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Current positions

- 2017- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan
Faculty Associate, Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research
Faculty Associate, Donia Human Rights Center
Core faculty, Program in International and Comparative Studies
- June 2017- Associate Editor, *Journal of Peace Research*
- April 2010- Senior Researcher, Peace Research Institute Oslo (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

- 2014-2017 Deputy Editor, *Journal of Peace Research* (Ranked #3 in Political Science, #2 in IR)
- 2016 Research Director, Conditions of Violence and Peace Department, PRIO
- 2015-2016 Board member, PRIO Board
- 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. Leiby M., G. Østby, & R. Nordås (forthcoming) "The legacy of wartime violence on intimate partner abuse". *International Studies Quarterly*
2. Finnbakk, I. & R. Nordås (forthcoming) "Community perspectives and pathways to reintegration of survivors of sexual violence in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo". *Human Rights Quarterly*
3. Gleditsch, N. P., R. Nordås, and H. Urdal. (2017) "Peer Review and Replication Data: Best Practice from Journal of Peace Research." *College & Research Libraries* 78.3 (2017).
4. 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).
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Gleditsch, N. P. & R. Nordås (2014) "Conflicting messages? The IPCC on conflict and human security", *Political Geography* 43: 82-90.
8. Cohen, D. K. & R. Nordås (2014) "Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict: A new dataset 1989-2009". *Journal of Peace Research*, 51(3): 418-428.
9. Nordås, R. (2014) "Religious demography and conflict: Lessons from Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana." *International Area Studies Review*, 17(2): 146-166.
10. Nordås, R. & C. Davenport (2013) "Fight the Youth?: Youth Bulges and State Repression." *American Journal of Political Science* 57(4): 926-940.
11. Nordås, R. & S. Aa. Rustad (2013) "Sexual Exploitation and Abuse by Peacekeepers: Understanding Variation." *International Interactions* 39(4): 511-534.
12. 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.
13. Østby, G. R. Nordås & J. K. Rød (2009) "Regional Inequalities and Civil Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa". *International Studies Quarterly* 53: 301–324.

14. 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).
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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. (forthcoming) “‘Sons of the Soil’ Conflicts and Autochthony: Bridging the Literatures” in *People Changing Places: New Perspectives on Demography, Migration, Conflict and the State*, edited by Isabelle Côté, Matthew I. Mitchell and Monica Duffy Toft. Routledge.
2. Nordås, R. (2017) “The Prevalence of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: When, Where and By Whom?” In *Peace and Conflict 2017*. David Backer, Ravinder Bhavnani, Paul Huth, eds. Taylor & Francis.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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]
6. 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]
7. 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 Allmén; 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 "Militias and sexual violence in war", presentation Peace Science Workshop, University of Notre Dame, IN. 20 Oct.
- 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 Evangelique 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

- 2018 University of Michigan, POLSCI 389 *Sexual Violence and War* (Winter 2018)
- 2015 *Religion, Conflict, and Violence*. Doctoral course. 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.

Guest lectures:

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

Mentoring

University of Michigan

Prelim examination committee member:

Rebecca Savelsberg, Corina Simonelli

Undergraduate Research Opportunity (UROP) students:

Alexandra Lubczuk, Elise Rometsch

Other:

Dissertation committee member/ evaluation committee member

- Ingrid Vik Bakken, Doctoral Student PRIO/Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Expected 2021.
- 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.
- Lasse Lykke Rørbæk, PhD in Political Science, University of Aarhus, Denmark. Doctoral dissertation evaluation committee (external), defense June 2016.

MA student advisor:

- Ingebjørg Finnbakk, University of Oslo, MA in Political Science. Submitted December 2015. Defended June 2016.
- Alisa Mujanic, University of Oslo, MA in Political Science. Defended May 2016.

Select academic service

- International Studies Association, Annual Meeting 2019 Section Program Chair, Scientific Studies of International Processes (SSIP)
- Award committee member: Lewis Fry Richardson Lifetime Achievement Award (2016-)
- Editorial committee member: *Journal of Peace Research* (2006–2011)
- Participant in 2015 Pay it Forward workshop, International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 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*, *Feminist Economics*, *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*, *Social Politics*, & *Terrorism and Political Violence*.
- Coordinator of research groups at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO):
“Non-State Actors in Conflict” (2012-2013); “Civilians in Conflict” (2012-2016)
- 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/>