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Summary

Doctorate in international public law with theses in refugee law on the principle of first country of asylum. Independent adviser and researcher since 2005. Work includes i.a. commissioned research, teaching and tutoring students, author of books and other relevant literature and administration of conferences.

Cooperation agreement with the Institute for Social Inclusion (ISF), the University of Oslo and the University of Bergen. Vevstad is the Norwegian member of the Odysseus Academic Network for Legal Studies on Immigration and Asylum in Europe.

Assignments include i.a.: Ministry of Justice (2011-2013) European Migration Network, Norwegian National Contact Point (EMN NCP Norway); Research project (2011-2015 “Migration to Norway – Flows and Regulations” in cooperation with ISF, University of Oslo and University of Bergen funded by the Norwegian Research Council; European Commission (2008-2011) Euromed II training sessions on “Illegal Migration”; European Parliament (2009-2010) Research report: evaluation of the Dublin II Regulation. Other present and former clients include i.a. UNHCR, Université libre de Bruxelles, University of Oslo, University of Bergen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate of Immigration, Immigration Appeals Board, Norwegian Refugee Council, Norwegian organisation for asylum seekers (NOAS), Red Cross and red Crescent Societies.

Other professional tasks:

- Government appointed member of the Norwegian Immigration Appeals Board.
- Member of the Odysseus Academic Network for Legal Studies on Immigration and Asylum in Europe.
- Member of the board of the Norwegian Organisation for Asylum Seekers.
- Deputy Member of the board of the Oslo Center.

Previous professional experience

2003-2005: Special Adviser in the Cabinet of the Secretary General, Norwegian Refugee Council
2001-2003: Senior Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department on Human Rights.
2000-2001: Independent consultant and Associate Solicitor.
1998-2000: Counsellor Justice and Home Affairs, Norwegian Mission to the EU.
1996-1997: Legal Adviser, Cabinet of the Secretary General, Norwegian Refugee Council.
1988-1990: Head of Division, Legal Department, Directorate of Immigration, Norway.
1987: Resettlement Officer, UNHCR, Turkey
1986: Executive Officer, Norwegian National Commission for UNESCO.
1981-1984: Senior Executive Officer, Directorate of Antitrust, Norway.

Education

1995: Docteur en droit international, (thesis: Les réfugiés et le principe de premier pays d'asile"
University of Strasbourg.
1985: Diplôme d'études approfondies (D.E.A.), (thesis : L'interdiction de la torture), University
of Strasbourg.
1981: Law degree (Candidatus Juris), University of Oslo.
Pre-university: schooling in Norway, Switzerland and Kenya.

Publications

Books and anthologies

- «Felles yttergrense og felles europeisk asylsystem» (ch. 15) and «Dublin-samarbeidet» (ch.16)
in Lærebok i utlendingsrett (2013), Øyvind Øyen (ed.), Universitetsforlaget (available in
Norwegian only).
- Vergehåndboka" (2012), (with Trygve G. Nordby), Norsk Folkehjelp (available in Norwegian
only).
- «Sårbare asylsøkere i mottak – identifisering og oppfølging» (with Nora Sveaass and Jan-Paul
Brekke) in «Asylsøker i velferdsstatens venterom», Marko Valenta and Berit Berg (eds),
Universitetsforlaget, 2012 (available in Norwegian only)
-“Utlendingsloven Kommentarutgave” (ed. and co-author) (2010), Universitetsforlaget (available
in Norwegian only).
-Utvikling av et felles europeisk asylsystem – Jus og Politikk” (2006) (Development of a
Common European Asylum System. Law and Politics), Universitetsforlaget (available in
Norwegian only).
-“Refugee Protection: A European Challenge", (1998), Tano Aschehoug.
-”Europeisk flyktningbeskyttelse er ikke god nok: Nytenkning må til” in Innvandringspolitikk og
utlendingslov, Turid Heiberg (ed), Fagbokforlaget, 1998 (available in Norwegian only).

Research reports and articles (selected)

- "Normative European Jurisprudence in a Refugee and Migration Context", (with Charlotte Mysen), (2010), commissioned by the Ministry of Justice.
- "Setting up a Common European Asylum System" (2010), (with Francesco Maiani et al), Commissioned by the European Parliament, Directorate-General for Internal Policies, Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs.
- "Sårbare asylsøkere i Norge og EU Identifisering, organisering og håndtering, (with Jan-Paul Brekke & Nora Sveaass), (2010), Financed by the Directorate of Immigration, ISF Report: 2010:14.
- "Mottaksforhold for asylsøkere i Norge og i EU i et fremtidig perspektiv", Asylmottak gjennom 20 år, Artikkelsamling fra Mottakskonferansen, UDI, 2008.
- "Reception Conditions for Asylum Seekers in Norway and the EU" (with Jan-Paul Brekke), (2007), Financed by Norwegian Ministry of Labour and Social Inclusion, ISF Report 2007:4.
- "Norges rolle i utviklingen av et felles europeisk asylsystem", Nordisk Tidsskrift for Menneskerettigheter, Vol 25, nr. 3, 2007.
- Flyktningkonvensjonen Artikkel 1C-F, Folkerettslig og komparativ studie av eksklusjons- og opphørsgrunnene, (with Terje Einarsen and Elin Skaar) (2006), commissioned by Ministry of Labour and Social Inclusion, CMI report 2006.
- "Norwegian proposal to clarify refugee status", Forced Migration Review, Oxford, May 2005.
- "Utredning om utviklingen av europeisk flyktning- og asylpolitikk Betydningen for Norge? (2004), Commissioned by Law Committee on new Norwegian Act on Immigration, Ministry of Labour and Social Inclusion.
- Book review: Terje Einarsen: Retten til vern som flyktning (Bergen: Cicero Publisher 2000), Nordic Journal of Human Rights, Vol. 21, No 1:2003.
- "Europeisk flyktningbeskyttelse må og kan forbedres", Mennesker & Rettigheter, 1998.

Languages:

- Norwegian (mother tongue)
- English (written and oral)
- French (written and oral)
- Italian (oral)
- German (oral)