPCC, human security, and the climate-conflict nexus." In *Handbook on Climate Change and Human Security*, edited by Michael R. Redclift and Marco Grasso. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Edgar. [pp. 67-88]

4. Nordås, R. (2011) "Devil in the Demography? Religion, Identity, and War in Cote d'Ivoire", in Jack Goldstone, Monica Toft & Eric Kaufmann (eds.). *Political Demography: Interests, Conflict and Institutions*. Oxford University press. [pp. 252-267]
5. Knutsen, T.; H. M Binningsbø. ; R. Ekle; & R. Nordås (2003) "Afghanistan under den kalde krigen" [Afghanistan during the Cold War] in Torbjørn Knutsen (ed.) *Blodspor. Om bakgrunnen til 11. september* [Traces of Blood. The Background to 11 September]. Oslo: Cappelen.

Select other publications/ popular dissemination [reverse chronological order]

- 2016 Social Inclusion of Survivors of Sexual Violence: How Do Support Programs Work?, PRIO Paper. Oslo: PRIO. December. (with Gudrun Østby; Siri Aas Rustad; Christine Amisi; Rosalie Biaba; John Quattrochi; Susanne Alldén & Aline Cikara)
<https://www.prio.org/Publications/Publication/?x=9286>
- 2016 De la douleur en pouvoir ? [From Pain to Empowerment?], PRIO Paper. Oslo: PRIO. December. (with Gudrun Østby; Rosalie Biaba; Christine Amisi; John Quattrochi; Susanne Alldén; Esther Namegabe & Aline Cikara) <https://www.prio.org/Publications/Publication/?x=9284>
- 2016 "Suicide Bombing ≠ Religious Fervor" Blog post, Friday, 8 April 2016:
<http://blogs.prio.org/2016/04/suicide-bombing-%E2%89%A0-religious-fervor/>
- 2015 "Governments Don't Outsource Atrocities to Militias. Here's What Really Happens" (with Jessica Stanton and Dara Kay Cohen). *Washington Post*, The Monkey Cage.
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2015/12/22/governments-dont-outsource-atrocities-to-militias-heres-what-really-happens/>
- 2015 "Civilian targeting by militias: The important role of states". PRIO *Conflict trends* Policy Brief 12/2015.
- 2015 "The Time Has Come for Dr. Denis Mukwege to Win the Nobel Peace Prize" (with Gudrun Østby) Blog post: <http://blogs.prio.org/2015/10/the-time-has-come-for-dr-denis-mukwege-to-win-the-nobel-peace-prize/>
- 2014 "Four things everyone should know about wartime sexual violence" *Washington Post*. June 9.
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2014/06/09/four-things-everyone-should-know-about-wartime-sexual-violence/> (with Dara Kay Cohen and Elisabeth Wood)
- 2014 Seksualisert vold i krig of konflikt [Sexualized violence in war and conflict] In A. Schølset, ed. *Gender i Forsvaret [Gender in the Military]*. Oslo, Norway: Abstrakt Forlag. [pp. 243-272] (with Lars Morten Bjørkholt). Textbook for Norwegian military academy.
- 2014 Seksuell utnyttelse og overgrep i internasjonale operasjoner [Sexual exploitation and abuse in international operations] In A. Schølset, ed. *Gender i Forsvaret [Gender in the Military]*. Oslo, Norway: Abstrakt Forlag. [pp. 273-300] (with Lars Morten Bjørkholt). Textbook for Norwegian military academy.
- 2013 "Preventing Conflict-related Sexual Violence". PRIO Policy Brief 2/2013:
http://file.prio.no/publication_files/prio/Nordas-Preventing-Conflict-related-Sexual-Violence-PRIO-Policy-Brief-02-2013.pdf
- 2012 "Sexual Violence on the Decline? Recent debates and evidence suggests 'unlikely'". CSCW Policy Brief 3/2012: http://file.prio.no/publication_files/csw/Nordas-Sexual-Violence-on-the-decline-CSCW-Policy-Brief-03-2012.pdf
- 2012 "Sexual Violence in African Conflicts, 1989-2009: What the data show". CSCW Policy Brief 2/2012: http://file.prio.no/publication_files/csw/Nordas-Cohen-Sexual-Violence-in-African-Conflicts-1989-2009-CSCW-Policy-Brief-02-2012.pdf (with Dara Kay Cohen)

- 2012 “Sexual Violence by Militias in African Conflicts: Not a question of ‘delegation’ by states”. CSCW Policy Brief 1/2012: http://file.prio.no/publication_files/csw/Nordas-Cohen-Sexual-Violence-Militias-African-Conflicts-CSCW-Policy-Brief-01-2012.pdf
- 2011 *Sexual Violence in African Conflicts*. CSCW Policy Brief no. 1-2011. PRIO: Oslo <http://www.prio.no/sptrans/-1653928576/SVAC-CSCW-Policy-Brief-01-2011.pdf>
- 2010 *Beliefs & Bloodshed: Understanding Religion and Intrastate Conflict*. PhD dissertation. Trondheim, Norway: NTNU
- 2009 “IPCC and the Climate-Conflict Nexus” (with Nils Petter Gleditsch). Paper presented to the International Studies Association annual convention, New York City, 15-18 February; and the International Scientific Congress on Climate Change, Copenhagen, 10–12 March.
- 2008 Review of Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, 2008. *The Politics of Secularism in International Relations*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. In *Journal of Peace Research* 45(4)
- 2007 Climate Change and Conflict (with Nils Petter Gleditsch). *Political Geography* 26(6). Guest Editor. (edited Journal issue)
- 2007 “Climate Change and Conflict: the Migration Link” (with Nils Petter Gleditsch and Idean Salehyan). International Peace Academy: Coping with Crisis Working Paper Series. New York: International Peace Academy. URL: <http://www.ipacademy.org/publication/policy-papers/detail/110-climate-change-and-conflict-the-migration-link.html>

Research grants

- 2017 From the Norwegian Research Council, *Young Research Talent*. “Dynamics of Conflict-related Sexual Violence”, 2017-2020. (NOK 7 800 000)
- 2016 From the Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sweden. (SEK 300 000)
- 2014 From the Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sweden. "Transforming pain into power: A systematic study of a program for female empowerment in the DR Congo" (Collaboration with Susanne Allden, ICART research center, Bukavu, DRC). *USD 40 000*
- 2014 From the Research Council of Norway (RCN) NORGLOBAL call. “Female empowerment in Eastern DRC” (collaboration with International Center for Advanced Research and Training, ICART, D R Congo and Gudrun Østby, PRIO). (Project leader) *USD 550 000*
- 2013 From the Research Council of Norway (RCN). “Sexual Violence and Armed Conflict.” 2013-2016 (Project leader) *USD 1 025 000*
- 2012 From the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. “Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict: Analyzing the Data”. (Project Leader) *USD 157 000*
- 2011 From the National Science Foundation (USA), “Gender-based violence and armed conflict” (PI: Dara Kay Cohen, University of Minnesota/ Harvard University) Sub-contractor. *USD 200 000*
- 2011 From the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Strategic Initiative funding: “CIVICON – Civilian Dimensions of Peace and Conflict. Principal researcher and project developer. *USD 46 000*
- 2010 From the Folke Bernadotte Academy (Sweden), “Sexual Exploitation and Abuse by Peacekeepers”, data collection grant, January- November 2011. Project leader. *USD 26 000*
- 2010 From the Folke Bernadotte Academy (Sweden), “Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict”, data collection grant, January- November 2011. Project leader. *USD 36 000*

- 2010 From the Norwegian Research Council. *Inside insurgencies*. Personal Post-Doctoral grant, June 2011-June 2014. USD 377 000
- 2010 From the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Project funding: "Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict (SVAC)" (with Inger Skjelsbæk, Håvard Strand, and Scott Gates, PRIO). Principal researcher. USD 148 000
- 2009 From the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Project funding: *Mobilization and Modus Operandi of Rebel Groups*. (with Scott Gates, PRIO). Principal researcher. USD 142 000

Scholarships and fellowships

- 2010-2011 Research Fellowship, Kroc Institute, University of Notre Dame.
- 2009-2010 Research Fellowship, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School.
- 2008-2009 Predoctoral Fellowship, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School.
- 2005-2009 PhD Scholarship, Centre for the Study of Civil War (CSCW), PRIO
- 2003 MA Student Scholarship, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

Select invited lectures and talks

- 2016 "Sexual violence and armed conflict", guest lecture at the PRIO Research School graduate seminar on Gender, Peace and Security, November.
- 2016 "Sexual violence and armed conflict", Seminar on international conflicts and peace-keeping efforts in a Norwegian/Swedish perspective, Norwegian Embassy, Stockholm. 30-31 May.
- 2016 "Sexual violence, social exclusion, and the impact of support programs: Micro-level evidence from Eastern DRC" Oxford University, May 27.
- 2016 "Sexual violence in war and transitions". Briefing for the U.S. Nordic Security Dialogue, Norwegian Foreign Ministry, May 24.
- 2016 "Sexual violence and international security", International Institute, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. 4 February.
- 2016 "Understanding patterns of conflict-related sexual violence", Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. 2 February.
- 2015 "Seksuell vold og konflikt" [Sexual violence and conflict], Annual seminar on Laws of War; the Norwegian Red Cross, Norwegian Ministry of Defense, and Norwegian Joint Staff College, 5 Nov.
- 2014 "Climate change and conflict". Universite Evanguelique en Afrique, Bukavu, DR Congo. 6 June.
- 2014 "Sexual Violence and War" University of Konstanz, Germany. 14 November.
- 2012 "Mitigating the Consequences of Violent Conflict: What Works and What Does Not?: Sexual Violence". International Peace Institute (IPI), International Expert Forum. New York. 6 June.
- 2012 "Conflict-related sexual violence and HIV: Status of knowledge and research needs", SSRC Scientific Research Planning Meeting on Sexual Violence and HIV Transmission. Greentree foundation estate, Manhasset, NY. 6 March.
- 2011 "Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict: A new data collection" Greifswald Univ., Germany. 19 Oct.
- 2011 "Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict: Presenting a new data collection" Uppsala University, Sweden. 6 October 2011.

- 2011 “Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict” Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. 6 September 2011.
- 2011 "Sexual violence in armed conflict: Challenges and opportunities. Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. February.
- 2010 “Religion and Intrastate Armed Conflict” Kroc Institute, University of Notre Dame, IN. 2 December.
- 2010 “Beliefs & Bloodshed: Understanding Religion and Intrastate Conflict” Invited talk. International Security Program, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA. 12 April.
- 2010 “Inside Insurgencies: Motives, Mobilization, and Prospects for Peace”. Invited talk. Intrastate Conflict Project, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge MA. 5 February.
- 2009 “Death by Diversity? Religious State Repression and Rebellion”. Journeys in World Politics workshop. University of Iowa, 17 October.
- 2009 “Dealing with Diversity: Religious Repression and Civil War”. Invited talk. Intrastate Conflict Project, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge MA. 21 April.
- 2009 “Climate Change and Conflict: What do we know?” Key note speech. Climate/Security conference, Centre for Advanced Security Theory (CAST), University of Copenhagen, 9 March.
- 2008 “Killing Cleavages? The Politics of Religious Diversity and Armed Conflict”. International Security Program, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA. 11 December.
- 2007 “Religion and Peace”. Invited lecture. Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland, 5 June.
- 2006 “Religion and Conflict”. Invited Lecture. University of Oslo, Norway.
- 2005 “Ethnic and religious conflict”. Guest lecture. Causes of War, NTNU

Teaching and students

- 2017 University of Michigan, POLSCI 389 *Sexual Violence and War* (Winter 2017)
- 2015 Doctoral course on *Religion, Conflict, and Violence*. Research School on Peace and Conflict, Norwegian National Research School.
- 2015 Organized and held course on *Social Science Research Design and Dissemination*. Capacity building for local researchers and students. Collaboration between PRIO and ICART research and training center, Bukavu, D R Congo.
- 2014 Organized and held course on *Social Science and Peace Research*. Capacity building for local researchers and students, 3 week intensive course. Collaboration between PRIO and ICART research and training center, Bukavu, D R Congo.
- 2014 Organized and held course on *Research project development and Academic writing*. Capacity building for local researchers and students at ICART research and training center, Bukavu, D R Congo, 1 week intensive course.

Advisor/ evaluation committee:

- Ingebjørg Finnbakk, University of Oslo, MA in Political Science. Submitted December 2015, defense June 2016.
- Alisa Mujanic, University of Oslo, MA in Political Science. Expected May 2016.
- Elisabeth Lio Rosvold, Doctoral Student PRIO/Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Expected 2018.
- Mahlet Atakilt Woldetsadik, Doctoral Fellow, Pardee RAND Graduate School. Independent Study supervisor, 2016, dissertation committee member, 2016-2017.

- Lasse Lykke Rørbæk, PhD in Political Science, University of Aarhus, Denmark. Doctoral dissertation evaluation committee, defense June 2016.

Guest lectures:

- o University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA (2016)
- o University of Oslo, Master in Peace and Conflict Studies. (2015)
- o Research School in Peace and Conflict, PRIO/NTNU (PhD level) (2014, 2016)
- o School of Agronomy and Environmental studies. Evangelical University of Africa, Bukavu, DRC (2014)
- o Master course on Causes of War, the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, NTNU (2014)
- o Master course in the International Summer School, University of Oslo (2012)
- o Master course in Peace and Conflict Studies, Bjørknes College, Oslo (2012).
- o Master course in the International Summer School, University of Oslo (2006)
- o Master course on Causes of War, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, NTNU (2005)
- o Master program courses at the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland (2007)

Select academic service

- o Award committee member: Lewis Fry Richardson Lifetime Achievement Award (2016-)
- o Editorial committee member: *Journal of Peace Research* (2006–2011)
- o Participant in 2015 Pay it Forward workshop, International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- o Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Social Research*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, *International Organizations*, *International Peacekeeping Journal*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *National Science Foundation*, *Political Geography*, *Political Studies*, *Politics and Religion*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*.
- o Coordinator of research groups at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO): “Non-State Actors in Conflict” (2012-2013); “Civilians in Conflict” (2012-2016)
- o Co-Initiator of the MINDfields project (with Christian Davenport, Jacqueline DeMeritt, Will Moore, and Ernesto Verdeja): Project to conduct interviews with senior conflict, violence and peace scholars. The interviewees reflect on the trajectory of their research agendas during the arc of their careers, thus providing a unique perspective on conflict and peace research unavailable elsewhere. Webpage: <http://mindfields.weebly.com/>