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Current position

2020-present Førsteamanuensis (Associate Professor)
Institutt for rettsvitenskap, filosofi og internasjonale studier
Fakultet for økonomi og samfunnsvitenskap
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Lillehammer, Norway

Areas of specialization

Modern economic history and political economy, contemporary global history, energy, international climate politics.

Appointments held

2018-2019 Post-doctoral Researcher
Centre for Climate and Energy Transformation
University of Bergen
Bergen, Norway

2016-2018 Postdoctoral researcher
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies
(Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung)
Cologne, Germany

Education

2016 PhD in History and History of Science, Princeton University

- Dissertation Title: *Liberalism in Numbers Only: Science, Politics and State Power in Postwar Global Fisheries Management*

- General Examination Fields: History of Modern Science; Global Economic History, 1500-present; Russian Empire, Soviet Union, and Post-Soviet Eurasia

2011 MA in History, Columbia University
 2000 BA in Political Science and Russian, Middlebury College

Publications & presentations

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2024 “Institutionalism, the corporation, and the climate crisis”, *Anthropocene Review*, 1–22.
- 2024 “Coping with crisis: The Peruvian state-owned fishing enterprise Pesca Perú, 1973–1998,” *Business History*, 1–24.
- 2023 “Managing economies, managing nature: Industry and regulation of fisheries in the post-war Soviet Union and Norway,” *International Journal of Maritime History*, 35/3 (2023): 475–492.
- 2022 “Corporate strategy in the Anthropocene: German electricity utilities and the nuclear sudden stop,” *Ecological Economics*, 195 (2022): 1–11.
- 2021 “The Overfishing Problem: Natural and Social Categories in Early Twentieth-Century Fisheries Science,” *Journal of the History of Biology* 54 (2021): 719–738.
- 2021 “Narrative and computational text analysis in business and economic history,” *Scandinavian Economic History Review* 71/2 (2023): 103–127.
- 2020 “Ownership in the electricity market: Property, the firm, and the climate crisis,” *MPIfG Discussion Paper* 20/5 (2020): 1–33.
- 2018 “Fisheries’ collapse and the making of a global event, 1950s-1970s,” *Journal of Global History* 13 (2018): 399-424.
- 2017 “Forecasting Fisheries: Prediction and the Planned Economy in the Interwar Soviet Union,” *Cahiers du Monde russe* 58/4 (October-December 2017): 615-638.
- 2016 “Science, States and Salmon: Communicating through Disagreement over a Cold War Fault Line,” *Environment and Planning A* 48/9 (2016): 1864-1880.

REVIEWS

- 2022 Review of *The Fishmeal Revolution: The Industrialization of the Humboldt Current Ecosystem*, by Kristin A. Wintersteen in *Hispanic American Historical Review* 102/3 (2022): 521-523.
- 2021 Review of *Power of the Periphery: How Norway Became an Environmental Pioneer for the World*, by Peder Anker in *Environment and History* 27/3 (2021): 505-507.
- 2018 Review of *Fish, Coast and Communities: A History of Norway*, edited by Nils Kolle, translated by Elisa Kolle in *Scandinavian Economic History Review* 66/3 (2018): 323-325.
- 2016 Review of *Norges fiskeri- og kysthistorie, Bind IV: Havet, fisken og oljen, 1970-2014* [Norway’s Fisheries and Coastal History, Volume 4: Ocean, Fish and Oil, 1970-2014], edited by Pål Christensen in *Scandinavian Economic History Review* 64/1 (2016): 77-78.

NON-PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2022 Den økonomiske krigen *Agenda Magasin* (13.03.22).
- 2019 “Her hadde vi reist hele denne veien til månen, og likevel, det viktigste vi ser der ute er vår egen hjemplanet. Jordkloden.” *Energi og klima* (11.09.2019).
- 2019 “The Battle over the Green New Deal”, *Røyst* 11 (Bergen, 2019).
- 2016 “Borders before the Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea,” *United Nations History Project* (December 2016).
- 2001 “Права человека в мусульманском мире и международные стандарты” [Human Rights in the Muslim World and International Standards], *Права человека: теория и практика* (Nizhnekamsk: Nizhnekamskii filial MGEL, 2002), 137-44.

TRANSLATIONS

- 2008 Jan Kusber, “Individual, Subject and Empire: Towards a Discourse on Upbringing, Education, and Schooling in the Times of Catherine II,” *Ab Imperio* 2 (2008): 125-156. [from German]
- 2003 *WWF Russia: Annual Report* (Moscow: 2003). [from Russian]
- 2003 Alexander Shestakov and Vladimir Krever, *Ecological Networks in Russia* (Moscow: 2003). [from Russian]

NON-ACADEMIC WRITING

- 2006 (lead author) UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, *Inter-Agency Transitional Workplan for the North Caucasus 2007*, (Moscow: 2006).
- 2006 “Russia as a Donor of International Humanitarian Aid,” *UN in Russia* 2/44 (2006): 15.
- 2006 “Who Gives Money for Humanitarian Aid,” *UN in Russia* 1/44 (2006): 14-15.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Is the Dollar System Invariably a Fossil Fuel System?”, *Global Climate Forum Symposium*, Berlin, January 16, 2024.
- 2023 “Setting a price on science: applied science under the fall of communism”, *9th Annual Norwegian Conference on History of Science*, Trondheim, December 1, 2023.
- 2023 “Aggressiv nøytralitet i sør. Hvordan påvirkes norsk utenrikspolitikk?”, *Responskonferansen: Norsk utenrikspolitikk for en ny tid*, Lillehammer, Norway, September 27, 2023.
- 2023 “Liberalisering i fiskeriforvaltning siden 1980-tallet,” *Norske historiedagar 2023* Høgskolen på Vestlandet, Sogndal, September 9, 2023.
- 2023 “Visions of reconstructing global capitalism past and present: the New International Economic Order and present-day climate politics,” Keynote address, *Utopias and dystopias*, Kazimierza Wielkiego University, Bydgoszcz, Poland, June 1, 2023.
- 2023 “Hvordan er livet i Russland under krigen?” *Vettug viten Lillehammer og Vettug viten Hamar*, January 25 and 26, 2023.
- 2022 “Klimatrusselen: Havstigning og spørsmålet om klimaskade,” *Forskningsdagene*, Litteraturhuset, Lillehammer, September 29, 2022.
- 2022 “Making narratives out of chaos: reading the wallstreetbets Reddit forum from beginning

- to Gamestop craze (2012-2021),” Narratives in business history, Center for Business History, BI, Oslo.
- 2019 “History and the Future of the Energy Transition,” *Norwegian Graduate School in History*, University of Oslo, December 17, 2019.
- 2019 “Financialization and the energy transition: The Big 4 German electricity utilities,” *Intersections of Finance and Society*, London, December 12, 2019.
- 2019 “A Global Green New Deal: Historic parallels and future possibilities,” *CET Lunch Lecture*, Centre for Climate and Energy Transformation, University of Bergen, December 4, 2019.
- 2019 “Language and discourse surrounding electric vehicles in Norway,” *Beyond Oil Conference*, University of Bergen, October 17, 2019.
- 2019 “Ownership, corporate structure and the Energiewende: the Big 4 German electricity utilities,” *1st Annual Conference of the Scandinavian Society of Economic and Social History*, University of Uppsala, October 11, 2019.
- 2019 “Introduction,” *Star Wars: A New Hope*, Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra, Sept. 26-28, 2019.
- 2019 “Ownership and infrastructure transformation,” *European Society for Ecological Economics*, Turku, Finland, June 20, 2019.
- 2019 “Are they even talking about the same thing?: A computational text analysis of language use surrounding “electricity” in German, Russian, and Norwegian parliamentary debates, 1990s-present,” *Sound Economic History Workshop*, NTNU, Trondheim, Norway, June 6, 2019.
- 2019 “Language discourse surrounding electric vehicles in Norway,” *Joint Seminar: Digital Social Science Core Facility/Center for Experimental Research on Fairness, Inequality, and Rationality*, Universitetet i Bergen, Bergen, Norway, April 30, 2019.
- 2019 “Are they even talking about the same thing? A computational text analysis of language use surrounding ‘electricity’ in German, Russian, and Norwegian parliamentary debates, 1970s-present,” *Baltic Connections, Conference in Social Science History*, University of Helsinki, March 22, 2019.
- 2019 “Language and discourse surrounding electric vehicles in Norway,” *Day Zero, 2019 Sustainable Development Goals Conference*, Universitetet i Bergen, Bergen, Norway, February 6, 2019.
- 2018 “Deregulation and Deregulated Electricity Sectors in Central Europe and Scandinavia from 1970 to the present,” *Energy Lab*, Universitetet i Bergen, Bergen, Norway, August 28, 2018.
- 2018 “Ebb and Flow: The Organization and Structure of the Electricity Sector in Central Europe,” Centre for Climate and Energy Transformations, Universitetet i Bergen, Norway, February 28, 2018.
- 2017 “Dynamics of Regulation: Commodity Exchanges, Economic Organization, and the Environment in the Long Twentieth Century,” *Neue Forschungen zur Zeitgeschichte Workshop*, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, Germany, June 2017.
- 2017 “Creating Private Property: The Introduction of Individual Fishing Quotas in Norway and Peru,” *Fate of Nations, Natural Resources, and Historical Development*, Trondheim, Norway, March 2017
- 2016 “Norway, Peru, and the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea,” *Beyond the P5: The Historical Role of Non-Permanent Security Council Members in Global Governance*, Harvard University, October 2016
- 2016 “Predicting Nature, Planning the Economy: Fisheries in the Anthropocene,” *Resources and*

- Economies of Knowledge in the Anthropocene Workshop*, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany, September 2016
- 2016 “Predicting Nature, Planning Economies: The Soviet Caspian Sea in the Interwar Period,” *Empires of Water: Water Management and Politics in the Arid Regions of China, Central Asia, and the Middle East*, Lingnan University, Hong Kong, May 2016 (presented in absentia)
- 2016 “How Fisheries Became Commons and Commons Became Tragic,” *Richard Robinson Business History Workshop*, Portland State University, Portland, OR, April 2016.
- 2016 “Planning for Catastrophe: Developmentalist Economics and Resource Collapse in Peru, 1968-1983,” *American Society for Environmental History*, Seattle, WA, April 2016.
- 2016 “Soviet For-Profit Science: State Funding and Privatization of Scientific Institutions in Russia, 1980-2000,” *Business History Conference, Portland, OR*, April 2016.
- 2015 “Collapse of Science and State: Soviet Marine Science before and after 1991,” *History of Science Society Annual Conference*, San Francisco, CA, November 2015.
- 2015 “Development by Fishmeal: Peruvian and Norwegian Industrial Infrastructure and the Creation of a Global Market,” *Society for the History of Technology Annual Conference*, Albuquerque, NM, October 2015.
- 2015 “Coping with Crisis: State, Industry and Fisheries Collapses in Norway and Peru, 1965-1975,” *Business History Conference/European Business History Association*, Miami, FL, June 2015.
- 2015 “The Drift-Net Catastrophe: The Soviet-Japanese Fisheries Convention and the Collapse of the Kamchatka Salmon,” *American Society of Environmental History Annual Conference*, Washington DC, March 2015.
- 2014 “Biological Borders: Resource Extraction on Fault Lines of the Cold War,” *Temple University Critical Geography Conference*, Philadelphia, PA, November 2014.
- 2013 “The Overfishing Problem,” *Joint-Atlantic Seminar in the History of Biology*, Marine Biology Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA, April 2013.
- 2012 “Fishing, Fisheries Science and Climate Change on the Soviet Caspian Sea,” *History of Science Society Annual Conference*, San Diego, CA, November 2012.
- 2012 “Fisheries, Fishing and Climate Change in the Soviet Caspian Sea, 1917-1940,” *The Great Experiment: Graduate Student Conference on the History of Soviet Science*, Princeton University, October 2012.

Teaching

- 2020-present “Globalhistorie, 1945 – i dag”, “Klima: historie og politikk”, “Samfunnsvitenskapelig metode og statistikk”, Høgskolen i Innlandet, Lillehammer.
- 2022 “Quantifying History” (3 ECTS) and “Professional Skills Workshop: Quantitative Methods in History” (1 ECTS), November 21-25 and October 20, Norwegian Research School in History, Trondheim.

Non-academic work

- 2003-2007 Associate Humanitarian Affairs Officer, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), Moscow, Russia.

2002-2003 Program Consultant, Mercy Corps International, Moscow and Nazran, Russia.
2002 Consultant/Interpreter, Handicap International, Moscow, Russia.
2001-2 Participant Recruiter, American Councils for International Education, Moscow, Russia.

Languages

English, Russian, Norwegian, German (C1), Spanish (C1), French (reading).

Programming Languages & Software Packages

R: social scientific statistical methods, data visualization (ggplot), text/corpus analysis and topic modeling, spatial analysis/mapping, basic machine learning algorithms.

Python: general and object-oriented programming, pandas and numpy for data collection and analysis, web scraping and text analysis, data visualization in matplotlib, machine learning.

QGIS (open source GIS software); familiarity with **ArcGIS**.

LaTeX: document and presentation (Beamer) formatting.