

## **Curriculum Vitae**

Name: Cathrine Moe Thorleifsson  
Nationality: Norwegian  
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### **EDUCATION**

2012 Ph.D. Anthropology, The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), UK  
Degree Awarded: 31 August 2012. Supervisors: Prof. Martha Mundy and Prof. Stephan Feuchtwang  
2007 M.Phil Social Anthropology, The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), UK  
2005 M.Sc. Anthropology & Development, The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)  
2004 BA Social Science, The Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

### **LANGUAGE EDUCATION**

October 2007- June 2008 Hebrew language training, University of Haifa, Israel  
March- April 2007 Arabic course at Centre for Arabic Language and Eastern Studies (CALES),  
University of Science and Technology, Sana'a, Yemen  
Jan- March 2006 MSA Upper Intermediate level, Arabic course once a week, School of  
Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, United Kingdom  
June- August 2006 Hebrew course, Ulpan Akiva, Netanya, Israel  
Sep- Des 2005 Arabic course, three levels, University of Damascus, Syria

**Language skills:** English (*mother tongue*) Norwegian (*mother tongue*) German (*upper intermediate*) Hebrew (*upper intermediate*) Arabic (*intermediate*)

**Countries worked in:** Norway, UK, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Yemen, Kyrgyzstan, Hungary, Brazil

**Countries of previous residence:** USA, Norway, United Kingdom, Syria, Israel

### **CURRENT POSITIONS**

2017 Researcher, Department of Social Anthropology, C-REX Centre for Research on Extremism,  
University of Oslo, Norway  
2014-2016 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo

### **PREVIOUS POSITIONS**

2013 Senior Researcher, Fafo Institute for Applied International Studies, Oslo, Norway. I did  
consultancy work for the World Bank and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on  
Syrian migration.  
2012 Visiting Researcher, Centre for Studies of Holocaust and Religious Minorities, Oslo,  
Norway  
2006-2012 Doctoral Researcher, London School of Economics and Political Science, Department of  
Anthropology, United Kingdom  
2007-2008 Visiting Researcher, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Haifa, Israel  
Supervisor Dr. Yuval Yonay  
2005-2006 Researcher, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Damascus, Syria

### **FELLOWSHIPS**

2016-2017	One year Postdoctoral Fellowship, The Research Council of Norway (NFR) funding, C-REX Centre for the Study of Extremism, UiO	100 000 €
2014-2016	Two years postdoctoral Fellowship, NFR-funded "European Strains", UiO	100 000 €
2008-2010	Three years PhD Fellowship, FRISAM, The Research Council of Norway	100 000 €
2007/2008	Scholarship, The Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs	8000 €
2007	Scholarship, The Scandinavia- Japan Sasakawa Foundation	1000 €
2006	Ulpan Hebrew language training, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2000 €
2006	United Nations scholarship, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs	3000 €

## **TEACHING AND SUPERVISION**

Teaching skills both at undergraduate and graduate level, including lecturing large groups, managing medium sized seminars and tutoring one-on-one. Completed Master Thesis Supervision: 2.

2015-2016 Teaching MA course, *Overheating: The Anthropology of Accelerated Change*, University of Oslo

2003-2004 Teaching, MA course Experts-In-Team (EIT), an award winning interdisciplinary course at the Norwegian University of Technology and Science, Trondheim, Norway

## **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES**

Around 40 presentations at seminars, workshops and conferences from 2012, including several presentations at American Anthropological Association and the Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN) and invited presentations and keynote speeches at universities and conferences in 15 countries. Outside academic presentations, I've given more than 50 talks to policy makers, student groups and general audience in 6 different countries, including 5 High-Level Conferences. Since 2012, I hold a distinct media presence and have disseminated research in various media outlets. Full list of media appearances is available at: <https://www.cristin.no/as/WebObject/cristin.woa/wa/fres?sort=ar&la=no&action=sok&pnr=531714>

## **INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES and COMMISSIONS OF TRUST**

2016 Executive Management, The 18<sup>th</sup> Nordic Migration Conference in Oslo

2015 Board Member, Norwegian network for Migration Studies

2013 Coordinator and Convener, Middle East and North-Africa seminar series, Fafo AIS

2012 Executive Management, Film week at the Oslo Cinematheque marking the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the deportations of Norwegian Jews

2009-2010 Coordinator and Convener, LSE South-West Asia and North-Africa seminar series

2007 Executive Management, Grieg 07 Symposium, Music & Identity, Bergen, Norway

2006-2007 Coordinator, London Anthropology PhD network

2004 – 2005 Co-Editor, LSE Journal *The Script*

September 2004 Human Rights Coordinator, European Youth Centre, SCI Study Session, Budapest, Hungary. Established a Human Rights Network with NGOs from the former USSR while organizing and coordinating activities for disadvantaged Roma children in Hungary.

July/August 2004 United Nations Volunteer (UNV); *Kant Town, Kyrgyzstan*. Implemented a United Nations-designed Human Rights Program for children within the refugee camp Kirgischolk.

Since 2012 Peer Reviewer for 12 different journals in social anthropology, political science, sociology, development studies and Middle Eastern studies.

## **MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES**

Since 2016 Member of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)

Since 2015 Member of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)

Since 2009 Member of the American Anthropological Association (AAA)

Since 2008 Member of the Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN)

2017 Associated Researcher “*Orders under Threat*”, University of Tübingen, Germany

2014-2016 Associated Member, “*European Strains*”, ESOP - Centre for the Study of Equality, Social Organization and Performance, University of Oslo

2014- 2016 Associated Member, “*Overheating: The Anthropology of Accelerated Change*”, ERC funded Advanced Grant, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo

Since 2016 Member of Research Network “A Study of Experiences and Resistance to Racialization”

## **MAJOR COLLABORATIONS**

Professor Thomas Hylland Eriksen, ERC-Advanced Grant, *Overheating*, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo

Professor Karl Ove Moene and Halvor Mehlum, *European Strains*, Department of Economics, UiO

Mr. Péter Kerkó, *Hungarian radial right*, Research Director, Political Capital Institute, Hungary

Junior Professor Boris Nieswand, Department of Sociology, University of Tübingen, Germany

Assistant Professor Guldem Buyuksarac, *Minority nationalism in the Middle East*, University of Istanbul

Assistant Professor Jonathan Glasser, *Minority nationalism in the Middle East*, Department of Anthropology, The College of William and Mary, USA

**CAREER BREAKS:** Maternity leave: 1<sup>st</sup> February- 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and 10<sup>th</sup> October to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

**Early achievements track-record**

**Monograph**

Thorleifsson, Cathrine. *Nationalist responses to the crisis in Europe: old and new hatreds*. Contract signed with Routledge

Thorleifsson, Cathrine Moe (2015) *Nationalism and the Politics of Fear in Israel: Race and Identity on the border with Lebanon*. London/ New York: I.B. Tauris, ISBN 9781780767505.

**Book Chapter**

Thorleifsson, Cathrine & Eriksen, Thomas Hylland (2017). *Human waste in the land of abundance: Two kinds of Gypsy indeterminacy in Norway*. Edited by Andrew Sanchez and Catherine Alexander. Berghan Books. Forthcoming

Thorleifsson, Cathrine (2016) Guarding the Frontier: On Nationalism and Nostalgia in an Israeli Border town. In *Identity Destabilised: Living in an overheated world*. Edited by Thomas Hylland Eriksen and Elisabeth Schober. London: Pluto Press.

**Peer reviewed Journal Article**

Thorleifsson, Cathrine (2017) The Crimmigrant Dystopia: populist securitisation of migration from Muslim majority lands in precarious Europe. *HAU Journal of Anthropological Theory*. Forthcoming

Thorleifsson, Cathrine (2017) Disposable Strangers: far right securitisation of Syrian displacement in Hungary. *Social Anthropology*. Forthcoming.

Thorleifsson, Cathrine (2016) From Coal to Ukip: The struggle over identity in postindustrial Doncaster. *History and Anthropology*. Routledge, 27 (5): 555-568.

Thorleifsson, Cathrine (2016) The limits of hospitality: coping strategies among displaced Syrians in Lebanon. *Third World Quarterly*. Routledge, 37:(2).

Thorleifsson, Cathrine (2016) Peripheral Nationhood: Negotiating Israeliness at the Margins in 'The Borders of Belonging: Middle Eastern Minorities Reconsidered'. *Anthropological Quarterly*. In Press

Thorleifsson, Cathrine (2016) The migrant crisis: responses from the radical right. *International Politics*, Volume 74 (2):1-9.

Thorleifsson, Cathrine (2014) Coping Strategies among self-settled Syrians in Lebanon. *Forced Migration Review*, Special issue. The Syria crisis, displacement and protection. Refugees Studies Centre, University of Oxford. ISSN 1460-9819

Thorleifsson, Cathrine Moe (2013) Nationalism and belonging in an Israeli border town. *Babylon, Nordic Journal for Middle East Studies*, 11 (2): 46-57.

Thorleifsson, Cathrine Moe (2013) Keep Calm and Carry On: Reflections on doing fieldwork under fear and fire. *Anthropology News*, Volume 54, Issue 4-5.

**Report**

Garcia, Carola; Gonzalez, Carmen; Juhász, Attila, Krekó, Péter; Thorleifsson, Cathrine (2016) *Impact of the refugee crisis on the risk of radicalisation; consequences for prevention policy*. RAN- Radicalisation Awareness Network- European Commission.

Thorleifsson, Cathrine Moe Christophersen, Mona, and Åge A. Tiltnes (2013) *Ambivalent Hospitality. Coping Strategies and Local Responses to Syrian Refugees in Lebanon*. Fafo-report 2013:48

Thorleifsson, Cathrine (2013) A Fragile Cold Peace: the impact of the Syrian Conflict on Israel-Syria relations. *NOREF Expert Analysis*. Norwegian Peacebuilding Resource Centre (NOREF).

Thorleifsson, Cathrine (2013) Israel's Internal Frontier: the enduring power of ethno-nationalism. *NOREF Policy Brief*. Norwegian Peacebuilding Resource Centre (NOREF).

Thorleifsson, Cathrine; Christophersen, Mona (2013) *Lebanese Contradictory Responses to Syrian Refugees Include Stress, Hospitality, Resentment*. Policy Brief published by Fafo and The Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI) at the American University of Beirut (AUB), June

## Peer- reviewed Conference Papers

- 2017 *Peripheral Nationhood: The appeal of populism in precarious Doncaster*. The annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), Washington D.C, USA, 28 November.
- 2016 *Overheating hatreds: Nationalist responses to migration*. The European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, 9 September
- 2016 *The political economy of xenophobia in an age of migration*. The 18<sup>th</sup> Nordic Migration Conference, UiO, Oslo, 16 August.
- 2016 *Overheating hatreds: Nationalist responses to forced migration in Hungary*. 14<sup>th</sup> EASA (European Association of Social Anthropologists) Biennial Conference. Anthropological legacies and human futures'. Panel "Refugee crisis", European reactions and the role of anthropology, University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy, 20-23 July.
- 2016 *Nationalist responses to forced migration in Europe: case studies from England and Hungary*. The association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN) conference "Nationalism, Migration and Population Change". London School of Economics, UK, 20 April.
- 2015 *Heating nationalism: Endurance and precarity in an Israeli border town*. The annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), Denver, USA, 22 November.
- 2015 *Threatening Others: the dynamics of xenophobia in globalising Europe*. Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN) conference. "Nationalism: Diversity and Security". The London School of Economics and Political Science, UK, 22 April
- 2014 *Coping Strategies amongst displaced Syrians in Lebanon*. Presented at the Refugees Studies Centre international Refugee Voices conference, University of Oxford, 24-25 March.
- 2013 *Nationalism and the Politics of Fear in Israel: Race and Identity on the border with Lebanon*. The annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), Chicago, USA
- 2013 *Old and New Hatreds: the dynamics of xenophobia in a globalizing world*. The European Sociological Association, Crisis, Critique, Change, 29 August, University of Turin, Italy
- 2012 *Blow-ups and Safe Zones: Belonging at the margins of the State*. Paper presented at the conference: Belonging: Cultural Topographies of Identity, University College Dublin, Ireland, 8-9 June
- 2012 *Peripheral Nationhood: Being Israeli in a border town*. Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN) conference, London School of Economics, 28 March

## Invited Talks

- 2017 *The impact of the refugee crisis on the risk of radicalisation and consequences for gender-nuanced prevention programmes*. United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA, 24 March
- 2016 *Radicalisation in response to forced migration in Europe*. RAN (Radicalisation Awareness Network) Centre of Excellence, Wien, Austria, 13 April
- 2016 *The migration crisis in Europe: radicalisation and implications for CVE Communications*. The European Commission, Brussels, Belgium, 16 mars
- 2016 *Imagined Enemies: Nationalist responses to forced migration in Europe*. Department of Social Anthropology, University of Stockholm, Sweden, 7 March
- 2016 *Short term challenges and threats- Far Right violence*. The 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Policy Planners' Network on Countering Radicalisation and Polarisation (PPN). "Impact of the current migrant and refugee crisis on Europe and the world: Challenges and future scenarios related to extremism, polarization and terror attacks. Ministry of Justice and Public Security, Oslo, 12 February
- 2015 *Sliding toward autocracy: the challenge of the radical right to liberal democracy in post-communist Hungary*. Presented at the workshop "Challenges to Democracy", University of Oslo, Norway, 5 November
- 2015 *Human waste in the land of abundance: Norwegian ambivalence to itinerant Roma*. Paper presented at Overheating workshop on Waste and the Superfluous, Tøyen Hovedgård, University of Oslo, 15 September
- 2015 *Nationalist responses to the crisis in Europe: Old and new hatreds*. The Academy of Urban Super-diversity, Max Planck Institute, Berlin, Germany, 9 April

## RESEARCH AWARDS

London School of Economics Research Award of 3300€ for Academic Excellence in the years of 2006, 2007 and 2011.