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## DEGREES

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- 2010            PhD, Political Science, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, NTNU  
Dissertation title: Beliefs & Bloodshed: Understanding Religion and Intrastate Conflict  
Advisors: Scott Gates (Peace Research Institute Oslo, PRIO/NTNU), Ola Listhaug (NTNU)
- 2004            Cand. Polit. (Master of Arts) and Bachelor of Arts (BA), Political Science.  
Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

## EXPERIENCE

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### Current positions

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- January 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)

### Past positions

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- 2014-2017            Deputy Editor, Journal of Peace Research
- 2016            Head of Department/Research Director, Conditions of Violence and Peace  
Department, Peace Research Institute Oslo (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), Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
2002-2005	Teaching Assistant, NTNU
2002	Student Assistant-SPSS, NTNU

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Citations

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Google Scholar Citations:	3736 (as of April 10, 2025)
h-index:	21
i10-index:	32

### Peer-reviewed journal articles (24)

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1. K Falb; A. Peterman, **R Nordås**, A Field, R Porat, & L Stark (2025) Violence against women and girls research: Leveraging gains across disciplines. *Proceeding of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (PNAS)* <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2404557122>
2. **Nordås, R.** & López, E. (2024). Recent Advances in the Study of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence. *Current Psychiatry Reports*, 1-10.
3. **Nordås, R.** & H. M. Binningsbø (2022) Sexual violence and the perils of impunity. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 66(6): 1066-1090.
4. Dumaine, L; **R Nordås**, M Gargiulo, E J Wood (2021) Repertoires of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: Introducing the RSVAC Data Package *Journal of Peace Research*. 59(4): 611-621.
5. **Nordås, R.** & D. K. Cohen (2021) "Conflict-related sexual violence." *Annual Review of Political Science* 24:193–211

• Spanish translation: "Violencia sexual derivada del conflicto" (with Dara Cohen) *Estudios Socio-Jurídicos* 24(1): 163- 200 (January 2022).

6. Kruger, J. & **R. Nordås** (2020) "A latent variable approach to measuring sexual violence in armed conflict" *Journal of Peace Research*. 57 (6): 728-739.
7. Finnbakk, I. & **R. Nordås** (2019) "Community perspectives and pathways to reintegration of survivors of sexual violence in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo". *Human Rights Quarterly* 41(2): 263-282.
8. Leiby M., G. Østby, & **R. Nordås** (2019) "The legacy of wartime violence on intimate partner abuse". *International Studies Quarterly* 63(1): 1-14.
9. Quattrochi, J., R. Biaba, **R. Nordås**, G. Østby, S. Alldén, A. Cikara, E. Namegabe, and C. Amisi. (2019) "Effects of an empowerment program for survivors of sexual violence on attitudes and beliefs: evidence from the Democratic Republic of Congo." *International journal for equity in health* 18(1): 1-14.
10. Amisi, C.; R. B. Apassa, A. Cikara, G. Østby, **R. Nordås**, S. Aa. Rustad, and J. Quattrochi (2018) "The impact of support programs for survivors of sexual violence: Micro-level evidence from eastern Democratic Republic of Congo". *Medicine, Conflict & Survival* 34(3): 201-223.
11. 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):77-80.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. Cohen, D. K. & **R. Nordås** (2014) "Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict: A new dataset 1989-2009". *Journal of Peace Research* 51(3): 418-428.
15. Gleditsch, N. P. & **R. Nordås** (2014) "Conflicting messages? The IPCC on conflict and human security", *Political Geography* 43: 82-90.
16. **Nordås, R.** (2014) "Religious demography and conflict: Lessons from Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana." *International Area Studies Review* 17(2): 146-166.
17. **Nordås, R.** & C. Davenport (2013) "Fight the Youth?: Youth Bulges and State Repression." *American Journal of Political Science* 57(4): 926-940.
18. **Nordås, R.** & S. Aa. Rustad (2013) "Sexual Exploitation and Abuse by Peacekeepers: Understanding Variation." *International Interactions* 39(4): 511-534.
19. 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.
20. Østby, G., **R. Nordås** & J. K. Rød (2009) "Regional Inequalities and Civil Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa". *International Studies Quarterly* 53: 301–324.
21. Achvarina, V.; **R. Nordås**; G. Østby & 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: 386-413.

22. 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.
23. 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.
24. Gleditsch, N. P. & **R. Nordås** (2007) "Climate Change and Conflict" *Political Geography* 26(6): 627–638.

#### Peer-reviewed book chapters (7)

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1. **Nordås, R.** (2018) "Sons of the Soil' Conflicts and Autochthony: Bridging the Literatures". In Isabelle Côté, Matthew I. Mitchell and Monica Duffy Toft eds. *People Changing Places: New Perspectives on Demography, Migration, Conflict and the State*. Routledge.
2. **Nordås, R.** (2017) "The Prevalence of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: When, Where and By Whom?". In David Backer, Ravinder Bhavnani, Paul Huth eds. *Peace and Conflict 2017*. 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. [pp. 138-162]
4. **Nordås, R.** & N. P. Gleditsch (2015) "Climate change and conflict". In Susanne Hartland & Wolfgang Liebert eds. *Competition and Conflicts on Resource Use*. Springer. [pp. 21-38]
5. **Nordås, R.** & N. P. Gleditsch (2013). "The IPCC, human security, and the climate-conflict nexus." In Michael R. Redclift and Marco Grasso eds. *Handbook on Climate Change and Human Security*. 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. In Norwegian.

#### Book reviews (9)

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- 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): 576-577.

- 2008 Review of Olivier Roy, 2007. *Secularism Confronts Islam*. Translated by George Holoch. New York: Columbia University Press. In *Journal of Peace Research* 45(2): 306-307.
- 2008 Review of Emmet Kennedy, 2006. *Secularism and Its Opponents from Augustine to Solzhenitsyn*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. In *Journal of Peace Research* 45(2): 304.
- 2008 Review of Tom Kramer, 2007. *The United Wa State Party: Narco-Army or Ethnic Nationalist Party?* Policy Studies 38. Washington, DC: East-West Center. In *Journal of Peace Research* 45(2): 304-305.
- 2007 Review of Brenda Shaffer, ed., 2006. *The Limits of Culture: Islam and Foreign Policy*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. In *Journal of Peace Research* 44(3): 371.
- 2007 Review of Niels Kastfelt, ed., 2005. *Religion and African Civil Wars*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. In *Journal of Peace Research* 44(2): 249-250.
- 2006 Review of: Kivimäki, Timo, ed., 2005. *Islam, the West, and Violence: Sources, Catalysts, and Preventive Measures*. Helsinki: Foreign Ministry of Finland. 173 pp. ISBN 9517244908. *Islam, the West, and Violence: Sources, Catalysts, and Preventive Measures.* In *Journal of Peace Research* 43.4 (2006): 497.
- 2006 Review of Sturla J. Stålsett & Oddbjørn Leirvik, eds., 2004. *The Power of Faiths in Global Politics*. Oslo: Novus. In *Journal of Peace Research* 43(2): 236.
- 2005 Review of Jacob Neusner, ed., 2003. *God's Rule: The Politics of World Religions*. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press. 281 pp. ISBN 0878409106. In *Journal of Peace Research* 42(1): 117-118.

### Other publications

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- 2022 Ragnhild Nordås and Dara Kay Cohen, (2022), "Violencia sexual derivada del conflicto", [Estudios Socio-Jurídicos], 24 (1) (Pub type: Article (invited))
- 2017 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). Guest editorial.
- 2014 Scott Gates and Ragnhild Nordås "Recruitment, Retention, and Religion in Rebel Groups" *Simons Papers in Security and Development* No. 32/2014 | January 2014.
- 2014 Seksualisert vold i krig og 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*.
- 2011 "What do we know about sexual violence in conflict?". Conference proceedings. Norwegian Armed Forces, Defence Command and Staff College's Monographic Series Vol. 1, issue 3. Pp. 67-71.

- 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>
- 2004 State Religiosity and Civil War: How Religious Heterogeneity and the Degree of Separation between Religion and State Influence the Risk of Intrastate Armed Conflict. MA Thesis. Trondheim, Norway: Norwegian University of Science and Technology

## NOTABLE DATA COLLECTIONS

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### Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict (SVAC) dataset (with Dara Kay Cohen and Rob Nagel)

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*Winner of the J. David Singer Award for Data Innovation (2023)*

The Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict (SVAC) dataset measures reports of the conflict-related sexual violence committed by armed actors during the years 1989-2021. The armed actors include government forces, pro-government militias, and rebel groups between 1989-2009 (SVAC 1.0), and government forces and rebel groups for 2010-2015 (SVAC 2.1) and 2016-2021 (SVAC 3.2). The dataset includes information about the prevalence, perpetrators and forms of the reported sexual violence by each armed actor in each conflict-year. The information used to compile these data comes from three sources: the U.S. State Department, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch.

<http://www.sexualviolencedata.org>

The dataset is presented in:

- Cohen, Dara Kay, and **Ragnhild Nordås**. "Sexual violence in armed conflict: Introducing the SVAC dataset, 1989–2009." *Journal of peace research* 51.3 (2014): 418-428.
  - Google scholar citations (January 3, 2024): 382

Related datasets:

- Bahgat, Karim; **Ragnhild Nordås** & Gudrun Østby (2016). Geocoded SVAC (Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict) Dataset (GEO- SVAC) version 1.0. Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO).
- Dumaine, Logan, **Ragnhild Nordås**, Maria Gargiulo, and Elisabeth Jean Wood. "Repertoires of conflict-related sexual violence: Introducing the RSVAC data package." *Journal of Peace Research* 59, no. 4 (2022): 611-621.
- **Nordås, Ragnhild**, and Siri CA Rustad. "Sexual exploitation and abuse by peacekeepers: Understanding variation." *International Interactions* 39.4 (2013): 511-534.

### Surveys of Women in eastern DR Congo

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- An original survey of 1,203 women in eastern DRC
- An original survey of 189 women in an empowerment program (City of Joy) in DRC

Used to investigate the effects for women from two support programmes that include both survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and others, and how a support program for survivors affected the women included over time.

The resulting articles were written in collaboration with researchers from the DRC.

- Amisi, Christine, Rosalie Biaba Apassa, Aline Cikara, Gudrun Østby, **Ragnhild Nordås**, Siri Aas Rustad, and John Quattrochi. "The impact of support programmes for survivors of sexual violence: micro-level evidence from eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo." *Medicine, conflict and survival* 34, no. 3 (2018): 201-223.
- Quattrochi, John, Rosalie Biaba, **Ragnhild Nordås**, Gudrun Østby, Susanne Alldén, Aline Cikara, Esther Namegabe, and Christina Amisi. "Effects of an empowerment program for survivors of sexual violence on attitudes and beliefs: evidence from the Democratic Republic of Congo." *International journal for equity in health* 18 (2019): 1-14.

### National Youth Policies in Africa (NYP) (with Bintu Zahara Sakor and Carina Strøm)

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Systematic data covering national youth policies in all 54 African states, from 1990 to 2022. The NYP Africa dataset conceptualizes a 'youth policy' as the most comprehensive overarching governmental framework that purposefully addresses youth-related issues in that country. *Under review*

### AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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2024	Sam Eldersveld Prize in recognition of research accomplishments, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan
2023	J. David Singer Data Innovation Award for the SVAC dataset Awarded biennially by the Conflict Processes Section, American Political Science Association (with Dara Kay Cohen and Robert Nagel).
2021	Winner of the MIDAS Reproducibility Challenge), University of Michigan (w/ Jule Krüger. "Data Processing Principles for Auditable and Reproducible Research". Krüger and Nordås provide a template for a principled approach to organize, document and share a computational project.
2020	Sweetland Writing Center fellowship, University of Michigan
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), Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
2003	MA Student Fellowship, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

## RESEARCH GRANTS

2024-2026	National Science Foundation: “United States participation in Wave 8 <sup>th</sup> of the World Value Survey,” (with Jon Miller)	USD 400 000
2023-2027	Minerva Research Initiative: “Climate Change, Demographic Shifts, and Socio-Political Stability in Sub-Saharan Africa” (with Arun Agrawal, Ken Kollman, Yuri Zhukov, Anne Pitcher, H. V. Jagadish)	USD 3 099 798
2021-2025	Norwegian Research Council: “DIVIDENDS: From Curse to Demographic Dividends: Sub-Saharan Africa’s Youth Bulges” (with Henrik Urdal)	USD 1 350 000
2021	University of Michigan: “Institutions to Promote Other-Regarding Preferences, with an application to Climate Migration” – pilot study (with Jenna Bednar and Rebecca Wai)	USD 36 060
2017-2022	Norwegian Research Council: “Dynamics of Conflict-related Sexual Violence”	USD 907 000
2016	Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sweden: "Female empowerment in the DR Congo".	USD 40 000
2014	Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sweden: "Transforming pain into power: A systematic study of a program for female empowerment in the DR Congo" (with Susanne Allden)	USD 40 000
2014-2016	Research Council of Norway (RCN) NORGLOBAL: “Female empowerment in Eastern DRC” (with Gudrun Østby)	USD 550 000
2013-	Research Council of Norway (RCN): “Sexual Violence and Armed Conflict.”	USD 1 025 000
2012	Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: “Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict: Analyzing the Data”	USD 157 000
2011-2014	National Science Foundation (USA) (SES-1123964): “Gender-based violence and armed conflict” (with Dara Kay Cohen)	USD 245 000
2011	Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO): “CIVICON – Civilian Dimensions of Peace and Conflict”	USD 46 000
2010	Folke Bernadotte Academy (Sweden): “Sexual Exploitation and Abuse by Peacekeepers”	USD 26 000



2010	Folke Bernadotte Academy (Sweden): “Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict”	USD 36 000
2010	Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Norway): "Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict (SVAC)" (with Inger Skjelsbæk)	USD 148 000
2010-2013	Norwegian Research Council: Personal Post-Doctoral grant “Inside insurgencies.”	USD 377 000
2009	Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Norway): “Mobilization and Modus Operandi of Rebel Groups” (with Scott Gates)	USD 142 000

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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*Book manuscript: Capitalizing on Shame -- Why states commit sexual violence inside and outside war*

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This is the first major work to bring our attention to how states commit acts of sexual violence not only as part of warfare, but also as part of their repressive repertoire. The book develops existing explanations and presents a new theoretical framework for explaining variation in sexual violence by state actors. The analysis in the book draws on new data on patterns of sexual violence by states in the years 1980-2016, and survey experiments assessing how people understand the strategic utility and impact of sexual violence as a form of political violence and repression.

### *Working Papers*

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1. “Stopping the ‘hangry’: Food prices and state repression” (with Ida Rudolfson)
2. “And still she rises? Perceptions of the gendered effects of repression” (with Ingrid Vik Bakken, Anne-Kathrin Kreft)
3. Especially heinous? How the public views sexual violence as exceptional (with Anne-Kathrin Kreft & Ingrid Vik Bakken)
4. Sexual violence and prevention of mass atrocities (with Collin Sullivan)
5. Corruption and state-perpetrated sexual violence (with Marianne Dahl)
6. Introducing the African National Youth policies dataset (data feature) (with Bintu Zahara Sakor, Carina Strøm)
7. Youth bulges, national youth policies, and protest in Africa (with Bintu Zahara Sakor, Michael Kumove)

8. Warfare and schooling: The impact of conflict tactics targeting children on educational dropout. (with Gudrun Østby, Siri Aas Rustad, Andreas Tollefsen, and Roos Haer)
9. Climate Control: Repression of Climate Protest (with Tim Arvan)
10. Where science and international policy meets: Analyzing the evolving climate-conflict nexus through the IPCC (with Tim Arvan)

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

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- 2025 “Climate control: Climate Disasters, Protests and Repression” (with Timothy Arvan). Paper presented at the ISA Research Workshop: Conflict Coalitions in Climate Action. Chicago, IL. 1 March 2025.
- 2025 “Demographic Youth Bulges, National Youth Policies, and Protest in Africa” (with Bintu Zahara Sakor, Michael Komove) ISA Annual Convention, Chicago IL.
- 2024 “Sexual violence and prevention of mass atrocities” (with Collin Sullivan). Paper presented at the peace Science Society international workshop, PSSI 2024 workshop on atrocity prevention. Ann Arbor, MI, November 7, 2024.
- 2024 “Corruption and state perpetrated sexual violence” (with Marianne Dahl). Paper presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) annual meeting, San Francisco CA. April 3-6.
- 2023 “National youth policies in Africa: A new dataset” (with Bintu Zahara Sakor). Paper presented to the Dividends workshop, June 7-9 African School of Economics, Benin.
- 2023 “Food prices and state repression” (with Ida Rudolfson). International Studies Association annual meeting, ISA, WB08. Montréal, Canada, March 15-18.
- 2023 “Variation in youth policies in Africa and their security implications” (with Bintu Zahara Sakor) International Studies Association annual meeting, ISA, WD06. Montréal, Canada, March 15-18.
- 2023 “Gendered perceptions of sexual violence: A survey experiment” (with Anne-Kathrin Kreft, Ingrid Vik Bakken) MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago IL, April 15.
- 2023 “The consequences of sexualized repression: Public perceptions” (with Anne-Kathrin Kreft, Ingrid Vik Bakken) Swiss Political Science Association annual congress. February 3.
- 2023 “Warfare and schooling: The impact of violations against children on educational dropout” (with Gudrun Østby, Siri Rustad, Roos Haer) Comparative and International Education Society (CIES) conference, Washington DC. February 21.
- 2022 “Warfare and schooling: The impact of violations against children on educational dropout” (with Gudrun Østby, Siri Rustad, Roos Haer). HiCN 2022 annual workshop, University of Warwick, November 18.
- 2022 “(Gendered) perceptions of sexual violence” (with Anne-Kathrin Kreft, Ingrid Vik Bakken), Peace Science Society International, annual meeting. Denver CO. October.
- 2022 “Gendered perceptions of sexual violence: A survey experiment”. (with Anne-Kathrin Kreft, Ingrid Vik Bakken) GIGA Rp2, October 26.
- 2022 “Perceptions of repressive repertoires: A survey experiment”. International Studies Association annual meeting, Nashville, TN. March 28th – 2 April.

- 2022 “Warfare and girls’ education: The impact of conflict tactics on educational dropout” (with Gudrun Østby, Siri Rustad, Roos Haer) International Studies Association annual meeting, Nashville, TN. March 28th – 2 April.
- 2022 “Food prices and repression” (with Ida Rudolfson) Conflict Research Society (CRS) Annual Conference. Belfast, 7-9 September.
- 2019 “Sexual violations by states”, International Studies Association annual meeting, ISA, Toronto, SC43: The roles and Influences of Women in Conflict and Peace Processes. March 30.
- 2018 “Differences in degree or differences in kind: Re-conceptualizing state repression” (Poster) Peace Science Society International, annual meeting. University of Texas, Austin. 8-10 November.
- 2016 “Militias and sexual violence in war” (with Dara Kay Cohen). Workshop presentation. Peace Science Society International, annual meeting. University of Notre Dame. 20-22 October.
- 2016 “Transforming pain into power: A systematic study of a program for female empowerment in the DR Congo.” Network of Peace Scientists (NEPS) conference, Milan, Italy, 20-22 June.
- 2016 “Religious Contention Today and Scenarios for the Future” (with Vegard Skirbekk, Marcin Stonawski, Michaela Potancokova). Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington D. 31 March.
- 2016 “Transforming pain into power”: A systematic study of a program for female empowerment in the DR Congo. (with Gudrun Østby, Susanne Allden) International Studies Association annual meeting, ISA, Atlanta, GA. 16-19 March.
- 2015 “How recruitment and training influence rebel behavior in conflict” International Studies Association annual meeting, ISA, New Orleans, LA 18-21 February
- 2015 “QUEST: Coding Rwandan Narratives Of Sexual Violence”, (with Priyamvada Trivedi) presented at APSA, 3–6 September.
- 2014 “Gunning for God? Religion and Conflict Severity” SB08. International Studies Association annual meeting, ISA Toronto, Canada. 26-29 March.
- 2014 “Explaining civilian abuse by rebels in armed conflict” TA14. International Studies Association annual meeting, ISA Toronto, Canada. 26-29 March.
- 2013 “Protectors of the people or pawns of the state? Sexual violence by African militias” (with Dara Kay Cohen) International Studies Association annual meeting, ISA San Francisco, CA. 3-6 April.
- 2012 “Sexual violence in armed conflict: Insights from new data”. (with Dara Kay Cohen) MA62. International Studies Association annual convention, San Diego, CA. 3-6 April.
- 2012 “Raping alone? A disaggregated study of Sexual violence in Rwanda”. (with christian davenport) MA62. International Studies Association annual convention, San Diego, CA. 3-6 April.
- 2012 “Gender bias in publication output and scientific impact: An examination of acceptance rates and citations of articles in Journal of Peace Research” (with Gudrun Østby, Håvard Strand, Nils Petter Gleditsch). TB24. Paper presented at the International Studies Association annual convention, San Diego, CA. 3-6 April.
- 2012 Workshop participant: “The repertoire of tactics”. PX17. International Studies Association annual convention, San Diego, CA.
- 2011 “Religious Demography and Conflict: How Diversity Matters” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 16 March.

- 2010 "Recruitment and Retention in Rebel Groups" (with Scott Gates) Paper presented to the APSA Annual Meeting. Washington DC, 2-5 September.
- 2010 "For Faith or Fortune? Rebel Motivations and Modus Operandi". Paper presented to the International Studies Association annual convention, New Orleans, LA. 17–20 February.
- 2009 "IPCC and the Climate-Conflict Nexus" (with Nils Petter Gleditsch). Paper presented to the International Scientific Congress on Climate Change, Copenhagen, 10–12 March.
- 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.
- 2009 "Dealing with Diversity: Religious State Repression and Civil Conflict" Paper presented at the annual American Political Science Association meeting, APSA, Toronto, Canada, 3–6 September.
- 2008 "Are religious conflicts bloodier? Assessing the Impact of Religion on Civil Conflict Casualties" Peace Science Society (International) 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Claremont, CA. 24-25 October.
- 2008 "Identity Polarization: Redistribution, Power Sharing, and Conflict in Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana", Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA. 26-29 March.
- 2007 "Identity Polarization and Conflict: State Building in Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana", Paper presented at the 6th Pan-European International Relations Conference, European Consortium for Political Research, Torino, Italy, 12–15 September.
- 2007 "Identity Polarization and Conflict: State Building in Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana", Paper presented at the conference Polarization and Conflict, Gaillac, France, 7–9 June.
- 2007 "Child Soldiers and Horizontal Inequality" Paper presented at the 48th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Chicago, IL, 28 February–3 March.
- 2007 "Are Religious Conflicts Bloodier? Assessing the Impact of Religion on Civil Conflict Casualties." Paper presented at the 48th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Chicago, IL, 28 February–3 March.
- 2007 "Religion and the Rhetoric of Rebellion after the Cold War". Paper presented at the 48th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Chicago, IL, 28 February–3 March.
- 2006 "Does Islam Breed Dissent?" (with Indra de Soysa). Paper presented to the international conference Global Communication of Fundamentalist Knowledge, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway, 14–16 December.
- 2006 "Regional Inequalities and Disaggregated Civil Conflict in Africa" (with Gudrun Østby). Paper presented to the Polarization and Conflict Workshop, Fulbright Centre (UN Buffer Zone), Nicosia, Cyprus, 26–29 April.
- 2005 "The Future of Religious Values – Impacts of Globalization and Intrastate Factors". Paper presented at the 3rd General Meeting of the European Consortium for Political Research, ECPR, 8–10 September.
- 2005 "Climate Conflict: Common Sense or Nonsense?" (with Nils Petter Gleditsch). Presented to the international workshop Human Security and Climate Change, Holmen Fjord Hotel, Asker, Norway, 21–23 June.
- 2005 "Religious Diversity and State Strategies: Impacts on Development and Conflict". Paper presented at the 46th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Honolulu, HI 1–5 March.
- 2004 "Regulating Religious Minorities: For Better or Worse?", Paper presented at the 45th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 17–20 March.

## POPULAR DISSEMINATION/ GENERAL AUDIENCE

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2022 Why Widespread Sexual Violence Is Likely In Ukraine. Political Violence at a Glance. April 6: <https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2022/04/06/why-widespread-sexual-violence-is-likely-in-ukraine/>

2022 Ukrainian Women Engage in Resistance and Should Be in the Peace Talks: New Survey Evidence. Blog: <https://blogs.prio.org/2022/04/ukrainian-women-engage-in-resistance-and-should-be-in-the-peace-talks-new-survey-evidence/>

2021 Report Back Better. Foreign Policy. Robert Nagel and Ragnhild Nordås: <https://foreignpolicy.com/2021/05/07/human-rights-report-state-department-sexual-violence/>

2021 Protection of Education in Conflict Zones – a Step in the Right Direction, PRIO Blog, 5 November. Østby, Gudrun & Ragnhild Nordås: <https://www.prio.org/publications/12916>

2021 Children at Risk of Wartime Sexual Violence, 1990–2019, Conflict Trends, 1. Oslo: PRIO. February 2021. Nagel, Robert; Ragnhild Nordås; Gudrun Østby; Siri Aas Rustad & Andreas Forø Tollefsen: <https://www.prio.org/publications/12639>

2020 Twenty years after UNSCR 1325: Any progress ending wartime sexual violence? (with Dara Kay Cohen and Robert U. Nagel) Political Violence at a Glance, October 30. <https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2020/10/30/twenty-years-after-unscr-1325-any-progress-ending-wartime-sexual-violence/>

2018 Why the Nobel Peace Prize went to 2 people fighting sexual violence in war. Washington Post, The Monkey Cage, October 8. (with Elisabeth Wood)

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2018 When Will We End Sexual Violence in Conflict? (with Nelly Lahoud) <https://blogs.prio.org/2018/12/when-will-we-end-sexual-violence-in-conflict/>

2018 Continued Failure to End Wartime Sexual Violence. PRIO Policy Brief. October 6. (With Robert Nagel). <https://www.prio.org/utility/DownloadFile.ashx?id=1655&type=publicationfile>

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>

*In French:* L'intégration sociale des Survivantes des violences sexuelles: Comment les programmes de soutien fonctionnent ? PRIO Paper. Oslo: PRIO.

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. <https://www.prio.org/publications/8925>

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)

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](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](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](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](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>

## INVITED TALKS: RESEARCHERS/STUDENTS

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- 2024 Speaker at the Michigan Research and Discovery Scholars (MRADS) Program for undergraduates, University of Michigan, 13 March.
- 2023 Harvard University: "Children Affected by Armed Conflict", Invited speaker for the 2022-2023 cohort of Child Protection Certificate candidates (online)
- 2022 Norwegian University of Science and Technology NTNU: "Preemptive state repression and international food prices" Spring IR seminar. May
- 2022 University of Michigan: "State feminism" Guest lecture in Undergraduate course, Scandinavian civilization. October.
- 2021 PRIO: "Public perceptions of sexualized repression" Fall, 2021
- 2021 University of Pennsylvania: "Gendered backlash: Sexualized repression and women's protest". 23 April.
- 2021 Columbia University: "Gendered backlash: Sexualized repression and women's protest" Columbia University International Politics Seminar (CUIPS), April 22.
- 2019 UCLA: "Differences in degree or differences in kind? Re-conceptualizing state repression" IR seminar. April
- 2019 University of Michigan: "Researching wartime sexual violence". Invited expert, Michigan Research and Discovery Scholars' seminar. January.
- 2018 Michigan State University: "Differences in degree or differences in kind? Re-conceptualizing state repression" October 19.
- 2016 Oxford University: "Sexual violence, social exclusion, and the impact of support programs: Micro-level evidence from Eastern DRC", May 27.
- 2016 University of Michigan: "Sexual violence and international security", Invited lecture, International Institute. 4 February.
- 2016 University of Michigan: "Understanding patterns of conflict-related sexual violence", Department of Political Science, Ann Arbor. 2 February.
- 2014 University of Konstanz, Germany: "Sexual Violence and War" 14 November.
- 2014 Universite Evangelique en Afrique, Bukavu, DR Congo: "Climate change and conflict". Invited lecture., 6 June.
- 2011 Greifswald University, Germany: "Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict: A new data collection". 19 Oct.
- 2011 Uppsala University, Sweden: "Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict: Presenting a new data collection" October 6.
- 2011 Arizona State University: "Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict" Tempe, AZ. Sept. 6.
- 2010 University of Notre Dame: "Religion and Intrastate Armed Conflict" Kroc Institute. 2 Dec.
- 2010 Harvard Kennedy School: "Beliefs & Bloodshed: Understanding Religion and Intrastate Conflict" International Security Program, Belfer Center, Cambridge, MA. 12 April.

- 2010 Harvard Kennedy School: “Inside Insurgencies: Motives, Mobilization, and Prospects for Peace”. Intrastate Conflict Project, Belfer Center, Cambridge MA. 5 February.
- 2009 University of Iowa: “Death by Diversity? Religious State Repression and Rebellion”. Journeys in World Politics workshop. 17 October.
- 2009 Harvard Kennedy School: “Dealing with Diversity: Religious Repression and Civil War”. Invited talk. Intrastate Conflict Project, Belfer Center, Cambridge MA. 21 April.
- 2009 University of Copenhagen, Denmark: “Climate Change and Conflict: What do we know?” Key note speech. Climate/Security conference, Centre for Advanced Security Theory (CAST), 9 March.
- 2009 “IPCC and the Climate-Conflict Nexus”, the International Scientific Congress on Climate Change, Copenhagen, 10–12 March.
- 2008 Harvard Kennedy School: “Killing Cleavages? The Politics of Religious Diversity and Armed Conflict”. International Security Program, Belfer Center, Cambridge, MA. 11 December.
- 2007 Graduate Institute of International Studies: “Religion and Peace”. Geneva, Switzerland, 5 June.
- 2006 University of Oslo, Norway: “Religion and Conflict”. Invited lecture, International Summer School.
- 2005 Norwegian University of Science and Technology NTNU: “Ethnic and religious conflict”. Invited lecture, Causes of War class.

#### INVITED TALKS: POLICY/PRACTITIONERS

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- 2023 Invited expert, The Missing Peace Global Symposium on Conflict-related Sexual Violence, Washington DC. 1-3 November.
- 2023 Invited expert, “Data and Evidence on Conflict-related Sexual Violence,” Atrocity Prevention Learning Group, U.S. State Department, 13 February (online).
- 2022 Invited panelist, Panel discussion organized by the he Tigray Youth Network (TYN) on weaponization of sexual violence in Ethiopia. 22 November (online)
- 2022 Invited expert, Briefing for the US State Department: Sexual violence in Ukraine, INR AO WebEx Virtual Analytic Exchange, US State Department, 30 August (online).
- 2022 Expert commentator, NRK television program URIX on Sexual violence in Ukraine.
- 2022 Expert commentator, Sexual violence in Ukraine. NRK radio program Dagsnytt 18. <https://radio.nrk.no/serie/dagsnytt-atten/sesong/202204/NMAG03007022>
- 2022 Invited panelist, Research briefing to the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, Missing Peace Initiative, U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C., 29 July (online).
- 2022 Invited expert, Process to inform the official UN Framework for prevention of sexual violence in war, by the UN special representative on sexual violence. Preventing sexual



- violence: What we know, UN Framework on the Prevention of CRSV: Scholars' roundtable, Washington University, Online, 8 April.
- 2018 Invited expert, “Peace” The Nobel Symposium. University of Michigan, the Center for the Study of Complex Systems. December.
- 2018 Invited expert, “Toward documenting variation in rape, sexual violence and SEA: Challenges, opportunities– and why we should care”. US AID Workshop, Washington DC. October.
- 2018 Invited panelist, “Sexual violence”. Invited talk at the Measuring Violence Against Women in Elections workshop at Emory University and The Carter Center, 26-27 February.
- 2018 “States’ use of sexual violence outside war”. Folke Bernadotte Academy UNSCR 1325 meeting, Oslo, 8 January.
- 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 in war and transitions”. Briefing for the U.S. Nordic Security Dialogue, Norwegian Foreign Ministry, 24 May.
- 2016 “Stopping Rape in Eastern Congo: Does Celebrity Activism Work?” Human Rights Human Wrongs film festival, Oslo, 16 February.
- 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: Challenges and opportunities.” Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. February.

## TEACHING

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### University of Michigan

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#### Sexual Violence and War

- POLSCI 401 (Seminar, Upper-Level Writing Requirement) (Winter 2020, 2021, Fall 2024)
- POLSCI 389/INTSTD 385 (Lecture, Student Cap 50) (Winter 2018, 2019)

#### Political Terror: State repression of human rights

- POLSCI 389/INTSTD 385 (Large Lecture) (Winter 2023, Fall 2024)
- POLSCI 389/INTSTD 385 (Medium Lecture) (Winter 2020, 2021)

POLSCI 401 (Advanced Seminar) (Winter 2019)

### Writing your Prospectus

POLSCI 994 (Graduate Seminar) (Fall 2023, Fall 2024)

### Civilians in Conflict

POLSCI 688 (Graduate Seminar) (Fall 2019, Fall 2022)

### Sexual and Gender-Based Violence

POLSCI 688 (Graduate Seminar) (Fall 2018, Fall 2024)

### Courses offered at other institutions

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- 2015 Religion, Conflict, and Violence.  
Doctoral course. Research School on Peace and Conflict, PRIO. Norwegian National Research School.
- 2015 Social Science Research Design and Dissemination.  
Capacity building, intensive course. ICART research center, Bukavu, DR Congo
- 2014 Social Science and Peace Research.  
Capacity building, intensive course. ICART, Bukavu, DR Congo
- 2014 Research project development & Academic writing.  
Capacity building, intensive course. ICART, Bukavu, DR Congo

### STUDENT ADVISING AND MENTORSHIP

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#### Current doctoral students (7)

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- Rebecca Savelsberg (Committee chair, University of Michigan. Expected 2025)
- Bintu Zahara Sakor (Committee co-chair, University of Oslo, Norway. Expected 2025)
- Esmeralda Lopez (Committee chair, University of Michigan)
- Kate Knapp (Committee member, University of Michigan)
- Sarah Ku (First year mentor, University of Michigan)
- Rebecca Rose (Committee member, University of Michigan)
- Timothy Arvan (Committee chair, University of Michigan)

### Former doctoral students (4)

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- Corina Simonelli (University of Michigan, PhD 2021) – position at US State Department
  - Committee co-chair
- Ingrid Vik Bakken (NTNU, PhD 2021) – postdoc at University Duisburg-Essen, Germany.
  - Committee co-chair
- Elisabeth Lio Rosvold (NTNU/PRIO, PhD 2019) – Associate Professor of Political Science, NTNU
  - Committee co-chair
- Mahlet Atakilt Woldetsadik (Pardee RAND Graduate School, PhD 2016)
  - Position at Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in Seattle, Washington

### MA Students

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- Ingebjørg Finnbakk, 2016
  - University of Oslo
- Alisa Mujanic, 2016
  - University of Oslo

### PhD Prelim examination committee member

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- Esmeralda Lopez (IR/World)
- Rachel Kulikoff (American Politics)
- Jessica Lucas (IR/World)
- Kate Knapp (IR/World)
- Fabricio Vasselai (Political Theory)
- Erin Cikanek (Methods)
- Corina Simonelli (IR/World)
- Rebecca Savelsberg (IR/World)

### PhD Defense committee (external member)

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- Karin Johansson, PhD in Political Science, Uppsala University, Sweden.
- Lasse Lykke Rørbæk, PhD in Political Science, University of Aarhus, Denmark.

### Honors students (University of Michigan)

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- Kristina Bland (2025/26)
- Olivia Papas (2024/25)
- Tyler Stermasi (honors conversion Fall 2024)
- Rasmi Davu
- Camille Cummings
- Michelle Nguyen
- Megan Rossiter
- Laurel Comiter (defense committee member)
- Sydney Smith (Women's and Gender Studies)

## **Undergraduate Research Opportunity (UROP) students (University of Michigan):**

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- Alexandra Lubczuk
- Elise Rometsch

## **SERVICE**

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### **Service to the profession: Panel chair, discussant, roundtable participation**

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- Roundtable participant: MC 73 Conflict-related sexual violence and justice. International Studies Association (ISA) annual meeting, Chicago, IL. March 2-5, 2025.
- Panel discussant: SB 35 New perspective on Religion, Conflict & Peace. International Studies Association (ISA) annual meeting, Chicago, IL. March 2-5, 2025.
- Roundtable/committee panel participant, SD11: To cite or not to cite. Implications for advancing research and for diversity in the academic profession. International Studies Association (ISA) annual meeting, San Francisco CA. April 3-6.
- Roundtable participant, FA76: Gendered Dimensions of Data in International Studies. International Studies Association (ISA) annual meeting, San Francisco CA. April 3-6.
- Panel Discussant & Chair, TB53: Understanding the Impact of Civil War on Post-Conflict Institutions. International Studies Association (ISA) annual meeting, San Francisco CA. April 3-6.
- Roundtable/committee panel participant, WD25: Peer reviews: How to write them, how to read them. International Studies Association (ISA) annual meeting, San Francisco CA. April 3-6.
- Workshop participant, "Alternative Governance and Climate Change". Peace Science Society. The 57th North American Annual Meeting. St. Louis, Missouri. 9-11 November.
- Panel Discussant, "Sexual Violence, Female Participation, and Conflict." MPSA, Chicago, IL. April 2023
- Workshop participant, "A Medley of Militias". Peace Science Society Annual Meeting 2016 .
- Panel Chair: SA13 "Accountability, Transparency and Human Rights Violations" International Studies Association annual meeting, ISA 2016, Atlanta, GA.
- Panel Discussant: WD02 "Environment and conflict 3/3" International Studies Association annual meeting, ISA 2016, Atlanta, GA.
- Panel Chair: SD02 "Human rights and peace: Does keeping the peace help rights?" International Studies Association annual meeting, ISA 2016, Atlanta, GA.
- Panel Discussant: SD02 "Human rights and peace: Does keeping the peace help rights?" International Studies Association annual meeting, ISA 2016, Atlanta, GA.
- Poster Panel Discussant, FE 98: PDG Poster Panel Session. International Studies Association annual meeting, ISA 2014, Toronto.
- Roundtable participant, WB 59: "Systematic Empirics on Gender in the Study of International Interventions", the International Studies Association annual meeting 2013, ISA San Francisco, CA.

- Panel discussant, FA52: “Religion in International Relations Theory: Understanding Conceptions of the World, the State, and the Global”, the International Studies Association annual meeting 2011, Montreal Canada, March 16-19.
- Panel discussant, SD62: “Studying Civil War at Different Levels of Analysis”, the International Studies Association annual meeting 2010, New Orleans February 17-20.

#### Service to the profession: Other roles

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- Councilor 2019-2022, International Studies Association, Scientific Studies of International Processes (SSIP) section.
- Section Program Chair, International Studies Association, Annual Meeting 2019 Scientific Studies of International Processes (SSIP)
- Contributor: The Women's Caucus (WCIS) Mentoring Café, International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada 27-30 March 2019
- Contributor: “Pay it Forward Workshop: Women Helping Women”. International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. 2018
- Contributor: “Pay it Forward Workshop: Women Helping Women”. International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. 2015
- Section Program Chair, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), International Conflict Processes. 2020
- Award committee member: Lewis Fry Richardson Lifetime Achievement Award (2016-2019)
- Co-Initiator of the MINDfields project (with Christian Davenport, Jacqueline DeMeritt, Will Moore, and Ernesto Verdeja): Webpage: <http://mindfields.weebly.com/>
- Special Issue Editor, *Political Geography* 2007 26(6): Climate Change and Conflict
- Editorial committee member: Journal of Peace Research (2006–2011)

#### Workshops organized

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- *Demographic dividends in Africa (DIVIDENDS) workshop*. African School of Economics (with Henrik Urdal, Bintu Zahara Sakor, Ian Heffernan) Benin, 7-9 June 2023.
- *Female Empowerment in eastern DR Congo*. (with Gudrun Østby, Susanne Allden) Workshop, Bukavu DRC, December 2016
- *Sexual violence and armed conflict: New research frontiers*. Harvard Kennedy School, September 2-4, 2014. (with Dara Kay Cohen)
- *Human Security and Climate Change*. Holmen Fjord Hotel, Asker, Norway, 21–23 June 2005. (with Nils Petter Gleditsch)

#### Service to the University of Michigan

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- Austin Chair, Search Committee (2023-24)

- Austin Chair search Ad-hoc World subfield committee (2023-24)
- Faculty Sponsor: Interdisciplinary Workshop on Gender and Politics, IGAP, (2023-)
- Executive Committee member, Political Science Department, (2022/2023)
- Diversity Ally/ Emerging Scholars Committee (member) (2020)
- Graduate Admissions Committee (member) (2019-2020)
- Regional Grad Student Conference Committee (member) (2018-2020)
- Department Climate Liaison (2019-2020)
- Undergraduate Affairs Committee (member) (2018-2019)
- Rubin Speaker Series Committee (member) (2018-2019)
- Co-director: Conflict & Peace Research & Development workshop, CPRD (2017-)

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#### **Service to the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)**

- PRIO Board member (2015-2016)
- Coordinator of research groups “Non-State Actors in Conflict” (2012-2013), and “Civilians in Conflict” (2012-2016)

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#### **Reviewer**

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##### **Journals:**

- African Identities, 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 Political Science Review, International Security, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Global Security Studies, Political Geography, Political Studies, Politics & Gender, Politics and Religion, Research and Politics, Social Politics, Terrorism and Political Violence.

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##### **Other:**

- Cambridge University Press, Canadian Research Council, National Science Foundation USA, Swiss Research Council, United States Institute of Peace.

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#### **Member of professional organizations**

- Peace Science Society International (PSSI)
- International Studies Association (ISA)
- American Political Science Association (APSA)

- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
- The European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
- Network of European Peace Scientists (NEPS)

## LANGUAGES/SKILLS

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- Norwegian (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate)
- Stata, SPSS, Excel, R (basic), Arc GIS (basic)

## BIO STATEMENT

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Ragnhild Nordås (Nordaas) is an Assistant Professor of political science at the University of Michigan studying the causes, dynamics, and consequences of political conflict and violence --particularly civil war and state repression. In recent years, her work has centered on conflict-related sexual violence. She is the co-Director of the Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict (SVAC) data which is the recipient of the J. David Singer Award for Data Innovation. She has published 24 peer-reviewed journal articles, 7 book chapters, and a series of policy briefs and reports. Her work has appeared in leading academic journals, including i.a. the American Journal of Political Science, Annual Review of Political Science, Journal of Conflict Resolution, International Studies Quarterly, and Journal of Peace Research, generating more than 3,400 citations in Google Scholar. In addition to scholarly impact, Dr. Nordås also communicates research findings to a wider audience and consults with policy makers and practitioners such as the US State Department, the United Nations, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign affairs, Save the Children, and USAID. Her current book project seeks to understand variation in sexual violence by state actors inside and outside war.

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