

Curriculum vitae for May Thorseth

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Current university: NTNU Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

EDUCATION (doctoral)

1999 PhD: Disputation date: 20.02.1999

Faculty of humanities, Department of Philosophy, Gothenburg University, Sweden

Title of thesis: *Legitimate and Illegitimate Paternalism in Polyethnic Conflicts*.

Supervisor: Professor Torbjörn Tännsjö.

1992-1994 Research courses under the Ethics programme, Norwegian Research Council, NFR:

- K2/92: Introduction to Ethics
- K1/93: Cultural Pluralism and Normativity
- K4/93: Discourse Ethics
- K3/94: Intention and Morality

EDUCATION (pre doctoral)

1991-93 Several research courses in SINTEF (on project work, research methods and marketing).

1989 Studies in applied linguistics, University of Trondheim (15 vt).

1988-89 Research course in philosophy of science, University of Trondheim.

1986 Masters' degree (no. magistergrad). Thesis: *Thesis: Universalisme eller relativisme? Noen betraktninger om fornuften, subjektet og den historisk-sosiale verden.*
Faculty of Arts, Department of Philosophy, University of Trondheim/AVH (Den almennvitenskapelige høgskolen), later NTNU Norwegian University of Science and Technology

1976-79/84 Teacher's college (3-årig allmennlærerutdanning, Levanger lærerhøgskole).

NTNU INTERNAL COURSES:

2008 *Program for faglig ledelse* sept. – nov.

2009 *Coaching og kommunikasjon* feb.-april

2010 *Intensive Oral English Course*, NTNU and Cambridge, UK (autumn)

CURRENT AND PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2008 -	Professor of philosophy, Faculty of humanities, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, NTNU Norwegian University of Science and Technology
2001 -	Director of NTNU's Programme for Applied Ethics
2005 - 2008	Associate professor and director of Programme for Applied Ethics, Department of Philosophy, NTNU
2002 - 2005	Senior researcher and director of Programme for Applied Ethics, Department of Philosophy, NTNU
2000 - 2002	Associate professor at Department of Philosophy, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, NTNU (Modul 2, teaching argumentation theory)
1995 – 1999	PhD position, Department of Philosophy, University of Gothenburg
1992 - 94	Lecturer in Philosophy and philosophy of life ("Filosofi og livssyn"), Department of Philosophy, University of Trondheim
1991-2000	Researcher at SINTEF Technology and Society, Trondheim (working life research related to technology and migration)
1990 - 1991	Lecturer in philosophy of science, University of Bergen
1986 - 1991	Lecturer in logic and history of philosophy, University of Trondheim
1982 - 1986	Teaching assistant in logic and history of philosophy, University of Trondheim
Autumn 1981	Teaching assistant in logic, argumentation theory and philosophy of science, University of Trondheim.

CURRENT AND RECENT RESEARCH PROJECTS (2012 –)

- **2021 Ethical Aspects of Digital Competence in the Norwegian Defense Sector**, cooperative project PRIO and NTNU, funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Defence. May Thorseth is project partner.
- **2020 Digital Threats in the Defence Sector. A Threat to Democracy**. Research project funded by the Norwegian Defence Department, t. Research partners: NTNU (Gjøvik og Trondheim), and NORDE (Norwegian council for digital ethics). May Thorseth is project partner.
- **ULTIMATE** – indUstry water-utiliTy symbiosis for a sMarter wATer society 1 June 2020 (30 May 2024) under Horizon 2020. May Thorseth is Ethics Officer and member of Project Management Team, and member of WP 4: Examine the socio-political and governance context for WSIS.

- [GoodAnimal](#): Animal welfare for Sustainable Futures, 2019-2022, funded by NRC, BIONÆR, led by Ruralis. Thorseth is leader of WP 3e: Ethics.
- [Horizon 2020 NextGen](#): Towards a Next Generation of Water Systems and Services for the Circular Economy, 2018-2022, led by KWR Watercycle Research Institute. Thorseth is Ethics Advisor and member of project advisory board (PAB).
- [Horizon 2020 STOP-IT](#): Strategic, Tactical, Operational Protection of water Infrastructure against cyber-physical Threats, 2017-2021. Thorseth is independent ethics advisor and member of PAB.
- [Horizon 2020 Sunrise](#): Solar Energy for a Circular Economy, CSA, 2018-2020. Thorseth member of WP 3: Dissemination, communication and education.
- [BINGO - Bringing Innovation to ongoing water management - a better future under climate change](#). EU - Horizon 2020, May Thorseth Ethics advisor of the project.
- [BIOSMART - Managing the transition to a "smart" bioeconomy](#), funded by NRC, BIONÆR 2015-2018. Led by Centre for Rural Research. May Thorseth partner of wp 4: Social acceptability - ethics and outcomes.
- [FORFOOD - Frogs, fuel, finance or food? Cultures, values, ethics, arguments and justifications in the management of agricultural land](#), 2013-2016, funded by NRC, SAMKUL, led by Centre for rural Research. Work package 4: Ethical assessments in the management of agricultural land, led by May Thorseth.
- [ISP-FIDE. Project: Applied Ethics: Technology and Governance of Health and Natural Resource](#), Norwegian research council, 2012-2015.
- [ENRI Future - Rights to a Green Future, Uncertainty, Intergenerational human Rights and Pathways to Realisation](#), an ESF project running from 2011-2015. One wg led by May Thorseth: Investigating the main psychological and institutional obstacles to a sustainable politics.
- Part of the expert panel of the EU project [The Onlife Initiative Concept Reengineering Exercise: rethinking public spaces in the digital transition](#), an EU expert panel working on future policy in the digital transition realm, 2012. Publication: [The Onlife Manifesto](#).

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

1993	Research scholarship for project: <i>Sosial integrasjon i kommunikasjonsteoretisk lys: Hvor går grensene for muligheten til å organisere sosial integrasjon?</i> Funded by the IMER programme (International migration and ethnic relations), NRC, Norway.
1997 – 99	PhD Scholarship from the Ethics programme, Norwegian Research Council, NRC, Norway.
2007	Scholarship to qualify for application for full Professorship from the Faculty of Arts, NTNU, Norway.
2009	Stellenbosch University, South Africa (15-30 April)

Fellowship financed by EU Erasmus Mundus Master of applied ethics consortium lead by University of Linköping, Sweden

- 2012-2013 Ethics Institute, Utrecht University, Netherlands (shorter periods)
Fellowship financed by Utrecht University, Netherlands
- 2014 East China Normal University, Shanghai, China
Fellowship financed by NTNU, Norway and East China Normal University, Shanghai, China
- 2018 Visiting Research Fellow at University of Leeds, UK: Interdisciplinary Ethics Applied Centre (IDEA), Sept/Oct/Nov.
- 2019 Visiting Fellow to Cambridge University, UK: Clare Hall (Jan/Feb)
- 2019 Visiting Professor at Utrecht University, NL: Ethics Institute (March/April/May)

MOBILITY (*research stays abroad lasting more than three months*)

- 2006 Cambridge University, UK, Faculty of Philosophy (January 1 – June 30)
Sabbatical financed by NTNU, Norway
- 2018-2019 Universities of Leeds, Cambridge and Utrecht, sabbatical financed by NTNU

SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND RESEARCH FELLOWS

- 2006-2008 5 Master Students, Faculty of Arts, Department of Philosophy, NTNU, Norway
(Erasmus Mundus Master of Applied Ethics program)
- 2014-2015 1 Master Student, Faculty of Arts, Department of Philosophy, NTNU, Norway
- 2005-2009 1 PhD student, Faculty of Arts, Department of Philosophy, NTNU, Norway
- 2011-2015 1 PhD student, Faculty of Arts, Department of Philosophy, NTNU, Norway
- 2015- 2021 3 PhD students, Faculty of Humanities, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, NTNU, Norway
- 2022 - 1 PhD student, Faculty of Arts, Department of Philosophy, NTNU, Norway

ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

- 2003 October 9 – 10, International and interdisciplinary workshop: *Technology in a Multicultural and Global Society*, Programme for Applied Ethics, NTNU, Norway.
- 2005 March 5-6, Workshop Democracy Unbound, Trondheim, NTNU, NTNU.
- 2006 June 22 – 24, *European Conference on Computing and Philosophy*, Programme for Applied Ethics, NTNU, Norway.

- 2007 March 19 – 20, *International Workshop: Kant revisited in view of new technology: consciousness, identity and public reason/judgment*, Programme for Applied Ethics and Philosophy department, NTNU, Norway.
- 2008 May 19, *Open workshop: Trust relations in four different contexts*, Programme for Applied Ethics and Philosophy department, NTNU, Norway.
- 2010 *Can and Should All Countries Become Democracies?*, September 20. september – October 1, Globalization Programme/Intercultura Dynamics international conference, Dragvoll, NTNU, Norway.
- 2011 *Globalization, Governance and Natural Resources*, Trondheim, Hotel Britannia, September 19 – 20, 2011. Workshop in cooperation with i prof. Ragnar Torvik, Department of Ecomomics, NTNU, also member of NTNU's Globalization Programme.
- 2011 *Dialogues on aquaculture: nature-technology –governance*, Sponsored by the: NTNU Marine Coastal Development Marine Strategic Area (Jennifer Bailey) & NTNU Globalization Strategic Area (May Thorseth), October 3, 2011, Rica Nidelven Hotel.
- 2011 10th anniversary for for Programme for Applied Ethics, December 6-7. Talk May Thorseth: "Bør alle ekstreme ytringer inkluderes i liberal og demokratisk diskurs? (Should all extreme utterances be included in liberal and democratic discourse?), NTNU, Norway.
- 2012 *Research Laboratory: Ethics – Knowledge*. Opening seminar for research group for at Department of Philosophy/PAE/Globalisatoion program (Intercultural Dynamics) and Düsseldorf University/prof. Timo Skrandies.
- 2012 ISP-FIDE (NRC) workshop "Governance of Natural Resources", Rica Nidelven Hotel. 18th December 2012, participants from FEST-research group and ESF project *Rights to a Green Future*. NTNU, Norway.
- 2013 *Research Laboratory II – Ethics, knowledge , Aesthetics*, international workshop May 30-31, Trondheim, in cooperation with Timo Skrandies Düsseldorf University.
- 2013 International workshop *Natural Resources, Global Justice and Obstacles to Sustainability*, globalization research workshop, June 13-14, Trondheim, NTNU, Norway.
- 2013 Workshop *The Values of Aquaculture: What is the Price of Growth?*, organized by the *Dialogues on Aquaculture* group (J. Bailey, ISS and M. Thorseth, Philosophy), November 21-22, Rica Nidelven Hotel, Strategic research areas Globalization and Marine and Maritime Technology, NTNU, Trondheim, Norway.
- 2013 Interfaculty breakfast seminars for the upcoming strategic research area "Sustainable development", September 23, October 21, November 16, the last one to be held on December 16, NTNU.
- 2014 International workshop *Dilemmas of sustainability*, 15 – 16 May, arranged by *Ethics, Aesthetics, Knowledge Research network – Research Lab*, NTNU, Norway.

- 2014 Workshop *Corporate Responsibility for Global Social Issues*, 27th August, arranged by Programme for Applied Ethics (PAE), NTNU, Norway.
- 2015 *Intergenerational justice and our obligations to future generations: Towards environmental rights in land use policy. Grand challenges and our obligations to future generations*. FINAL CONFERENCE OF THE ISP-FIDE PROJECT *Applied Ethics Technology and Governance of Health and Natural Resources*; 2015-05-21 - 2015-05-22, NTNU, Norway.
- 2015 Co-responsible for track *Is the Value of Growth in the Anthropocene an Oxymoron?*, part of *Nordic Environmental and Social Science conference 2015* (NESS 2015); 2015-06-10 - 2015-06-10, NTNU, Norway
- 2016 *Trenger samfunnet filosofi?*, arrangement på Litteraturhuset, Trondheim, samarbeid med *Norsk filosofisk tidsskrift* (November 25)
- 2017 *Droner – teknologi for et godt samfunn?* (Oct 13), Seminar i regi av Forskningsetisk utvalg, NTNU, i samarbeid med PAE.
- 2017 Workshop: *Methods in Applied Ethics* (November 14)
- 2017 Etikk i Praksis 10-årsjubileet: *"Etisk Debatt i Offentligheten – Om Sortering og Moralisering"*, arrangement på Litteraturhuset i Trondheim (November 13)
- 2019 Conference: *Methods in Applied Ethics* (April 19-20)
- 2020 *Tellekanter og vitenskapelig kvalitet* (Sept 29), samarbeid PAE of Forskningsetisk utvalg, NTNU
- 2020 *Artificial Intelligence for better cognition, better morality or better choices?* (Dec 10), Research group AI, ethics and philosophy (IFR and IDI)
- 2021 *The ethics of the Covid-19 pandemic – online workshop*, June 3-4 2021

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES (selected)

- 2010 Member of PhD appointment committee at Programme for Applied Ethics, NTNU
- 2010 Chair of committee for post doc position for Globalization Programme, NTNU
- 2011-2012 Mentor in NTNU's mentor program 2011-2012
- 2011 Advisory expert for the steering committee and leader of one working group under the ESF project *Rights to a Green Future*,
<http://www.greenrights.nl/organization/steering-committee> (2011).
- 2011 Leader of committee for PhD position for NTNU's Globalization Programme
- 2012/14/15/16/19/20/21/22 Member of professor promotion committee for philosophy, Norwegian universities.

2021 – 2025 Deputy leader of research and innovation, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies (IFR)

COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

2001-2009 Member of Regional Committee of medical research ethics, REK Midt-Norge since June 2001 (Selected for two periods: 2001-2005; 2005-2009).

2003 – 2007 Member of Clinical Ethics Committee, St. Olavs Hospital.

2003-2005 Chair of National network for professional ethics in Norway.

2003 – 2005 Member of the board of Regional research bio bank, Midt-Norge July.

2004 – 2007 Member of the bioethical reference group of the SHdir (directory of social and health care).

2006-2009 Member of National Committee of Medical Research Ethics, NEM, since.

2007 – 2008 Member of the board of the national research project “Nettressurs” 2007 – 2008.

2007-2008 Part of the leadership of the thematic fields *Ethical dilemmas* (2003-2007) and *Cultural Translation* of NTNUs Globalization program.

2009 – 2013 Leader of focus area Intercultural Dynamics: Communication, Responsibility and Development of NTNUs Globalization Program, and member of the leadership group.

2010-2013 Member of Research ethical committee at University of Oslo.

2011 Member of panel under *Quality and Renewal 2011 – An Overall Evaluation of Research at Uppsala University*, (Kvalitet och Förnyelse 2011, KoF11).

2014 – 2021 Vice-chairman of NTNU's Research ethical committee.

2014 – Head of research area *Ethical perspectives* and member of leader group of *NTNU Sustainability strategic research area*.

2019 – Member of *Etisk råd for forsvarssektoren* (Ethical council of the defence sector of Norway).

2024 – 2026 Board member of the research foundation RURALIS – Institute for rural and regional research (2021-2023 deputy board member) 2021-2023)

2024 – 2026 Member of government-appointed nuclear power committee

REFEREE (selected):

2011 Reviewer of Springer book *The Biotechnology Debate. Democracy in the Face of Intractable Disagreement*, skrevet av Bernice Bovenkerk, se

http://books.google.no/books/about/The_Biotechnology_Debate.html?id=pUQo3nUaHXAC&redir_esc=y, 2011.

- 2011 Member of editing committee of *Professions and Professionalism*, se <http://journals.hioa.no/index.php/pp>.
- 2007-2013 Member of editorial council of *Etikk i praksis. Nordic Journal of Applied Ethics*.
- 2012 Reviewer of Springer book *Justice, Luck and Responsibility in Health Care* (2012).
- 2012 Reviewer of "Can MNCs be held responsible for the unintended consequences of their operations?", *Ethical Perspectives* (2012).
- 2013- Co-editor of *Etikk i praksis. Nordic Journal of Applied Ethics* since 2013.

MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES (if applicable)

- 2014 – 2016 Invited member of CESAER Taskforce Responsible Innovation under the presidency of Delft University, the Netherlands.
- 2014 – Member of The Royal Norwegian society of Sciences and letters, DKNVS
- 2018 – 2020 Leader of humanities class (humanistisk klasse) and member of the board of DKNVS since 2018
- 2020 – President of The Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters, DKNVS

PUBLICATIONS

See all publications here:

<https://www.cristin.no/as/WebObjects/cristin.woa/wa/fres?sort=ar&pnr=43260&action=sok>.

Selected list of publications since 2006:

May Britt Thorseth (2021). *Utmarksetikk i endring?. Utmark i endring* (red. Frode Flemsæter og Bjørn Egil Flø), Cappelen Damm Akademisk OA, ISBN-13 (15) 978-82-02-66963-8, 285-304.

Farstad, Maja; Otte, Pia; **Thorseth, May Britt** (2020). [Bioøkonomien i møte med samfunnet - Empiriske funn og etiske refleksjoner](#). *Etter oljen: Vår bioøkonomiske fremtid*. Cappelen Damm Akademisk, 71-87.

Thorseth, May Britt; Alvarez, Allen Andrew (2020). [Intergenerational Justice and Obligations to Future Generations: Towards Environmental Rights in Land-Use Policy](#). *Finance or Food?: The Role of Cultures, Values, and Ethics in Land Use Negotiations*, 243-270..

Bratlie, Sigrid; Halvorsen, Kristin; Myskja, Bjørn Kåre; Mellegård, Hilde; Bjorvatn, Cathrine; Frost, Petter; Heiene, Gunnar Harald; Hofmann, Bjørn Morten; Holst-Jensen, Arne; Holst-Larsen, Torolf; Malnes, Raino Sverre; Paus, Benedicte; Sandvig, Bente; Sjøli, Sonja Irene; Skarstein, Birgit; **Thorseth, May Britt**; Vagstad, Nils; Våge, Dag Inge; Borge, Ole Johan. (2019) [A novel](#)

governance framework for GMO : a tiered, more flexible regulation for GMOs would help to stimulate innovation and public debate. *EMBO Reports*. vol. 20 (5).

Thorseth, May Britt; Alvarez, Allen Andrew; Stabell, Espen Dyrnes; Carson, Siri Granum (2019). *The ethics of sustainable governance*. *Etikk i praksis*. vol. 13 (2).

Thorseth, May Britt; Carson, Siri Granum; Alvarez, Allen Andrew. (2019) *Finding balance in normative toolkits Towards a broader understanding of methods in applied ethics*. *Etikk i praksis*. vol. 13 (1).

Thorseth, May and Schuppert, Fabian 2018. Governance Towards a Green Future, in (eds) M. Düwell, G. Bos , N. van Steenberg *Towards the Ethics of a Green Future*. Routledge studies in sustainability 2018 ISBN 978-1-138-06932-9, 167-191.

Thorseth, May, Oliveira, Rita Vasconcellos and Brattebø, Helge 2018. The Potential Of Co-Benefits In Climate Change Mitigation Strategy: An opportunity for Environmental and Social Justice. *Journal of Social Sciences Naresuan University* ISSN 1686-9192.

Bailey, Jennifer and Thorseth, May 2017. Value and Groth – Rethinking basic concepts in Lockean liberalism. *Nordic Journal of Applied Ethics* ISSN 1890-3991, 11:1, 107-129.

Oliveira, Rita Vasconcellos and Thorseth, May 2016. Ethical implications of a co-benefits rationale within climate change mitigation strategy. *Nordic Journal of Applied Ethics* ISSN 1890-3991,10:2, 141-170.

Thorseth, May 2016. Limits to growth in the context of land use, in (eds.) A.I. Olsson, S.M. Araújo, M.F. Vieira: *Food futures. Ethics, Science & Culture*, Wageningen Academic Press, ISBN 978-90-8686-288-7, 531-535.

Thorseth, May, 2016. Limits of Tolerance between Real and Fictitious Publics. In *Modernity – unity in diversity? Essays in honour of Helge Høibraaten*. Novus Forlag 2016 ISBN 978-82-7099-840-1, 259-280.

Thorseth, May and Birnbacher, D. (eds) 2015. *The Politics of Sustainability. Philosophical Perspectives*, Routledge 2015 ISBN 978-1-138-85430-7.

Thorseth, May, 2015. Limitations to democratic governance of natural resources in (eds.) Birnbacher, D. and Thorseth, M.: *The Politics of Sustainability. Philosophical Perspectives*. Routledge studies in sustainability 2015 ISBN 978-1-138-85430-7, 36-53.

Thorseth, May (2014). On Tolerance and Fictitious Publics, in (ed.) Luciano Floridi: *The Onlife Manifesto*. Springer 2014 (ISBN 978-3-319-04092-9), Introduction and part IV.

Thorseth, May, 2014. Institutional Obstacles to Sustainable Governance of Natural Resources: A Deliberative Approach (Chinese transl), *Universitas - Monthly Review of Philosophy and Culture*, ISSN 1015-8383, August 2014, 63-84.

Thorseth, May and Carson, Siri (eds) 2014. Special issue of *Etikk i praksis*. *Nordic Journal of Applied Ethics*, ISSN 1890-3991, on “Governance of Natural Resources”.

Ess, Charles / Thorseth, May (eds), 2011. *Trust and Virtual Worlds*, Contemporary Perspectives New York, Bern, Berlin, Bruxelles, Frankfurt am Main, Oxford, Wien, 2011. XXX, 193 pp. ISBN 978-1-4331-0922-5 pb. –author of “Introduction” and “Virtuality and Trust in Broadened Thinking Online” (ca 40p).

Thorseth, May, 2011. Global communication Online Against Fundamentalist Knowledge offline? in (eds) U.Mårtensson, J. Bailey, P. Ringrose, A. Dyrendahl: *Fundamentalism in the Modern World*, I.B. Tauris ISBN 978 1 848885 331 7, 25-49.

Thorseth, May; Ess, Charles, 2010. Global information and computer ethics. I: *The Cambridge handbook of information and computer ethics*. Cambridge University Press 2010 ISBN 978-0-521-88898-1, 163-181

Thorseth, May, 2008. Reflective Judgment and Enlarged Thinking Online, in a special issue on Kant and computer ethics of *Ethics and Information Technology*, edited by Charles Ess and May Thorseth. ISSN 1388-1957 (Print) 1572-8439 (Online). Online version published July 15, printed version in press, 22 p.

Thorseth, May 2006. Worldwide Deliberation and Public use of Reason Online, in *Ethics and Information Technology*, ISSN 1388-1957, pp. 243-253.