

# Curriculum Vitae

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### Academic background

- Dr. Polit., University of Oslo, Department of Political Science, 2007. Subject of the doctoral thesis: How international regimes affect the management of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture in developing countries. Published in 2008.
- Diplom Politologin (equivalent to Cand. Polit, political science), Free University of Berlin, 1991 (Summa cum Laude). Dissertation: A comparative study on the socio-cultural dimension of German and Norwegian development co-operation – with focus on project planning and analysed from a political science perspective. Thematic emphasis of the studies: Development cooperation and north-south relations with focus on development theories, strategies, the multilateral system, interaction between ecology and economy. Regional studies: Sub-Saharan Africa, the Philippines.
- Zwischenprüfung Politologie (equivalent to a bachelor's degree, political science), Free University of Berlin, 1987 (Cum Laude). Combination of subjects: An interdisciplinary approach to the understanding of political structures and processes through political theory, history, economics, law, sociology, social anthropology, political psychology and international politics. Thematic emphasis: Development cooperation and north-south relations with focus on the understanding of international economic processes and the role of international financial institutions as well as bilateral donors.

### Professional experience

- Research Director, Environment and Biodiversity, FNI (since May 2020).
- Research Professor, FNI, (since January 2020) and Senior Research Fellow, FNI (August 2017 – January 2020): Project leader of *Pathways to food security, poverty alleviation and livelihoods through the implementation of farmers' rights to crop genetic diversity (DIVERSIFARM)*, funded by the Research Council of Norway. Project leader of *Unfolding the Potentials of Community Seed Banks for Food and Nutrition Security among Smallholder Farmers in India through the Realization of Farmers' Rights (DIVERSIFARM-India)*, funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy in New Delhi. Participating in two research projects on access to seeds and the management of suitable seeds in countries exposed to climate change, funded by the Research Council of Norway, responsible for studies on gene-/seed banks and on farmers' rights. Partner in the EU Horizon 2020-project DIVERSIFOOD, with focus on 'enabling legal environments' for the management of on-farm crop genetic diversity. Expert member of technical working groups on sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture and on farmers' rights under the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (FAO). Expert member of the Norwegian delegation to all sessions of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Plant Treaty). Organizing seminars/events.

Consultant for the Secretariat of the Plant Treaty (workshop facilitation and report). Evaluations for the Development Fund, Norway (Nepal, Ethiopia, Malawi). Associated with the EU Horizon 2020-projects DYNAVERSITY and Farmers' Pride.

- Executive Director, Oikos – Organic Norway (January 2013 – May 2017): Personnel responsibility for up to 19 employees, responsible for strategic planning, media activities, communication with political decision makers and stakeholders from the farm to the table, project acquisition and -implementation, organizational activities and economy. Publication of several book chapters on farmers' rights as set out in the Plant Treaty, and co-chair of the Global Consultation on farmers' rights in Bali, Indonesia, co-organized by Indonesia, Norway and the Secretariat of the Plant Treaty.
- Senior Research Fellow, FNI (2006 –2012): Project leader of the Farmers' Rights Project, an international project aimed at supporting the implementation of Farmers' Rights as they are recognized in the Plant Treaty, with research based guidance, and consisting of various research, dissemination and facilitation activities. The project was supported by *inter alia* the Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture and Food; the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the German GTZ (now GIZ), commissioned by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development; the Research Council of Norway; and the Development Fund, Norway. Organized and facilitated the 2010 Global Consultation on Farmers' Rights in Addis Ababa, as a preparation of the Fourth Session of the Governing Body of the Plant Treaty. Co-organised the informal international consultation on Farmers' Rights in Lusaka, Zambia, 2007. Project manager of the Access and Benefit-sharing Project, which focused on the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity in terms of access and benefit sharing in Africa. Case study related to teff in Ethiopia. Member of the Committee on Genetic Resources of Domesticated Plants, Centre of Genetic Resources, Norway (2011–2013).
- Research Fellow, FNI (1997 –2006): Writing doctoral dissertation (see above); Initiator and Director of the Farmers' Rights Project (see above); Member of the Advisory Committee to the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Results from Norwegian development policies; Responsible for two projects on international response to forced migration in Africa and the role of Norway; Research on the role of multilateral development assistance with regard to the genocide in Rwanda; Conducted various seminars in project planning and evaluation for NGOs in Norway, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea; Research on overlapping international regimes with regard to crop genetic diversity; Consultant to the Research Council of Norway (RCN) on an evaluation on the PhD program for female researchers for environment conservation; Consultant to NORAD and RCN of three reviews concerning NORADs' research support policy in Africa (with field work in Uganda and Tanzania); Conducted seminars with a duration of 2-5 days at NORAD on the sociocultural dimension of development cooperation and intercultural communication at regular intervals throughout 1997.
- Project Manager, FNI (1994 –1996) and Program Director of the Environment and Development Research Programme for 18 months until reorganization of the FNI. Project Manager of a project on sustainable energy strategies in developing countries, with field studies in India. Participation in an evaluation of the integration of environmental concerns in NORADs development assistance.
- Course co-ordinator, NORAD Training Centre, Oslo (1993-94): In charge of developing courses on environmental, institutional, gender, sociocultural and general development issues as well as on planning and monitoring methodology such as the Logical Framework Approach. In shorter periods, deputy leader of the training centre.
- Executive Officer, Carl Duisberg Gesellschaft, Unit for Environment and Resource Management, Berlin (1992-93). Assisting in the development, monitoring and evaluation of training programmes for leaders and key professionals from developing

countries' power sectors and inter alia organising an evaluation seminar together with the Power Corporation of the Philippines.

- Research Assistant, Free University of Berlin, Department of the Politics of China, East and Southeast Asia (1987-90, during studies).
- 1988: Volunteer at the Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Manila, for four months, assigned with the organisation of seminars in the fields of environmental and legislative training as well as with an analysis of women initiatives for poverty alleviation in a slum area of Manila, using participatory action research as a methodology.

### **Selected commissions of trust (in addition to those mentioned above)**

- Member of the Governing Board of the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) (since 2022)
- Member of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers' Rights under the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (since 2018).
- Member of the Ad Hoc Technical Committee on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture under the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (since 2016).
- Chair of the Committee on regulations related to organic production and marketing of organic products under the Norwegian Food Safety Authority (2014 – 2017).
- Member of the Norwegian Genetic Resources Committee for Plants (2011 – 2013).
- Member of the Committee on Sustainability of Genetically Modified Organisms, organized by the Norwegian Biotechnology Advisory Board and the Directorate for Nature Management (2010 – 2011).
- Member of Advisory Committee to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Results in the Development Policy, and of its working committee (2001 – 03).
- Chair of the Board of the Rainforest Foundation Norway (2006 – 2012), Vice Chair (2001 – 2006) and member (2000 – 2002 and 2012 – 2016)
- Member of Advisory Committee to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Results in the Development Policy, and of its working committee (2001 – 03)
- Staff representative (member) of the Board of the Fridtjof Nansen Institute (1999 – 2003)

### **Selected publications**

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- Meixner Vásquez, Viviana and Regine Andersen, Community seed banks: Instruments for food security or unsustainable endeavour? A case study of Mkombezi Community Seed Bank in Malawi *Food Security*, published online 17.06.2023, 22 p. DOI: 10.1007/s12571-023-01374-4.
- Ramanna, Anitha and Regine Andersen, Stewardship or ownership in India: Options for community seed banks in managing crop genetic resources in relation to intellectual property rights. *The Journal of World Intellectual Property*, Vol 25, No 2, 2022, pp. 432-459.
- Andersen, Regine, Enhancing the functioning of the multilateral system of access and benefit sharing under the ITPGRFA: Results from an international survey. FNI Report 2/2022. Lysaker, FNI, 2022, 49 p.
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- Andersen, Regine, Viviana Meixner Vásquez and Rachel Wynberg Improving Seed and Food Security in Malawi: The Role of Community Seed Banks, *FNI Policy Brief 1/2022*. Lysaker, Fridtjof Nansen Institute, June 2022, 9 p. (also available in the languages Tumbuka and Chichewa)
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- Wynberg, Rachel, Regine Andersen, Sarah Laird, Kudzai Kusena, Christian Prip and Ola Tveitereid Westengen, Farmers' Rights and Digital Sequence Information: Crisis or Opportunity to Reclaim Stewardship Over Agrobiodiversity? *Frontiers in Plant Science*, published online 13.08.2021, 16 p. DOI: 10.3389/fpls.2021.686728
- Skedsmo, Pål Wilter and Regine Andersen, Governing crop genetics in post-Soviet countries: Lessons from the biodiversity hotspot Armenia *Euphytica*, Vol 217, Article 94, 2021, 22 p.
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