

Curriculum vitae

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family name, First name: Blekesaune, Arild
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EDUCATION

1996 Dr.polit (sociology)
Faculty of Social Sciences and Technology Management, Department of Sociology and Political Science, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway.
1987 Cand. polit. (sociology).
University of Trondheim, Norway.
1984 Post-Graduate Certificate in Education, University of Trondheim.

CURRENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2009- Professor in sociology / quantitative methods
Norwegian University of Science and Technology, NTNU.
1999-2009 Associate Professor in sociology / quantitative methods
Norwegian University of Science and Technology, NTNU.
1995-1999 Research Manager
Centre for Rural Research, Trondheim.
1991-1995 Research Fellow, Centre of Rural Research. Trondheim.
1989-1991 Researcher
Centre of Rural Research, Trondheim.
1988-1989 Consultant in Marketing Research
Norfakta A/S, Trondheim.

MOBILITY

2013 Visiting Scholar, University of California – Berkeley, USA
2009 Visiting Scholar, University of California – Berkeley, USA

SUPERVISION OF PHD STUDENTS

2024 Dahl, Kjersti Engen: Å ha sine meningers mot: En studie av unges orientering mot politisk uenighet og hvordan demokrati- og medborgerskapsopplæring kan bidra til utviklingen av evnen til uenighet (A study of young people's orientation towards political disagreement and how democracy and citizenship education can contribute to developing the ability to disagree). PhD thesis). PhD theses at NTNU. Norwegian University of Science and Technology.
2024 Svaboe, Gunnhild Beate Antonsen: Travel survey methodology: advantages, disadvantages, and unintended side-effects of survey design choices. PhD theses at NTNU. Norwegian University of Science and Technology.
2022 Slettebak, Marie Holm: Labour migration to rural Norway. PhD theses at NTNU, 2022: 7. Norwegian University of Science and Technology.
2021 Hansen, Lillian: Transitions and projections in the bioeconomy: Lessons for and learning from reflexive governance. PhD theses at NTNU, 2021: 50. Norwegian University of Science and Technology.
2021 Aspvik, Nils Petter: Objectively measured physical activity in older adults. PhD theses at NTNU, 2021: 30. Norwegian University of Science and Technology.

- 2019 Balaj, Mirza: Social inequalities in health and disease: The Nordic paradox from a Bourdieusian perspective. PhD theses at NTNU, 2019: 144. Norwegian University of Science and Technology.
- 2014 Heggem, Reidun: Den nye "bonden" – mellom endring og kontinuitet. PhD theses at NTNU, 2014: 294. Norwegian University of Science and Technology.
- 2007 Hilde Bjørkhaug: Agricultural Restructuring and Family Farming in Norway. Strategies for sustainable practices. Dr.polit. theses at NTNU, 2007: 187. Norwegian University of Science and Technology.
- 1999- Several Master Students
Faculty of Social Sciences and Technology Management, Department of Sociology and Political Science, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway.

ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

- 2020 Administrator of the PhD comity of Joachim Vogt Isaksen's PhD thesis "Immigration, Integration and Ethnic Attitudes: A Study of Ethnic Relations and Policy Responses."
- 2018 Administrator of the PhD comity of Kristine Vedal Størkersen's PhD thesis "Bureaucracy overload calling for audit implosion. A sociological study of how the International Safety Management Code affects Norwegian coastal transport."
- 2015 Administrator of the PhD comity of Maja Farstad's PhD thesis "Second home owners and the countryside. Interests, morality and protection of local resources."
- 2008 Administrator of the PhD comity of Terje Andreas Eikemo's PhD thesis "Social inequalities in self-assessed health between European welfare regimes".
- 1991 Group leader for the workshop "Lifemodes, Family-forms, and Life-course", The 16th Scandinavian Conference of Sociology, August 23-25, 1991.

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES (if applicable)

- 2012-2013 Chair at the Department of sociology and political science, NTNU.
- 2009-2012 Teaching Executive at the Department of sociology and political science, NTNU.
- 2009-2012 Deputy Chair at the Department of sociology and political science, NTNU.

COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

- 2010- Member of the Editorial Board of *Sociologia Ruralis* (Journal of the European Society for Rural Sociology), from 2010.
- 2007- Member of for The Royal Ministry of Climate and Environment's National Monitoring Program for Predators.
- 2009-2013 Member of the National Academic Council for Sociology
- 2009-2013 Board Leader of *Journal of Sociology*
- 2003-2005 Member of the Executive Group in European Science Foundations program "Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (QMSS)".
- 2003-2005 Member of the Steering Committee in European Science Foundations program "Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (QMSS)".
- 1998-2002 Member of EU-network COST A12 "Rural Innovation", working group Theory.
- 1999- External reviewer several peer reviewed scientific journals and for several book manuscripts.
- 1999- External reviewer for the *Research Council of Norway*, and the *Swedish Research Council* for Health, Working Life and Welfare (FORTE).

MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES (if applicable)

- 1989- European Society of Rural Sociology.
- 2010- Norwegian Sociological Association.

AWARDS AND HONOURABLE TASK

- 2013 Best International Journal Article 2012, given by Norwegian Sociological Association
- 1993 Invited to give the Young Scientist Lecture during the closing plenary session of the XVth European Congress for Rural Sociology in Wageningen (the Netherlands).

TRACK RECORD

23 articles in peer-reviewed journals
 2 books and 15 chapters in peer-reviewed edited books
 Web of Science: 534 cites (excl. self-citations), h-index = 13
 Scopus: 777 cites, h-index=16
 Google Scholars: 1648 cites, h-index = 20

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles:

- Zahl-Thanem, A. and Blekesaune, A. (2025). Social origin and educational choices: A comparative study of rural and urban students' school track choices in Norway. *Acta Sociologica*. 68(3) 389-408.
- Martinussen, P.E. and Blekesaune, A. (2025). Try a Little Tendering: Institutional, Political, and Financial Influence on Local Contracting in Norway. *International Journal of Public Administration*. 48(11) 724-735.
- Svaboe, G.B.A., Blekesaune, A. and Tørset, T. (2023) Understanding skepticism of smartphones in travel behavior research: A qualitative approach. *Transportation research interdisciplinary perspectives*, 22, p.100935, Article 100935
- Zahl-Thanem, A., Burton, R.J.F., Blekesaune, A., Haugen, M.S. and Rønningen, K. (2020) The impact of wolves on psychological distress among farmers in Norway. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 78 1-11.
- Martinussen, P.E., Blekesaune, A. and Aas, S.Ø. (2019) En søppelvogn til begjær? Om sammenhengen mellom bruk av markedsmekanismer og innbyggertilfredshet med kommunale renovasjonstjenester. *Tidsskrift for samfunnsforskning*, 60(4) 371-397.
- Blekesaune, A. and Haugen, M.S. (2018) Ageing in Norwegian rural and urban communities. *European Countryside*, 10(2) 232-246.
- Frisvoll, S., Forbord, M. and Blekesaune, A. (2016). An Empirical Investigation of Tourists' Consumption of Local Food in Rural Tourism. *Scandinavian Journal of Hospitality and Tourism*, 16(1) 76-93.
- Reitan, M., Gustafsson, K. and Blekesaune, A. (2015). Do Local Government Reforms Result in Higher Levels of Trust in Local Politicians? *Local Government Studies*, 41(1) 156-179.
- Logstein, B., Blekesaune, A. and Almås, R. (2013). Physical activity among Norwegian adolescents- a multilevel analysis of how place of residence is associated with health behaviour: the Young-HUNT study. *International Journal for Equity in Health*, 12(56).
- Alberg, T., Blekesaune, A. and Elvestad, E. (2013). Media choice and informed democracy. Towards increasing news consumption gaps in Europe? *The International Journal of Press/Politics*, 18(3) 281-303.
- Bjørkhaug, H. and Blekesaune, A. (2013). Development of organic farming in Norway: A statistical analysis of neighbourhood effects. *GEOFORUM*, 45 201-210.
- Blekesaune, A., Elvestad, E. and Aalberg, T. (2012). Tuning out the World of News and Current Affairs. An empirical study of Europe's disconnected citizens. *European Sociological Review*, 28(1) 110-126.
- Blekesaune, A. and Rønningen, K. (2010). Bears and Fears. Cultural capital, geography and attitudes towards large carnivores in Norway. *Norwegian Journal of Geography*, 64(4) 185-198.
- Blekesaune, A., Haugen, M.S. and Villa, M. (2010). The Dream of a Small-holding. *Sociologia Ruralis*, 50(3) 225-241.
- Blekesaune, A., Brandth, B. and Haugen, M.S. (2010). Visitors to Farm Tourism Enterprises in

- Norway. *Scandinavian Journal of Hospitality and Tourism*, 10(1) 54-73.
- Elvestad, E. and Blekesaune, A. (2008). Newspaper Readers in Europe. A Multilevel Study of Individual and National Differences. *European Journal of Communication*, 23(4) 425-447.
- Moen, K.H., Blekesaune, A. and Bakke, H.K. (2008). Hvem bruker natur- og friluftsbarnhager? *Barn* 26(3) 37-56.
- Bjørkhaug, H. and Blekesaune, A. (2008). Gender and Work in Norwegian Family Farm Business. *Sociologia Ruralis* 48(2) 152-165.
- Bjørkhaug, H. and Blekesaune, A. (2007). Masculinisation or Professionalisation of Norwegian Farm Work - a Gender Neutral Division of Work on Norwegian Family Farms? *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 37(3) 423-434.
- Rye, J.F. and Blekesaune, A. (2007). The Class Structure of Rural-to-Urban Migration: The Case of Norway. *YOUNG*, 15(2) 169-191.
- Haugen, M.S. and Blekesaune, A. (2005). Farm and Off-farm Work and Life Satisfaction among Norwegian Farm Women. *Sociologia Ruralis*, 45(1-2) 71-85.
- Blekesaune, A. and Haugen, M.S. (1999). Landbrukskvinnens bidrag til husholdets levekår - arbeid og inntekt i et komparativt perspektiv. *Landbruksøkonomisk forum*, 16(2) 27-38.
- Blekesaune, A. and Follo, G. (1999). Melkens bestridte meningsinnhold. Dimensjoner i den norske melkedebatten. *Landbruksøkonomisk forum*, 16(1) 17-27.
- Blekesaune, A. and Haugen, M.S. (1998). Inntektsforskjeller mellom kvinnelige og mannlige brukere. *Landbruksøkonomisk forum* 15(2) 21-35.
- Blekesaune, A. (1997). Agrarsosiologien og dens bidrag til de samfunnsvitenskapelige perspektiver på dagens jordbruk. *Landbruksøkonomisk forum*, 14(2) 31-42.
- Blekesaune, A., Haney, W. and Haugen, M.S. (1993). On the Question of the Feminization of Production on Part-time Farms: Evidence from Norway, *Rural Sociology* 58(1):111-129.
- Blekesaune, A. (1991). Changes in Ways of Making a Living among Norwegian Farmers 1975 - 1990, *Sociologia Ruralis*, Vol. XXXI-1.

Books and articles in books (selection):

- Blekesaune, A. and Bjørkhaug, H. (2021). Analyser av surveydata 2. Logistiske regresjonsmodeller og sammenligning av data fra ulike land. Pp. 212-229 in Stuvøy, I., Tøndel, G. and Tjora, A.H. (eds) *En smak av forskning. Bacheloroppgaven som prosjekt, prosess og produkt*. Oslo: Cappelen Damm Akademisk.
- Kaasa, J., Slettebak, M.H., Bjørkhaug, H. and Blekesaune, A. (2021). Data for den kvantitative analysen. Pp. 149-158 in Stuvøy, I., Tøndel, G. and Tjora, A.H. (eds.) *En smak av forskning. Bacheloroppgaven som prosjekt, prosess og produkt*. Oslo: Cappelen Damm Akademisk.
- Melås, A. and Blekesaune, A. (2019). En kvantitativ analyse av fremgangen til Senterpartiet ved kommunevalget i 2019. Pp. 82-103 in Almås, R. and Fuglestad, E.M. (eds). *Distriktsopprør. Periferien på nytt i sentrum*. Oslo: Dreyer Forlag.
- Blekesaune, A. and Haugen, M.S. (2016). Lokalsamfunnets betydning for eldre i by og bygd. S. 303-321 i M. Villa og M. S. Haugen (eds.) *Lokalsamfunn*. Oslo: Cappelen Damm Akademisk.
- Forbord, M., Frisvoll, S. and Blekesaune, A. (2012). Turisters forbruk av lokal mat – noen sammenhenger og implikasjoner. Pp. 137-163 in M. Forbord, G.T. Kvam and M. Rønningen (eds.) *Turisme i distriktene*. Trondheim: Tapir akademisk forlag.
- Blekesaune, A., Brandth, B. and Haugen, M.S. (2012). Endringer i nordmenns bruk av gårdsturisme. Pp. 89-105 in M. Forbord, G.T. Kvam and M. Rønningen (eds.) *Turisme i distriktene*. Trondheim: Tapir akademisk forlag.
- Bjørkhaug, H. and Blekesaune, A. (2004). Work and income patterns of men and women of Norwegian family farms. Masculinisation, feminisation, or professionalisation of farm work? Pp. 139-150 in A. Cristóvão (ed.) *Farming and Rural Systems Research and Extension. European Farming and Society in Search of New Social Contract - Learning to Manage Change*. Vila Real: UTAD.

- Blekesaune, A. and Haugen, M.S. (2002). Landbrukskvinner bidrag til husholdets levekår. Arbeid og inntekt i et komparativt perspektiv. Pp. 141-154 in R. Almås, M.S. Haugen and J.P. Johnsen (eds.). *Bygdeforskning gjennom 20 år*. Trondheim: Tapir Akademisk forlag.
- Blekesaune, A. and Almås, R. (2002). Fra reguleringsiver til markedslogikk. Pp. 19-44 in R. Almås, M.S. Haugen and J.P. Johnsen (eds.). *Bygdeforskning gjennom 20 år*. Trondheim: Tapir Akademisk forlag.
- Blekesaune, A. (1997). *Family Farming in Norway. An analysis of structural changes within farm households between 1975 and 1990*. Trondheim: Centre for Rural Research.
- Blekesaune, A. (1994). Structural Changes in Norwegian Agriculture 1975-1990. From family farms to one-man farms? Pp. 111-127 in Symes, D. and Jansen, A.J. (eds.) *Agricultural Restructuring and Rural Change in Europe*, Wageningen Studies in Sociology 37.
- Blekesaune, A., Conradi, R. and Listhaug, O. (1986). *Siv.ing.-jobb og EDB. En studie av 1981/82-kullet av sivilingeniører fra NTH*. Trondheim: Tapir