

Trym Nohr Fjortoft

Education

2017–22 **Ph.D., Political Science, University of Oslo**

Dissertation title: “Borders of Technocracy: Expertise, democracy, and the legitimacy of unelected bodies.” Supervisors: Erik O. Eriksen and Asimina Michailidou.

2014 –16 **M.A., Political Science, University of Oslo**

2010–13 **B.A., International Studies, University of Oslo**

Academic Positions

2022– **Postdoctoral Fellow, ARENA, University of Oslo**

“The Politics of European and American Single-Market Governance” (SINGLEMARKETS). (On parental leave spring 2023.)

2017–22 **Doctoral Research Fellow, ARENA, UiO**

Peer-reviewed Academic Publications

Fjortoft, Trym Nohr. 2024. “Inductive Risk and the Legitimacy of Non-Majoritarian Institutions.” *British Journal of Political Science* 54(2).

doi.org/10.1017/S0007123423000200.

Fjortoft, Trym Nohr and Hallvard Sandven. 2023. “Symmetry in the Delegation of Power as a Legitimacy Criterion.” *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies* 61(4).

doi.org/10.1111/jcms.13429.

Fjortoft, Trym Nohr. 2022. “More Power, More Control: The Legitimizing Role of Expertise in Frontex after the Refugee Crisis.” *Regulation & Governance* 16(2).

doi.org/10.1111/rego.12373.

Fjortoft, Trym Nohr and Asimina Michailidou. 2021. “Beyond Expertise: The Public Legitimacy of European Union Agencies.” *Political Research Exchange* 3(1).

doi.org/10.1080/2474736X.2021.2018266.

Other Publications

“[Teknisk ekspertise kan være en politisk ressurs](#).” *Stat & Styring* 30 (3): 12-15.

Works in Progress

“Technical Legitimacy.” Single-authored. Under review.

“What is the Proper Role of Gender Equality Indexes? Re-directing the critique of the ‘measurement obsession’ in gender equality policy-making.” With Cathrine Holst. Work in progress.

“How Do Politicians Appeal to the Single Market? Evidence from the European Parliament.” With Martin Moland. Work in progress.

“Governing Trans-border Trade within the EU and the US: the Case of Alcoholic Drinks.” With Andy Smith, Craig Parsons, Susanne Schmidt, Katarzyna Andrejuk, Jarle Trondal. Work in progress.

“The Structure and Legitimacy of Non-Majoritarianism in EU and US Single Market Governance.” With Christopher Lord. Work in progress.

Teaching

- 2024 **STV1501: The EU as a political system**, Department of Political Science, UiO
- 2023–24 **MA Supervisor**, Department of Political Science, UiO
- 2019–23 **External examiner**, Oslo Business School, Oslo Metropolitan University
Courses: Governance, Bachelor Thesis
- 2016 **Seminar Tutor**, Department of Political Science, UiO
Courses: Introduction to Political Science, Political Philosophy

Shorter Academic and Other Positions

- 2022 **Researcher**, ARENA, UiO
Member of the secretariat for a government-appointed commission to evaluate Norway’s experience with the EU and EEA ([EØS-utredningen](#)).
- 2021–22 **Researcher**, Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo
- 2021 **Researcher**, ARENA, UiO
Jan–Jun. Project leader on the development of [DifferentiGate](#).
- 2016–17 **Higher Executive Officer**, ARENA, UiO
- 2015–16 **Research Assistant**, ARENA, UiO
- 2014–15 **Head of department (temporary)**, UngInfo Oslo

Visiting Positions

- 2022–23 **Visiting Researcher**, UC Berkeley
Institute of European Studies.

2020 Visiting Ph.D. Researcher, European University Institute

Liaison Professor: Jeffrey Checkel.

Outreach and Dissemination

Presentation at the Faculty of Social Sciences' (UiO) "Research Relay," November 2023.

Lecture for the Delegation of the European Union to Norway, November 2023.

"Farligere enn noensinne." Interview in *Klassekampen*, 1 August 2022.

"What drives public acceptance of expert agencies?" (with Asimina Michailidou.) *The Loop*, 14 February 2022.

"EUs grensepoliti saksøkes for å presse flyktninger på havet." Interview in *Vårt Land*, 28 May 2021.

"Frontex i skuddlinjen." Interview in *Morgenbladet*, 19 February 2021.

"EU ser mot yttergrensa." Interview in *Klassekampen*, 13 November 2020.

"The Appeal to Technical Expertise in Frontex." TARN Blog, 10 April 2020.

Awards and Grants

2022 *Research Council of Norway* Mobility Grants, for stays at EUI and UC Berkeley.
2020

2015 *Fritt Ord* student grant, Department of Political Science, UiO.

2012 *E.ON Ruhrgas* personal mobility grant for political science.

Presentations (* indicates an invited talk.)

Discussant, launch of [special issue](#) on "Philosophy, Policy, and Moral Expertise" (Res Publica), Oslo, 15 March 2024.*

"Technical Legitimacy." *GOODPOL research seminar*, Oslo, 12 October 2023.*

"Inductive Risk and the Legitimacy of Non-Majoritarian Institutions." *SciDem Research Seminar*, 15 September 2023.*

"The Empirical-Normative Dissonance in Technical Legitimacy." *The Norwegian Institute in Rome*, 10 May 2023.*

"Inductive Risk and the Legitimacy of Non-Majoritarian Institutions." *GOODPOL Closing Conference*, Oslo, 20 May 2022.*

"The Need for Normative Theory in Empirical Political Science." *Centre for Advanced Study*, Oslo, 18 February 2021. *

Invited discussant and panelist, launch of report “Schengen Evaluation: An educational experience. The example of Norway.” *The Norwegian Police University College*, 19 November 2020.*

“The Public Legitimacy of European Union Agencies.” In *The Politics of Bureaucratic Reputation*, ECPR General Conference 2020 (virtual event), 28 August 2020.

“Frontex, Expertise and the Refugee Crisis.” In *Making Non-Majoritarian Institutions Safe for Democracy*. Workshop at ARENA Centre for European Studies, 20-21 June 2019.*

“The Role of Expertise in Frontex.” In *The Technocratic Challenge to Democracy: Experts, Elites and the People*. Workshop at the ECPR Joint Sessions 2018. 13 April 2018.

Languages

Norwegian (native)

English (fluent)

German (Intermediate)

Serbo-Croatian (Beginner/Intermediate)

R (statistical programming language)