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CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

- MA degree University of Oslo (1986) Main subject: History of Religions. Thesis: "Concept of Mission in Theravada Buddhism"
- "Special Research Student" National University of Singapore (1985)
- BA University of Oslo (1983) Subjects:
 - Social Anthropology (1983)
 - Sanskrit & Pali Languages (1982)
 - History of Religions (1980)

JOBS:

- Executive Officer Frogn Municipal Administration (1995 - present)
- Executive Officer Enebakk Municipal Administration (1994)
- Executive Officer Trøgstad Municipal Administration (1987 – 1991 / 1994)
- Investigator of text books at National Centre for Educational Resources (1996 - 99)
- Head of Social Services Department Trøgstad Municipal Administration (1992-1993)

POSITIONS:

- President of *The Buddhist Federation of Norway* (1987 – present)
- Member of *Executive Committee of International Council of United Nations Day of Vesak, Thailand* (2008 – present)
- Leader of *the Council for Religious and Life Stance Communities in Norway* (1999-2003)
- Leader of *National Forum for Municipal Professionals on Refugees 2005 - 2011*)
- *Vice-president European Buddhist Union* (2011 – present)

BOOKS:

- Author: "Å formidle østlig etikk i et vestlig samfunn" (Promoting Eastern Ethics in a Western Society", in "Mange religioner – en etikk?" (*Many religions – one ethics?*) *Scandinavian University Press, Oslo* (1995)
- Author: "Forutsetninger for et felles fag" (Conditions for a Common Curriculum), in "Likhet eller likeverd?" (Similarity or Equality?), *Humanist Press, Oslo* 1996
- Author: "Buddhismen og menneskerettighetene", (Buddhism and Human Rights) in "Religion, livssyn og menneskerettigheter i Norge", *Scandinavian University Press, Oslo* 1997
- Author: "Buddhismen", (Buddhism), *Gyldendal Press, Oslo* 2001
- Coauthor: "Veien og hjulet" (The Wheel and the Path), *Solum Press, Oslo* 2004
- Author: "Sammen på veien", (Together on the Path), in "Evig din?" (Eternally Yours?), *Abstract Press, Oslo* 2005

OTHER:

- Member of Working Group on Minorities' Rights – Governmental Sino-Norwegian Round Table on Human Rights (2007 – 2010)
- Leader of Buddhist Federation of Norway project (government sponsored) on Buddhist Dialogue on Peace in Sri Lanka (2002 - 2005).
- Leader of *Oslo Coalition on Freedom of Religion or Belief (OC)* project on freedom of religion with the People's Republic of China. (2001 – present) and participant and leader of various OC delegations visiting China
- Co-chair of government sponsored project "A National Dialogue on Faith and Belief" (1999-2000)