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PERSONAL DATA

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: Lillehammer, Norway | 30 December 1986
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EMPLOYMENT

RESEARCH ECONOMIST, Norges Bank, August 2016 – present
RESEARCHER II, BI Norwegian Business School, August 2017 – present
RESEARCH FELLOW, BI Norwegian Business School, August 2012 – August 2016
PHD INTERN, Norges Bank, January 2015 – August 2016

OTHER APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

CESIFO RESEARCH NETWORK AFFILIATE, December 2018 – present

PHD IN ECONOMICS

DISSERTATION TITLE: Drivers of the Business Cycle: Oil, News and Uncertainty
FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION: Macroeconomics, Time series, Textual analysis
DATE OF COMPLETION: June 2017
MAIN SUPERVISOR: Tommy Sveen
CO-SUPERVISOR: Hilde C. Bjørnland
COMMITTEE: Juan Rubio-Ramírez, Gernot Doppelhofer and Gisle Natvik
INSTITUTION: BI Norwegian Business School

VISITING SCHOLAR, University of California, Berkeley, USA
Peder Sather Center for Advanced Study, the academic year 2013 – 2014

PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES

Master of Science in Economics, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, 2007–2012
THESIS TITLE: The Present-Value Model of the Current Account: Results from Norway
ADVISORS: Kåre Johansen and Ragnar Torvik

VISITING STUDENT, University of California, Berkeley, USA
Department of Economics, the academic year 2010 – 2011

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Distinguished CESifo Affiliate prize in the Area of The Economics of Digitalization for the paper “Components of Uncertainty” (2018)
Best PhD Thesis in Macroeconomics, submitted in Norway between May 2014 and April 2017
Stipend from “Norges Banks fond til økonomisk forsknin” (2013 - 2014)

PUBLICATIONS

NEWS-DRIVEN INFLATION EXPECTATIONS AND INFORMATION RIGIDITIES,

with Leif Anders Thorsrud and Julia Zhulanova (forthcoming).

Journal of Monetary Economics

THE VALUE OF NEWS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS, with Leif Anders Thorsrud (2019),

Journal of Econometrics, 210, 203-218

BUSINESS CYCLES IN AN OIL ECONOMY, with Drago Bergholt and Martin Seneca (2019),

Journal of International Money and Finance, 96, 283-303.

OIL AND MACROECONOMIC (IN)STABILITY, with Hilde C. Bjørnland and Junior Maih (2018),

American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, 10 (4): 128-51.

WORKING PAPERS

NEWS MEDIA VS. FRED-MD FOR MACROECONOMIC FORECASTING

with Jon Ellingsen and Leif Anders Thorsrud

NARRATIVE MONETARY POLICY SURPRISES AND THE MEDIA

with Saskia ter Ellen and Leif Anders Thorsrud.

R&R: *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*

COMPONENTS OF UNCERTAINTY,

R&R: *International Economic Review*

ASSET RETURNS, NEWS TOPICS, AND MEDIA EFFECTS

with Leif Anders Thorsrud.

R&R: *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*

BUSINESS CYCLE NARRATIVES

with Leif Anders Thorsrud.

TEACHING

Teaching, Introductory Statistics, Undergraduate, Spring 2016

TA, for Prof. Hilde C. Bjørnland, Business Cycles, Graduate, Spring 2015

TA, for Prof. Tommy Sveen, Open Macroeconomics and Int. Finance, Graduate, Fall 2014

TA, for Prof. Jon H. Fiva, Econometrics, Undergraduate, Fall 2012

SHORT-TERM VISITS:

Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, October 2017

Reserve Bank of New Zealand, December 2015

OTHER

COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE, Norwegian Army

The Engineer Battalion, 2005 – 2006

COMPUTER SKILLS

Regular use: PYTHON, *Matlab*, LINUX, \LaTeX , MICROSOFT AZURE

Intermediate knowledge: R, STATA, OXMETRICS, DYNARE

Basic knowledge: JULIA, *Java*, D3JS, EIEWS