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Education

2018 – 2023	PhD in Comparative Politics Project: Representative democracy and climate change. Climate policy preferences and congruence between citizens and elected representatives. Supervisor: Yvette Peters	University of Bergen
2015 – 2016	One-year study, History 60 ECTS	University of Bergen
2013 – 2015	Master of Philosophy in Comparative Politics Thesis: In Science We Trust, Through Ideology We Look: Explaining Climate Change Attitudes in Norway Supervisor: Elisabeth Ivarsflaten	University of Bergen
2012 – 2013	Additional studies, Political Science and History 60 ECTS	University of Bergen
2009 – 2012	Bachelor of European Studies Specialization in Comparative Politics Exchange semester at University of Bern, Switzerland	University of Bergen

Research Experience

2023 –	Senior Researcher Research group: Climate, Environment, and Sustainability	NORCE Norwegian Research Centre
2018 – 2023	PhD Candidate Project: Representative democracy and climate change.	University of Bergen
2018	Researcher (100 %) Research project Climate policies led by Michaël Tatham.	University of Bergen
2017 – 2018	Researcher (100 %) Research project Politics of Inequality led by Yvette Peters.	University of Bergen
2016 – 2017	Research assistant (100 %) Department of Comparative Politics	University of Bergen
2016	Research assistant (hourly paid) Norwegian Citizen Panel led by Elisabeth Ivarsflaten.	University of Bergen
2015	Research assistant (hourly paid) Research project LINGCLIM led by Kjersti Fløttum.	University of Bergen
2015	Research assistant (20 %) Norwegian Citizen Panel led by Elisabeth Ivarsflaten.	University of Bergen

Selected Publications and Unpublished Papers

Helliesen, Mari S. 2022. "Unequal Representation of Women and Youth on Climate Policy Issues." *Representation*.
Helliesen, Mari S. 2023. "Party-voter congruence: Representing climate policy preferences."
Helliesen, Mari S. 2023. "Framing climate policy: Moving the public and elected representatives."
Helliesen, Mari S. 2023. "Representative democracy and climate change: perceptions and preferences of elected representatives."

Research Groups and Affiliations

<i>THERAPY</i>	Research project on "The electoral ramifications of environmental policy" (THERAPY) funded by RCN, led by Ole Martin Lægreid, NORCE.	Member
<i>Citizens, Opinions, Representation</i>	Research group, Department of comparative politics, University of Bergen	Member 2016 – 2023 Coordinator 2021 – 2022
<i>Climate and Environment</i>	Thematic research unit, Norwegian Citizen Panel, DIGSSCORE, University of Bergen	Member
<i>POLPOP</i>	International research project on "How Politicians Evaluate Public Opinion" (POLPOP). Collaboration between researchers from 13 countries. Led by professor Stefaan Walgrave from the University of Antwerp	Part of the Norwegian country team. Coordinated the Norwegian team while team leader was on leave

Conference Presentations

October 2023	Perceptions of decision criteria in climate policy <i>Beyond Oil 2023</i>	University of Bergen
May 2023	Understanding opposition to meat reduction <i>Living with Climate Change</i>	University of Bergen
June 2022	Representing climate policy preferences <i>National Political Science Conference</i>	University of Oslo
October 2021	Framing effects on climate policy support <i>Beyond Oil 2021</i>	University of Bergen
September 2021	Framing effects on climate policy support <i>ECPR General Conference</i>	Digital conference
August 2020	Environmental Issue Congruence and Unequal Representation <i>ECPR General Conference</i>	Digital conference
June 2020	Environmental Issue Congruence and Unequal Representation <i>Environmental Politics and Government</i>	Digital conference

Dissemination

15.11.23	Klimaskepsis, politikk og folk flest	Invited speaker	Klimasnukonferansen Ålesund
18.10.23	Reflections on a Just Transition	Panel	Beyond Oil Conference, Bergen
21.09.23	- Det er helt på trynet	Newspaper interview	<i>Universitas</i>
12.08.23	Tilliten til det politiske Norge	Radio / TV interview	<i>NRK</i>
05.08.23	Frykta at ho ikkje var flink nok	Newspaper interview	<i>Khrono</i>
30.07.23	Tilliten til norske politikere er i verdenstoppen. Men det er ikke sikkert den forblir høy, mener ekspert	Newspaper interview	<i>Aftenposten</i>
03.05.23	Er klimakrisen den største trusselen mot demokratiet?	Invited speaker	#Klimaomstilling, Sogndal
14.04.23	Mister demokratiet de unge?	Panel	University of Bergen
12.04.23	Lokaldemokratiet har mista desse unge folkevalde	Newspaper interview	<i>NRK</i>
28.03.23	Venstresidens fall	Panel	Studentersamfunnet i Bergen
15.03.23	Ungdommenes aksjon var vellykket	Op-ed	<i>VG</i>
29.04.22	Demokrati, maktfordeling og klimapolitikk – hvem bestemmer i klimapolitikken?	Invited speaker	Holberg i skolen, Holbergprisen
02.02.22	Kutte i kjøtt- og meieriprodukter? Folkevalgte mer mot enn velgerne	Article	<i>Energi og klima</i>
01.10.21	Demokrati i ubalanse? På dette området er norske politikarar klart i utakt med unge veljarar	Newspaper interview	<i>Framtida</i>
13.09.21	Klimasakens skiftende rolle i valgkampen	Panel	Studentersamfunnet i Bergen
11.09.21	Tror klima vil mobilisere unge velgere	Newspaper interview	<i>NRK</i>
24.08.21	Temperaturen i klimadebatten	Podcast	Lunsj med Lars, <i>Stavanger Aftenblad</i>
10.08.21	Teller stemmene like mye?	Podcast	Lunsj med Lars, <i>Stavanger Aftenblad</i>
13.08.21	Hvordan påvirker innrammingen av klimatiltak politisk støtte?	Invited speaker	Bergen kommune, Klimaetat
06.12.19	Hvorfor er Norge det tredje mest klimaskeptiske landet i verden?	Interview	<i>NRK</i>
01.12.19	Oljeindustrien og velstanden får skylda for klimaskepsis: - Mange går inn i en dyp fornektelse.	Newspaper interview	<i>Nettavisen</i>
07.10.19	Norge er blant landene med flest klimaskeptikere	Newspaper interview	<i>Khrono</i>
04.10.19	Slik er de norske klimaskeptikerne	Op-ed	<i>Bergens Tidende</i>
03.10.19	Klimaskepsis: Hva er det og bør vi forske på det?	Panel	Sampolkonferansen

Teaching Experience

2018 – 2023	SAMPOL260 Bachelor essay in comparative politics Supervisor	University of Bergen
2023	SAMPOL388 Understanding inequality in (democratic) politics Seminar on climate change	University of Bergen
2020 – 2023	SAMPOL107 Political mobilization Lecturer	University of Bergen
2019	SAMPOL100 Introduction to comparative politics Lecturer	University of Bergen
2016 – 2017	SAMPOL290/291 Comparative politics internship Course coordinator	University of Bergen

Completed PhD Courses

Summer 2022	Panel and Pooled Data Analysis	University of Bergen
Spring 2021	Psychological and Social Science Perspectives on Climate Change	Bergen Summer Research School
Summer 2020	2B Quantitative Data Analysis with R	Essex Summer School
Summer 2019	2C Advanced Survey Data Analysis and Survey Experiments	Essex Summer School
Spring 2019	VITSV900 Philosophy and Ethics of Social Sciences	University of Bergen

Completed University Pedagogy Courses

Spring 2021	UPED676: Creating Accessible Learning Materials	University of Bergen
Spring 2021	UPED600: Introduction to Teaching and Course Design	University of Bergen
Spring 2021	UPED658: Flipped Classroom	University of Bergen
Autumn 2020	UPED657: Digital study technique	University of Bergen

Committee and representation work

2021 – 2022	Department council Deputy representative for temporary academic staff	Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen
2021	Working group on gender equality Member from temporary academic staff	Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen
2020 – 2021	Department council Representative for temporary academic staff	Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen

Skills

- Languages: Norwegian (native), English (proficient), German (intermediate)
- Statistical packages: STATA (advanced), R (intermediate)