

Curriculum vitae with track record

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Education

Year	Faculty/department - University/institution - Country
1997	PhD, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo
1983	Master of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo

Positions - current and previous

(Academic sector/research institutes/industrial sector/public sector/other)

Year	Job title – Employer - Country
1997-	Professor in Legal History, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo
2006-	Professor II in Legal Science, Faculty of Law, University of Tromsø
2016-2019	Dean , Faculty of Law University of Oslo
2025	<i>Olof Palme Professorship</i> , awarded for 2025 by the Swedish Research Council

Project management experience

(Academic sector/research institutes/industrial sector/public sector/other. Please list the most relevant.)

Year	Project owner - Project - Role - Funder
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2025-2028	(1) <i>Stakes of Democracy</i> . UiO:Democracy. University of Oslo. Steering Member
2022-2023	(2) Member of steering group <i>Social Governance Through Legislation</i> . Centre for Advanced Study (CAS) Academy of Science, Oslo
2020-2023	(3) Member of the research project <i>Nordic Civil Societies. Global, Transnational and Regional Encounters since 1800</i> University of Oslo (funding University of Oslo after competition)
2015-2019	(4) Head (together with Ruth Hemstad) of the project <i>The Public Sphere and Freedom of Expression in the Nordic Countries, 1815-1900</i> , financed by the University of Oslo after competition and additional external funding.
2013-2020	(5) Head (with Ola Mestad) of the project <i>Historical Commentary of the Norwegian Constitution 1814-2020</i> , financed by the Norwegian Parliament, published in May 2021
2012-2015	(6) Head of the interdisciplinary project <i>New Perspectives on the Constitution 1814-2014</i> financed by Norwegian Research Council. Chief editor of the six volume book series <i>Nye perspektiver på Grunnloven</i> (Pax forlag, 2013–2014).
2013-2015	(7) Member of the steering group of the project <i>The Formation and Transmission of Western Legal Culture, Books that made the Law in the Western World</i> . Also Member of European study group, Lille/Ghent (Ghent University project)
2012-2013	(8) Head of the project (with Ola Mestad) <i>The Transformation of International Law and Norwegian Sovereignty in 1814</i> Centre for Advanced Study (CAS), Academy of Science Oslo
2010-2014	(9) Member of steering group <i>Diversifying Publics and Opinions under Censorship: The Journals of Eighteenth- Century Denmark-Norway 1720-1814</i> , Norwegian Research Counsel. See publication.
2006-2010	(10) Member of the international research project <i>Rise of Modern Constitutionalism</i> , Kassel/Germany

Supervision of students

(Total number of students)

Master's students	Ph.D. students	University/institution - Country
50 [60 sp MA thesis]	15	Universities of Oslo, Bergen and Tromsø, Norway

Other relevant professional experiences

(E.g. institutional responsibilities, organisation of scientific meetings, membership in academic societies, review boards, advisory boards, committees, major research or innovation collaborations, other commissions of trust in public or private sector)

Year	Description - Role
2024-2025	Head, Nomination Committee for the Rectorial Elections at University of Oslo 2025

2024-	Member of the International Board, <i>Journal of Constitutional History</i>
2024-	Member of Scientific Board, Contemporary <i>Legal and Political Thought</i> , Editorial COLEX
2021	International Evaluation Panel Assessment Research Reykjavik University, Iceland
2021-2022	Advisory Board, Norwegian Research Council, <i>Horizon Europe Work Program</i>
2019-	Co-Director, <i>China-Nordic Law Center</i> , East China University of Law and Politics, Shanghai
2019	<i>Honorary Professor</i> of the East China University of Political Science and Law
2017	<i>Honorary Doctorate</i> at the Faculty of Law, University of Lund
2014-	Head, <i>Committee on Research Ethics and Integrity</i> , Norwegian Business School, Oslo
2013-	Member of <i>Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters</i> , Head of section for legal science
2011-	Member, International Advisory Board i <i>GLOSSAE: European Journal of Legal History</i>
2012-	Member, editorial board, <i>Quaderni fiorentini. Per la storia del pensiero giuridico moderno</i> (Firenze)
2004-	Editor in Chief, <i>Oslo Studies in Legal History</i> (21 volumes 2004-2024) Pax Publishing Company, Oslo
2006-2016 /2020-	Head of Research Group Law, Society and historical change, Faculty of Law Oslo
1996-2001	Head, <i>Board of the University of Oslo Library</i> 1996-2001

Track record

Total publications, 180 See [Publikasjoner - Institutt for offentlig rett \(uio.no\)](https://publikasjoner-instituttforoffentligrett.uio.no/)

(1) Pre-review articles/edited books (selection)

In print

Edited book (with Johannes Liebrecht, eds.) *Transferring medieval law to modernity: Appropriating medieval heritage after 1800*. Legal History Library, Brill Publishing House [tbp 2026]

(with Eirik Holmøyvik): Chapter “Constitutional history” in: *Research Methods in Constitutional Law: A Handbook*. Edward Elgar Publishing, London (in print, tbp spring 2026)

Nordic jurists and the League of Nations in: Cambridge University Press’ *Handbook on the League of Nations* chapter 9 (tbp March 2026)

Law, constitutions and history in: Guillermo Vicente y Guerrero: *Legal Historicism in 19th-century Europe*, Springer Verlag (tbp spring 2026)

Printed (selection)

Chapter “Nordic Legal Cooperation” in: Peter Nedergaard et. al. (eds) *Handbook in Nordic cooperation*. Edward Elgar Publishing, London (2025)

Det militante demokrati: Om grenser for demokratiets forsvarsmekanismer» in: *Jussens Venner* 2024 pp 221–258

Teaching Nordic Constitutionalism? How to understand the histories of the Nordic constitutions” in: *Journal of Constitutional History* ISSN 1593-0793.

Magnus Lagabøtes Landslov etter 1800: Medievalisme i lovgivning og rettsvitenskap. [Tidsskrift for Rettsvitenskap](#). ISSN 0040-7143. pp. 533–599.

«Suverenitet og eiendom i europeisk historie» [Tidsskrift for Rettsvitenskap](#). (2023) ISSN 0040-7143. 136(1), pp. 115–152.

«Rettslig kolonialisme som rettslig struktur» . I Ik Dahl, Ingunn; Sandberg, Kirsten; Stewart, Julie; Strand, Vibeke Blaker & Wærstad, Tone Linn (Red.), *Hellums metode. Festskrift til Anne Hellum* 70 år. Gyldendal Akademisk. ISSN 9788205582859. pp. 308–317 .

“Nye forskningstilganger om rett i tidlig europeisk middelalder: En rettshistoriografisk studie” i: *Tidsskrift for Rettsvitenskap* 2022 pp. 506–536.

“Francis Hagerup: A Norwegian internationalist”. In: Morris, P Sean (ed.), *The League of Nations and the Development of International Law: A New Intellectual History of the Advisory Committee of Jurists*. 2021 Routledge London pp. 91-111

“Methodological perspectives in comparative legal history: An analytical approach” In: Moréteau/Masferrer/Modeer (eds). *Comparative Legal History*. Edward Elgar Publishing London 2019 pp. 96-109.

“Legislators, Journals, and the Public Legal Sphere in Scandinavia around 1800 “ In: Krefting, Ellen Marie; Nøding, Aina; Ringvej, Mona Renate (eds): *Eighteenth century periodicals as agents of change. Perspectives on Northern Enlightenment* Brill Academic Publishers Leiden 2015 Chapter 11 (pages 202-214)

“Structural-Historical Features in the Norwegian Legal Method” In: Koch, Søren; Helland, Ingvill (eds): *Nordic and Germanic Legal Methods* Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen 2014 pp. 71-83

“The Norwegian Constitution of 1814 between European Restoration and Liberal Nationalism” In: *Constitutionalism, Legitimacy, and Power. Nineteenth-Century Experiences* (eds): Grotke, Kelly L.; Prutsch, Markus J: Oxford University Press 2014 pp. 211-224

2. *Other articles (selection)*

„Den svensk-norske unionen 1814-1905“. In: Mestad, Ola & Michalsen, Dag (red.), *Grunnloven: Historisk kommentarutgave 1814-2020*. Oslo 2021 pp. 457–482.

„The temporalities of constitutions“. In: Modeer, Kjell Åke (Red.), *Legal History. Reflecting the past and the present current perspectives for the future*. Stockholm 2020 pp. 320–327.

“Rettsvitenskapen og universitetet i en ny juridisk offentlighet: Konflikten om økonomi- og statistikkfagene ved Universitetet 1836–1840». In: Ognedal, Tone & Stavang, Endre (Red.), *Jus og samfunnsøkonomi*. Oslo 2020 pp. 6–45.

«Norge som moderne lovgivningsstat på 1800-tallet». In: Myhre, Jan Eivind (Red.), *Myten om det fattige Norge. En misforståelse og dens historie*. Oslo 2020 pp. 309–331.

«Den unge Marx og tysk rettsvitenskap» i: Eriksen, Christoffer Conrad (red) *Den unge Marx: Rett, samfunn og vitenskapsteori*. Oslo 2019 pp. 53-89

«Komparativ rettshistorie - noen metodiske bemerkninger» in: Jørn Øyrehagen Sunde (red): *Fordom og forventning: Ei handbok i rettshistorisk metode*. Akademisk publisering Oslo 2019 pp. 105-122

«Den norske grunnloven av 1814 og europeisk geopolittikk 1814-1818». In: *Arbetslinjer och långa linjer. Vänbok til Mats Kumlien*. Uppsala: Iustus förlag AB 2016 pp. 191-201

«Finnes det en norsk lovgivningstradisjon?» In: *Lov, liv og lære. Festskrift til Inge Lorange Backer*. Universitetsforlaget 2016 pp. 341-351

(3) Books

Monographs

Rett- en internasjonal historie [Law – an international history] 2. revised edition Pax Forlag Oslo 2023 651 pp

Rettshistorisk kritikk [Legal Historical Critique] Akademisk Publisering 2017, 264 pp

Lærebok i forfatningshistorie (co-author Eirik Holmøyvik) [Textbook in Constitutional history] Pax Forlag 2015 476 pp.

Norsk rettstenkning etter 1800 [Norwegian Legal Thinking since 1800]. Pax Forlag Oslo 2013, 467 pp.

Anthologies

Grunnloven. En historisk kommentarutgave 1814-2020 [The Constitution. An Historical Commentary 1814-2020]. Co-editors Dag Michalsen and Ola Mestad. Universitetsforlaget Oslo 2021 (1529 pp).

Frie Ord i Norden 1814-1914? [Free Speech in the Norden 1814-1914?] Co-editors Dag Michalsen and Ruth Hemstad. Pax forlag Oslo 2019 (492 pp)

Nye Perspektiver på Grunnloven 1814-2014 [New Perspectives on the Constitution 1814-2014]. Six volumes. Dag Michalsen chief editor. Michalsen in addition book editor on two of the volumes (II and IV).

Chief editor, *Oslo Studies in Legal History* (so far 21 volumes), see [Oslo Studies in Legal History - Pax Forlag](#)