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**Degrees**

2008 - 2013 **Ph.D. in Sociology,** University of Nordland, Bodø, Norway

* *‘The place where I buried my bellybutton’ – A longitudinal study of transitions and belonging among young men on the street in Salvador, Brazil*

2006 - 2006 **Photo- and feature journalism,** Gateway College, Salvador, Brazil, graded A

2004 - 2006 **MA in Social Anthropology,** NTNU, Trondheim, Norway, graded A

* *Pivete – Brazilian street youth and their encounter with a middle class neighbourhood*

2000 - 2004 **BA in Social Anthropology and African Studies,** NTNU, Trondheim, Norway

**Funded projects**

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| Period | Project title | Role | Funding  |
| 2021 – 2022 | *Elevenes erfaringer av rasisme og utenforskap i barneskolen* | Project leader w/ C. Ramirez | Faculty of Social and Educational Sciences, NTNU |
| 2020 – 2024 | *Visualising youth narratives: Empower Youth, Embrace polyphonic voices, Enhance dialogue* (PhD scholarship) | Project leader,supervisor  | Faculty of Social and Educational Sciences, NTNU |
| 2020 – 2021 | *Barn som politiske aktører? En kartlegging av valgdekning i to nyhetstilbud for barn*  | Project leader | RAM Medietilsynet |
| 2019 – 2021 | *Barn – Forskning om barn og barndom i Norden* | Project leader | Joint Committee for Nordic research councils in the Humanities and Social Sciences |
| 2019 – 2023 | *Partnership to Promote Knowledge on Children and Sustainable Development* | Co-organizer | Norwegian Center for International Cooperation in Education |
| 2018 – 2019 | *Barnas Valg* | Project leader | Faculty of Social and Educational Sciences, NTNU |
| 2017 – 2019  | *Qualities in Education*  | WP leader w/ C. Ramirez | Faculty of Social and Educational Sciences, NTNU |
| 2017 – 2019  | *Children's migration in historical and cross-cultural perspectives* | Co-investigator | Joint Committee for Nordic research councils in the Humanities and Social Sciences |
| 2016 – 2020  | *Valuing the past, sustaining the future* | WP leader, co-investigator | FINNUT, Norwegian Research Council (NFR) |
| 2013 – 2016  | *The impact of the crack trade* (post doc scholarship) | Project leader, pri. investigator | Latin American program, NFR |
| 2010 – 2011  | *Supporting families with complex needs* | Researcher | EU-Marie Curie (led by University of Birmingham) |
| 2008 – 2013  | *Longitudinal study of street youth* (PhD position) | Project leader, pri. investigator | University of Nordland |

**Scholarships and grants**

2019 CAPES (Brazilian research council), scholarship for international researchers

2018 Norlarnet, funding for international seminar ‘Young People’s Civic Engagement in Latin America and the Nordic region: Comparative Explorations’

2016 Norlarnet, funding for international seminar ‘Youth, drugs and violence in Brazil’

2015 Aslaug Johanne og Johannes Falkenbergs stiftelse, research grant

2015 Latin American Institute, Stockholm University, research grant

2015 Fredrik Stangs fond, research grant

2015 Norlarnet, funding for international seminar ‘Social work in a Latin American perspective’

2014 Latin American Program, Norwegian council for research (NFR), post doc scholarship

2012 Lise og Arnfinn Hejes fond, research grant

2005 Institute for comparative research in human culture, research grant

2005 Save the Children, Norway, research grant

**Journal publications**

Ursin, Langfeldt & Lyså (accepted) Relational rights and interdependent well-being: Exploring the experience of

an ethnic minority girl with the Norwegian Child Welfare service. *Global Studies of Childhood* (special issue with invitation).

Ie, Vicente & Ursin (accepted) A scoping review of foster children’s conceptualisation of ´family´. *Children and*

*Youth Services Review.*

Ursin, Lorgen, Alvarado, Smalsundmo, Nordgår, Bern & Bjørnevik (2021) Promoting intergenerational justice through participatory practices: The case of climate workshops as an arena for young people’s political participation. *Frontiers of psychology.*

Langfeldt & Ursin (2021) Between bullying and other violences: exploring the school experiences of

immigrant and refugee children at elementary school. *Inter-Ação, 46(2)*.

Ursin & Rizzini (2021) Four decades of Brazilian and international research on street children: A meta-narrative

Review. *Journal of comparative social work.* 16(1).

Sørsveen & Ursin (2021) Constructions of ‘the Ageless’ Asylum Seekers: An Analysis of how Age is understood Among Professionals Working within the Norwegian Immigration Authorities. *Children & Society.*

Lorgen & Ursin (2020) [A children’s election—Dilemmas of children’s political participation](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/chso.12433). *Children & Society.*

Ursin (2020) Militarized childhoods and childhood experiences in a Brazilian favela. *Childhood*.

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0907568220908309>

Ursin & Lorgen (2019) Barnas Valg – når barna går til stemmeurnene. *BARN,* 37(3-4), 133-147.

Ellingsen, Studsrød & Ursin (2019) Ivaretakelse av barns rettigheter i sosialarbeideres arbeid med familier. *BARN*, 37(3-4), 103-117.

Ursin (2019) “The meaning of my life will always be to defend our Motherland”: Raising and educating citizens in a child protection institution in Mexico. *Journal of Comparative Social Work*, 14(1), 1-9.

Ursin (2019) Gatebarnet som offer og helt: En kritisk gjennomgang av den metodologiske utviklingen av den tverrfaglige barne- og barndomsforskningen. *Norsk sosiologisk tidsskrift, 3*(12), 13-29.

Ursin & Skaalevik (2018) Volunteer tourism in Cambodian residential care facilities – a child rights based approach. *International Journal of Children’s Rights,* 26, 808-836.

Libardi & Ursin (2018) Escutando os adultos sobre proteção da infância e crianças em situação de rua no

Brasil urbano [Adult discourses on ‘street children’ and childhood protection in urban Brazil]. *childhood & philosophy*, *14(*29), 163-188.

Ursin (2018) Freedom, mobility and marginality – an interdisciplinary study of the historical roots of

contemporary street youth in urban Brazil. *Journal of Youth Studies, 21*(1), 72-89.

Ursin (2017) ‘When the Sun Rises I’m Able to Sleep’ – A study of the ambiguities of public sleep

among young Brazilians on the street. *Journal of anthropological research, 73*(3), 355-380.

Ursin, Oltedal & Muñoz (2017) Recognising the ‘big things’ and the ‘little things’ in child protection cases in

Chile and Mexico. *Child and Family Social Work, 22*(2), 932-41.

Ursin (2016) Contradictory and Intersecting Patterns of Inclusion and Exclusion of Street Youth in Salvador,

Brazil. *Social inclusion*, *4*(4), 39-50.

Ursin (2014) “Crack ends it all?” A study of the interrelations between crack cocaine, social environments,

 social relations, crime, and homicide among poor, young men in urban Brazil. *Contemporary Drug*

 *Problems,* *41*(2), 171-199.

Ursin (2012) ‘The city is ours’: the temporal construction of dominance among poor young men on the street in

 a Brazilian elite neighbourhood. *Journal of Latin American Studies, 44*(3), 467-493.

Ursin (2011) ‘Wherever I lay my head is home’ – Young people’s experience of home in the Brazilian street

 environment. *Children’s Geographies, 9*(2), 221-234.

**Book chapters**

Ursin, Lorgen, Alvarado, Smalsundmo & Nordgår (in review) Children and youth participation in climate policy:

A dialogue beyond the workshop. In Barry Percy-Smith, Nigel Patrick Thomas, Claire O’Kane & Afua

Twum-Danso Imoh (eds.), *A New Handbook of Children and Young People’s Participation:*

*Conversations for Transformational Change.* Routledge*.*

Ursin & Ellingsen (2021) Å bli sett, bli hørt og få bestemme: Barn som rettighetssubjekt i det norske barnevernet. In Sørenssen, Abebe & Ursin (eds.), *Barndomsstudier i norsk kontekst: Tverrfaglige*

*tilnærminger.* Gyldendal Akademiske.

Øygardslia & Ursin (2021) Spill og sosiale medier – medborgerskap på barn og unges premisser. In

Sørenssen, Abebe & Ursin (eds.), *Barndomsstudier i norsk kontekst: Tverrfaglige tilnærminger.*

Gyldendal Akademiske.

Ursin, Sørenssen & Abebe (2021) Tverrfaglige barndomsstudier, quo vadis? In Sørenssen, Abebe & Ursin

(eds.), *Barndomsstudier i norsk kontekst: Tverrfaglige tilnærminger.* Gyldendal Akademiske.

Abebe, Ursin & Sørenssen (2020) Barndomsstudier i Norge, historien, konteksten og hvor vi er i dag. In Sørenssen, Abebe & Ursin (eds.), *Barndomsstudier i norsk kontekst: Tverrfaglige tilnærminger.*

Gyldendal Akademiske.

Ursin (2020) Kvalitetsbegrepet i den rurale videregående skolen - elevperspektivet. In Ulleberg, Oldervik &

Saur (eds.), *Et mangfold av kvaliteter i videregående utdanning.* Universitetsforlaget.

Lyså & Ursin (2019) Migration and mobility – Norway. *Bloomsbury Education and Childhood Studies.*

Ursin & Lyså (2019) Agency and Rights – Norway. *Bloomsbury Education and Childhood Studies.*

Ursin (2018) Street Children and Brazil*. OXFORD bibliographies*.

Ursin & Abebe (2017) Young People’s Marginal Livelihoods and Social Transitions in urban Brazil: A Tale of

Four lives. In Abebe, Waters & Skelton (eds.), *Geographies of Children and Young People. Labouring and Learning*. UK: Springer.

Ursin (2016) Geographies of Sleep Among Brazilian Street Youth. In Nairn, Kraftl & Skelton (eds.), *Geographies*

*of Children and Young People. Space, Landscape, and Environment*. UK: Springer.

Ursin (2006) ‘Dia de Visita’ – besøksdag i et brasiliansk fengsel [‘Dia de Visita – Visitors’ day in a Brazilian

 Prison], *Betwixt & Between* 16. årgang*.*

**Reports**

Lorgen & Ursin (2021) *Barn som politiske aktører? En analyse av valgdekningen i Aftenposten Junior og*

 *Supernytt 2013–2019.* RAM Medietilsynet/NTNU.

Lorgen & Ursin (2019) *Klimaverksted for trøndersk ungdom.* Trøndelag Fylkeskommune/NTNU.

<https://www.trondelagfylke.no/globalassets/dokumenter/klima-og-miljo/klimarad-trondelag/klimaverksted-for-ungdom-2019-ferdig.pdf>

**Journalistic publications and popular dissemination**

2021 Hvordan sørger vi for at unges klimastemmer blir hørt? (presentation in digital seminar about Young Climate activism by Include - Forskningssenter for sosialt inkluderende energiomstilling), <https://www.sum.uio.no/include/aktuelt/arrangementer/include-lunsj/include-lunsj-unges-klimaengasjement.html>

2021 Det som rammer de voksne, rammer også barna (chronicle), *Adresseavisen*, 20 March, <https://www.midtnorskdebatt.no/meninger/ordetfritt/2021/03/20/Det-som-rammer-de-voksne-rammer-ogs%C3%A5-barna-23673362.ece>

2020 Er det plass til barn og unge som politiske aktører i klimadebatten? (chronicle), *Adresseavisen,* 13 Feb,

<https://www.adressa.no/meninger/kronikker/2020/02/13/Er-det-plass-til-barn-og-unge-som-politiske-akt%C3%B8rer-i-klimadebatten-21059341.ece>

2019 ‘Children’s rights, child protection and families with ethnic minority background’ (video commissioned by OIVA project and University of Jyväskylä, Finland, available on YouTube in 2021)

2019 ‘Critical perspectives on children’s participation’ (video made with Marleena Mustola and commissioned by OIVA project and University of Jyväskylä, Finland, available on YouTube in 2021)

2018 ‘Utrydde fattigdom: Vokser opp i frykt’ (YouTube video about PhD and post doc project), NTNU

2017 ‘When It’s Not Safe to Sleep - The sleep patterns of the homeless reveal the vulnerabilities of street life’ (reportage and photo about youth’s sleep practices on the street in Brazil), SAPIENS <https://www.sapiens.org/culture/homeless-sleep-salvador-brazil/>

2016 ‘Vokser opp i frykt’ (reportage and photo), Gemini <http://gemini.no/2016/08/vokser-opp-i-frykt/>

2016 ‘Narkotikakriminalitetens bivirkninger’ (reportage and photo, 2 pages), Under Dusken 10 (102) <http://dusken.no/media/publications/2016/UD-2016-10.pdf>

2012 ‘Kjærlighetsflyktningene’ (reportage and photo about how couples avoid Norwegian immigrant law, 8 pages), Ny Tid 7(60)

2010 ‘Crack-krigen’ (reportage and photo about the crack epidemic on the streets of Salvador, Brazil, 10 pages), Verdensmagasinet X nr.1

2009 ‘Dødens regissør’ (reportage and photo about the employee who takes photos and register the unidentified corpses at the forensic institute in Salvador, Brazil, 2 pages), LatinAmerika nr.2 2009.

2008 ‘En pause i fengselshverdagen’ (reportage and photo from the state prison in Salvador, Brazil, 8 pages), Verdensmagasinet X nr. 5.

2007 ‘De navnløse døde’ (photo, 4 pages), Tidsskrift for Den norske lægeforening nr. 21.

**Teaching, examination and supervision (at NOSEB/IPL, NTNU if not stated otherwise)**

2021 - Main supervisor of PhD candidate Irene Bisasso Hoem

2021 - Main supervisor of PhD candidate Trude Kyrkjebø

2020 - Co-supervisor of PhD candidate Aurora Sørsveen (ISS, NTNU)

2019 - Co-Supervisor of PhD candidate Elisabeth Leidland (NORD university)

2018 - Course Coordinator, BARN2001 Children’s Rights in a Global Perspective

2018 - Main Supervisor of PhD candidate, Inger Pedersen (NTNU)

2018 Administrator in PhD committee in Childhood Studies

2018 Course Coordinator, BARN3102 Methods and Ethics in Childhood Studies (MA)

2017 - Co-Supervisor of PhD candidate, Judite Ie (Universidad de Valladolid, Spain)

2017 Lecturer, BARN8206 Narrative metoder i barne- og ungdomsforskning (PhD)

2017 Course Coordinator, BARN3300 Children and Development in the global South (MA)

2017 - Examiner, MA in Social work (University of Stavanger)

2016 Examiner, MA in International Development Studies (Norwegian University of Life Sciences)

2016 Lecturer, PED3009 Qualitative methods and interview

2016 Course Coordinator, BARN3201 Children’s rights (MA)

2015 - Examiner, BA in Social Work (University of Stavanger)

2015 Administrator in PhD committee in Childhood Studies

2014 - Supervisor, MA students in Childhood Studies

2014 - 2016 Supervisor, MA students in Social Work with a Comparative perspective (Nord University)

2014 - Examiner, MA in Childhood Studies

2014 - 2016 Course Coordinator, BARN3400 Preparatory Course

2013 - 2016 Course Coordinator, BARN3202 Methodological Perspectives on Child and Childhood Research

2013 - 2019 Examiner, BA in Social Work and BA thesis in Child Protection (NORD University)

2013 Examiner, BA in Sociology (NORD University)

2013 Examiner, MA in Social Work with a comparative perspective (NORD University)

2013 Supervisor, BA students in Child Protection and Social Work (NORD University)

**Conferences, seminars, workshops and sessions convened**

2020 Co-organizing and hosting research and activist digital seminar ‘Climate Change and Children’s Rights’ (9 invited national speakers, available on YouTube, <https://youtu.be/l-f5j8CcL5A>)

2019 Co-organizing conference ‘Quality=equality? Qualities, differences and social justice’ (3 invited national speakers, sessions, 70 participants in total), IPL, NTNU

2019 Hosting and organizing research and activist seminar ‘Children’s rights in the encounter with health services: Setting the agenda’ (8 invited national speakers, 30 participants in total), IPL, NTNU

2018 Co-hosting and co-organizing international research seminar ‘Young People’s Civic Engagement in Latin America and the Nordic region: Comparative Explorations’ (3 invited international speakers, 60 participants in total), IPL, NTNU

2018 Hosting and organizing research and activist seminar ‘Challenging rights – Children ‘at risk’ and their encounters with state agencies’ (8 invited national speakers, 42 participants in total), IPL, NTNU

2017 Hosting and organizing research and activist seminar ‘Children's Rights in Child Protection Cases’ (6 invited national speakers, 43 participants in total), IPL, NTNU

2017 Co-organizing conference ‘Relasjoner i ord og handling’ (2 invited national speakers, sessions, 90 participants in total), IPL, NTNU

2016 Hosting and organizing international research seminar ‘Youth, drugs and violence in Brazil’ (8 invited international speakers, 40 participants in total), NOSEB, NTNU

2016 Co-hosting and co-organizing a NGO seminar ‘Refugee children, rights and the ‘best interest of the child’ (together with AT Kjørholt), NOSEB, NTNU

2016 Co-leading conference panel ‘Everyday ethics in childhood research in diverse contexts’ (with T. Abebe), Childhood Studies conference, Turku, Finland

2015 Co-hosting and co-organizing research seminar ‘Social work with families in a Latin American perspective: Comparing Latin-American and Nordic family-based welfare work’ (6 invited international speakers, 30 participants in total, with S. Oltedal), University of Stavanger

2013 Co-leading panel ‘Modern families in Latin-American’, NOLAN conference, Oslo

**Other academic assignments**

2021 Co-editor of *Barndomsstudier i norsk kontekst: Tverrfaglige tilnærminger* (with Abebe & Sørenssen)

2021 Member of expert committee in evaluation of applicants for position as associate professor in Social work, UiS

2020 Head of expert committee in evaluation of applicants for position as PhD candidate in Childhood Studies, IPL, NTNU

2020 Head of expert committee in evaluation of applicants for position as associate professor in Social work, UiS

2019 - Editor-of-chief, *Barn* (editor since 2018)

2019 Member of expert committee in evaluation of applicants for position as associate professor in Social work, UiS

2018 Book review of *Coming of Age on the Streets of Java: Coping with Marginality, Stigma, and Illness. Journal of Anthropological Research*.

2017 Book review of *Barnevern i et minoritetsperspektiv: Sosialt arbeid med barn og familier.* *Barn,* 2-3:

161-164*.*

2014 Book review of *Det nye barnevernet*. *Barn* (1), 77-79.

2013 - Referee for the following academic journals; ‘Cities’, ‘Geografiske annaler’, ‘Children’s geographies’, ‘Social Science’, ‘Childhood’, ‘Iberoamericana’, ‘Youth Studies’, ‘Bulletin of Latin American Studies’, ‘Sociology and social policy’, among others.

2012 Book review of *Dance lest we all fall down: Breaking cycles of poverty in Brazil and Beyond*, by

 Margaret Willson. *Journal of Latin American Studies, 44*(1), 194-195

**Guest researcher**

2019 Guest researcher, 1 month, CIESPI, PUC-Rio, Brazil

2019 Guest researcher, 1 week, Center for Advanced Studies on Educational Justice at Pontificía Universidad Católica de Chile

2015 Guest researcher, 1-month, Latin American Institute, Stockholm University, Sweden

2010 Guest researcher, 3 months, Faculty of Social Work and Development, Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, Mexico

**Selected recent paper presentations**

2019 *O impacto do tráfico de drogas no dia-a-dia de crianças e jovens que vivem numa comunidade em Salvador, Brasil*, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro

2019 *Quality in Education: A students’ perspective* (speed presentation), IPL conference: Quality = EQuality?

2019 *Exploring diverse understandings of childhood in the encounter between ethnic minority families and the Norwegian Child Welfare services: A case study*, In Whose ‘Best Interest’? Childhood, Children and the International Politics of Protection, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

2019 *Young people’s relational, spatial and temporal strategies for safety in an urban community in Brazil*,6th International Conference on Geographies of Children, Youth and Families, Campinas, Brazil

2019 *Perceiving street children through the theoretical development of childhood studies* (guest lecture), Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile

2018 Avslutningsseminar for Latin-Amerikaprogrammet (NFR), Oslo, Norway

2018 *Tracing the roots of institutionalization of poor children in Brazil and Mexico*, Welfare Research Seminar, University of Havana, Cuba

2017 *Children’s Rights in Child Protection Cases: Opening words*, NGO seminar ‘Children’s Rights in Child Protection Cases’, NOSEB/IPL, NTNU

2017 *In Search of Safety: Mundane Forms of Migration Among Young People Involved in Drug Trafficking in Urban Brazil*, AAG annual meeting, Boston, USA

2017 *The institutionalization of child circulation among poor families in Brazil and Mexico through a historical lens*, Children’s migration in historical and comparative perspective, Reykjavik, Iceland

2016 *Children and youth’s everyday lives in the favelas*, Latin-American seminar with Latin American embassies and NFR, Oslo, Norway

2016 *Growing up in the favelas*, Youth, drugs and violence in Brazil, NOSEB, NTNU

2016 *Young people’s relational and spatial strategies for safety in a violent urban community in Brazil*, Childhood Studies conference, Turku, Finland

2016 *The temporalities of ethics in everyday encounters with street youth in Brazil*, Childhood Studies conference, Turku, Finland

2016 *Refugee children and the ‘best interest of the child’ - concluding reflections* (with AT Kjørholt), NGO seminar ‘Refugee children, rights and the ‘best interest of the child,’ NOSEB, NTNU

2015 *Youth homelessness in urban Brazil – a qualitative and longitudinal study*, Families, Housing and Homelessness, Dublin, Ireland

2015 *Socialization of institutionalized children: Conflicting views of families and staff in a Mexican Child Welfare institution*, Social work with families in a Latin American perspective, Stavanger, Norway

2015 *O impacto de crack no dia-o-dia de jovens que vivem nas communidades marginais no Brasil*, Seminar at CECIP, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

2015 *O impacto de crack no dia-o-dia de jovens nas communidades marginais em Salvador*, Seminar at PROMUNDO, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

2015 When ‘street children’ grow up, Brazil: The land of the future?, Aarhus, Denmark

2014 *Exploring Jorge Amado’s character, Antônio Balduíno, in the light of contemporary street youth in Salvador, Brazil*, Youth in/and Literature & Society, Lisbon, Portugal

2013 *Negotiating hegemonic discourse and everyday reality in defining ‘family’ in a Mexican Child Welfare institution*, Latin America - challenging frontiers, Oslo, Norway

2011 *Narratives of home among young people on the street*, Children at home - 3rd annual SSN conference, London, UK

2010 *Everyday violence and its influence on youth’s home narratives in Brazil*, XVII ISA World Congress of Sociology, Gothenburg, Sweden

2010 *Brazilian youth seeking the street as a refuge*, Childhood and Youth in Transition, Sheffield, UK

2010 *Brazilian street youth and their encounter with an elite neighbourhood*, Growing up in divided societies, Belfast, UK

2009 *Fengselssystemet i Brasil* (Penal system in Brazil), Event hosted by The Norwegian Solidarity Committee for Latin America, Bergen, Norway

2009 *Narratives of “home” and “street” among young, poor Brazilians*, Second Finnish Childhood Studies conference, Tampere, Finland

2008 *Street youth and agency: In what degree does individual agency shape the everyday life of youngsters in a street environment?* Gender, Generation and Family Practices, Cape Town, South Africa