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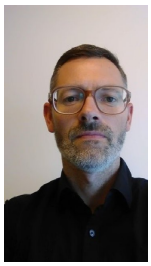

Research

I am a senior researcher and currently the director of research and education at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, and PhD in International Development Studies from Roskilde University in Denmark.
My research interests are in the fields of human rights documentation, rule of law practices, torture and violence, impunity and discretion, and just development. In the last decade, i have specialized in the interdisciplinary study of the nexus between human rights and corruption.
I have several years of experience as programme manager of development cooperation in relation to prevention of torture and rehabilitation of survivors – during and after violent conflict and in places of detention. I have worked on institutional and legal reform, establishments of support systems, education of health and legal professionals, and of prison and police authorities.
I have managed partnership collaborations in Europe, North, South and West Africa.
Currently, I advise national human rights institutes and anti-corruption institutes and universities on the relationships between corruption and human rights, and their implications for institutions, individuals and societies.
I have held the position of guest researcher at the Danish Institute for International Studies, senior researcher at the Danish Institute Against Torture. Currently, I am affiliated researcher at the Center for Global Criminology at University of Copenhagen and I am external lecturer in Global Studies at Roskilde University and taught at the International Anti-Corruption Academy.
I have worked with the UNODC on the development of educational material on the nexus between human rights and corruption, and developed web-based educational material on corruption and human rights and violent mobilization for high schools.
I work closely with the Office of the High Comissioner for Human rights and the UNCAC coalition on the nexus between human rights and corruption.

Employment

2024-Director of Research and Education, Raoul Wallenberg Institute
2021-2024Deputy Director of Research and Education, Raoul Wallenberg Institute
2021-Lecturer, International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA).
2021-External Lecturer, Roskilde University, Global Studies.
3021-Policy Advisor, Logik & Co.
2021-Senior researcher, Center for Global Criminology, University of Copenhagen.
2019-Restaurant Co-owner, bistro and bar – Café Stadion.
2019Guest Researcher, Danish Institute for International Studies.
2019-21Independent Consultant, UNODC, RWI, Tana.
2014 - 2019Research and Programme Manager, Danish Institute against Torture.
2008 - 13Programme Manager, Danish Institute against Torture.
2008 - 13PhD Fellow, Roskilde University and Danish Institute against Torture
2006 - 08 Programme Coordinator, Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture.

List of Publications

Books:
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Educational Material
Klara Valg. A Short film and educational material on young people at risk of violent mobilization by political extreme organizations for high school students. Available at: https://forløb.forstå.dk/course/rltg-spot-p-a-filmen-klaras-valg

En Cirkel af Vold (A Circle of Violence). Documentary and educational material on the effects of corruption on different people in Bangladesh. Available at; https://www.finemedia.dk/korruption

I have contributed to the content on corruption in Denmark, for Nohrcons thematic series on corruption, available at https://nohrcon.dk/nyhed/korruptionsforsker-det-seneste-aar-har-vaeret-betegnet-af-korrupte-praksisser/

I have also contributed to Transparency International Denmark, webbased educational material on corruption for secondary and high-school youths, available at, https://www.vmkl.dk/

I have developed educational web-based courses for UNODC tertiary education on corruption and human rights, available at, https://www.unodc.org/e4j/en/tertiary/index.html

I have developed educational web-based courses for Raoul Wallenberg Institute on the relationships between corruption and human rights, for professionals working at human rights institutions and/or anti-corruption commissions.

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Corruption and Human Rights. SDU conference Addressing the Rule of Law and Welfare in the Sustainable Development Goals. 8-9 November 2021.
Convener Anthropologies of State panel. EASA biannual conference. Lisbon 2-24 July 2020. Virtual.
Business and Human Rights, Global Compact, the SDGs and corruption. DIIS 26 April 2019.
Stickiness of Law. Presenter and organizer EASA State Network meeting. University of Leiden. November 2019.
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Human Rights Law, Corruption and Development. DSA Annual Conference. University of Manchester, 27-29th June 2018.
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Traces, Tidemarks and Legacies, American Anthropological Association, Montreal, 2011
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“Yunus straffes for sit politiske engagement”. Information, 1 March 2011, Commentary (in national daily)

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Positions as peer reviewer

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•Third World Quarterly
•Journal of Human Rights Practice
•Contemporary South Asia
•Development and Change
•Focaal
•South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies
•Criminology and Criminal Justice
•Asian Politics & Policy
•Working paper series at ESID at the University of Manchester
•The Oñati Socio-Legal Series
•Global Campus Human Rights Journal

Networks and Memberships

•European Association of Social Anthropologists - co-founder of network on Anthropologies of States.
•ECPR Network on Corruption and Governance
•Network for Human Rights Researchers in Denmark.
•Interdisciplinary Corruption Research network.
•Co-founder of research network on corruption with Transparence International Denmark.
•Maritime Research Alliance (MRA), a collaboration between universities and the maritime sector in Denmark.
•Safeseas research network.

•Member of Copenhagen Ocean Hub, a multidisciplinary research network at University of Copenhagen.
•OECD-Coalition of Influencers on Integrity in Public Decision-Making