

# Curriculum vitae

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## CAREER BREAKS

2006–2007 Family stay (Ex Path) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

1993–1995 Maternity leave 2 years

1989 Maternity leave 9 months

## EDUCATION

2014 Research Leadership Program, University of Oslo

2013 Courses in pedagogy in education and supervision

2005 Dr.polit

Faculty of Social Sciences/Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo, Norway

1993 Cand. polit Sociology

Faculty of Social Sciences/Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo, Norway

## CURRENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2021- Head Gender as cross cutting topic, Centre for global health, University of Oslo

2017- 2021 Head Department of Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, University of Oslo

2016- Professor (Medical Sociology)

Faculty of Medicine/Dept of Health Sciences, University of Oslo

2007–2016 Associate Professor

Faculty of Medicine/Dept of Health Sciences, University of Oslo

2007–2010 Part-time Researcher at the Institute for Social Research (ISF), Oslo

2005–2006 Senior Adviser for the Norwegian Committee of Women in Research, The Council for Universities (UHR)

2000–2005 PhD-Fellow at the Centre for Gender Research, University of Oslo

1999–2000 Research Fellow at the Institute for Working Life Research (AFI), Oslo

1995–1998 Project leader at the Centre for Gender Research, University of Oslo

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2020 Awarded grants by **The Norwegian Research Council** “HOME”

2019 Awarded grants by **UiO: Life Science Initiative** “Evidently Rape”

2018 Awarded grants by **The Norwegian Research Council** “Rethinking Cancer Survivorship”

2017 Awarded grants by the **UiO: Life Science Initiative** “Epigenetics and bioethics”

2017 Awarded grants by **The Norwegian Cancer Society** “Equalscreen”

2016 Awarded grants by **The Wellcome Trust** “Cancer Coiffures”

2016 Awarded a **Scientia Fellowship** (post.doc) in Gender and Health

2012 Awarded research grants by **OECD** “Gender Equality and Quality of Life”

2012 Awarded “**Best scientific article of the year**” by the Norwegian Association of Sociologist

2000 Awarded **Personal PhD-Scholarship**, Centre for Gender Studies, University of Oslo

## MOBILITY

- 2023 Guest Researcher, Department of People and Technology, Roskilde University  
2014 Guest Researcher, Department of Health Sciences, University of York  
2002 Visiting Scholar, Centre for Working Families, University of Berkeley

## SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND RESEARCH FELLOWS

Main supervisor for three PhD students

Beate Lie Sverre *Migration and Health*

Birgitte Ahlsen *Making sense of chronic muscle pain. Analyzing gender in illness narratives*

Charlotte von der Lippe *Carrying a x-linked disorder*

Co-supervisor for 9 PhD-students

Bosena Tabeje Gashaw *Intimate Partner Violence in Pregnancy in Ethiopia*

Zelege Dutamo *The effect of partner-based community intervention in increasing male involvement in skilled maternity care services use among women in Hadiya Zone, South West Ethiopia*

Solveig Laugerud: *Sexual offenses in an intersectional perspective*

Gunvor Aasbø *COPD and negotiations of care*

Hedda Grape *Women's health-recovery from fibromyalgia*

Sverre Lerum *Integration and coordination of care for individuals with ALS*

Tone Dahl-Michelsen *Gender in physiotherapy Education*

Line Blixt *An electronic tool in physiotherapy: a study of the adoption and use of novel technologies in the practicing of physiotherapy (In revision)*

Siri C. Kvernmo Næss *Time Is of the Essence: Using Institutional Ethnography to Explore the Introduction of a Cancer Care Policy (submitted)*

Main mentor for four postdocs:

Marjolein de Boer *The barren body*

Birgit Kvernflaten *ART and epigenetics: an ethnographic study of prospective parents' experiences, perspectives and imaginations in Norway*

Eira Bjørvik, *Voicing the unspeakable diseases*

Anette B. Houge *Translating medical knowledge to the courtroom*

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 1993–2023 Coordinator and lecturer of several study courses (topics such as sociology, medicalization, gender perspectives, cultural dimensions on illness and health, bio-sociality, qualitative methods) at the University of Oslo and other institutions at all levels (BA, MA, PhD).  
2016–2016 Head of Master's program Interdisciplinary Health Research, Dept of Health Sciences, University of Oslo, Norway

## ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

- 2002–2017 Organizer and administrator of several international and national seminars and Congresses. Selected: EnGendering Cancer (UiO, Wellcome Trust); Medicalization in the Nordic Countries 2015-2016 (UiO/Unpacking the Nordic Model); Narrativity in Medicine 2013 (UiO/Lysebu/ SAMKUL); Gender, Body, Health, 2011 (UiO)

## INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2022-2024 Member of the board UiO: Democracy  
2016–2019 Chair of the Board of the Centre for Gender Research, UiO, Norway  
2012–2017 Head of the Research Group *Society, Health and Power* (SHEP), Fac. of Medicine, UiO, Norway  
2012–2016 Member of committees assessing PhD dissertations in Medical Sociology and Medical Anthropology; leader of several committees, Fac. of Medicine, UiO, Norway  
2012– 2014 Member of the Program Board for Gender Studies, UiO, Norway

## COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

- 2023– Key member of the Women’s Marginalized Health Network
- 2016–2018 Member of the Danish committee for accreditation of Master in Health Sciences, Roskilde
- 2016–2018 Member of the Advisory Group on Gender Perspectives in Research, the Norwegian Research Council
- 2011–2015 President of the Norwegian Association for Gender Research
- 2012–2014 Member of the Board of the Researchers Association in Norway
- 2008–2018 Member of assessment committees for PhD and Post.Doc, Faculty of Medicine, Institute of Health and Society, UiO, Norway, and to Associate Professor at University College South-East, 2013, Norway
- 2011–2013 Member of the Steering Committee of the Nordic Network for Studies in Gender, Body and Health
- 2003–2005 Member of the Board of the Norwegian Association of Sociologist
- 2003–2018 **Peer reviews of articles and publishers:**  
BMJ Open, Sociology of Health and Illness, Journal of Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy, Men and Masculinities, Anthropology & Medicine, Nora (Nordic Journal of Feminist and Gender Research), Gender, Work & Organization, Int Journal of Qualitative Studies in Health and Well-being

## MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

- 2016– Current research groups: Society, Health and Power (Med., UiO), Knowledge Translation (Med., UiO), Illness Representations (Hum. UiO)
- 2014– The Northern Network for Medical Humanities Research (NNMHR)
- 2012– Nordic Network for Studies in Narrativity and Medicine

## MAJOR COLLABORATIONS

May-Len Skilbrei, *Evidently Rape*, Department of Criminology, UiO

Annetine Staff, *Home Monitoring of Pregnancies at Risk*, Oslo University Hospital

Mari Holen, *Health Activism*, University of Roskilde, Denmark

Marjolein de Boer, *Women’s Marginalized Health Network*, Tilburg University, Netherlands

Arthur Frank, *Cancer Cultures*, University of Calgary, Canada

Peter Fedorcsák, *Concepts and experiences in fertility treatment*, Oslo University Hospital

Ole Jacob Madsen, *Medicalization in the Nordic Countries*, Institute of Psychology, UiO, Norway.

## SELECTED ARTICLES

Aasbø, G., Hansen, B. T., Waller, J., Nygård, M. & **Solbrække, K.N.** (2023) Unpacking the lay epidemiology of cervical cancer: A focus group study on the perceptions of cervical cancer and its prevention among women late for screening in Norway. *Healthcare*, Special Issue "The Rationalities of Medical Screening", 11(7)

Bjørvik, E. Thoresen, L., Salamonsen, Fauske, L., **Solbrække, K.N.** (2023) Exploring the impact of interview location on knowledge development. *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*. ISSN 1609-4069. doi: 10.1177/16094069231168483

Kvernflaten, B., Fedorcsák, P., and **Solbrække, K.N.** (2022) "Kin or research material? Exploring perceptions about the human embryo for in vitro fertilization by Norwegian couples and implications for disposition. *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*. ISSN 1176-7529. [10.1007/s11673-022-10214-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11673-022-10214-7).

Kvernflaten, B., Fedorcsák, P., **Solbrække, K.N.** (2022). It’s all about kids, kids, kids! Negotiating reproductive citizenship and patient centered-care in ‘factory IVF’. *BioSocieties*. ISSN 1745-8552. doi:10.1057/s41292-021-00268-y. [10.1057/s41292-021-00268-y](https://doi.org/10.1057/s41292-021-00268-y).

Blixt, L., **Solbrække, K.N.**, & Bjorbækmo, W.S., (2022) Embodying Digital Spaces in a Clinical Encounter: A Post-Phenomenological Analysis. *Phenomenology and Practice*. ISSN 1913-4711. 17(4), s. 4–18. doi: 10.29173/pandpr29428.

Skilbred, A., **Solbrække, K.N.** and Thoresen, L. (2022) Begjær til besvær: en analyse av Solberg-regjeringens strategi for seksuell helse, «Snakk om det!» Norsk sosiologisk tidsskrift. ISSN 2535-2512. 6(4). doi: 10.18261/nost.6.4.2.

**Solbrække, K.N.** & Bondevik, H. (2021) Kreftoverlevelse på nye måter – om hvordan kreft erfares og omtales. *Michael* 18(28).

Frank, Arthur, **Solbrække, Kari Nyheim** (2021) Becoming a Cancer Survivor. A Dialogical Auto-ethnography. *Health*. ISSN 1363-4593. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F13634593211005178>

Blixt, Line; **Solbrække, Kari Nyheim** & Bjorbækmo, Wenche Schrøder (2020). Becoming data. Patient perspectives on using an eTool in physiotherapy sessions. *Physiotherapy Theory and Practice*. ISSN 0959-3985. p 1-16. [10.1177/13634593211005178](https://doi.org/10.1177/13634593211005178).

Aasbø, Gunvor; **Solbrække, Kari Nyheim**; Waller, Jo; Trope, Ameli; Nygård, Mari & Hansen, Bo Terning (2019). Perspectives of non-attenders for cervical cancer screening in Norway: a qualitative focus group study. *BMJ Open*. ISSN 2044-6055. 9(8) [10.1136/bmjopen-2019-029505](https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2019-029505).

Gashaw, Bosena Tebeje; Magnus, Jeanette H.; Schei, Berit & **Solbrække, Kari Nyheim** (2019). Community Stakeholders' Perspectives on Intimate Partner Violence during Pregnancy—A Qualitative Study from Ethiopia. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (IJERPH)*. ISSN 1661-7827. 16(23)

Boer, M.L. de, Bondevik, H., **Solbrække, K.N.** (2018) Beyond pathology. Women's lived experience of melancholy and mourning in fertility treatment. *Medical Humanities* ISSN 1468-215X.

**Solbrække, K. N.**, Søyland, H., Lode, K. Gripsrud, B. H. (2017) Our Genes, Our Selves: Hereditary breast cancer and biological citizenship in Norway. *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy*. ISSN 1386 7423. 20(1).

Lippe, Charlotte von der; Frich, Jan C; Harris, Anna & **Solbrække, Kari Nyheim** (2017). Treatment of hemophilia: A qualitative study of mothers' perspectives. *Pediatric Blood & Cancer*. ISSN 1545-5009. 64, s. 121–127. doi: 10.1002/pbc.26167.

**Solbrække, K.N.** (2016). Gender, health and well-being. Perspectives, issues and future possibilities from the Norwegian context, In Anna Warat; Ewa Krzaklewska; Anna Ratecka & Krystyna Slany (ed.), *Gender Equality and Quality of Life: Perspectives from Poland and Norway*. Peter Lang Publishing Group. ISBN 9783631675755. Part II. 173-194.

**Solbrække, K.N.** & Lorem, G. (2016) Breast-cancer-ization explored; Social experiences of gynecological cancer in a Norwegian context. *Sociology of Health & Illness*. ISSN 0141-9889.38(8), s 1258- 1271. doi: 10.1111/1467-9566.12459

Lippe, Charlotte von der; Frich, Jan C; Harris, Anna & **Solbrække, Kari Nyheim** (2016). Experiences of Being Heterozygous for Fabry Disease: a Qualitative Study. *Journal of Genetic Counseling*. ISSN 1059-7700. 25(5), s. 1085–1092. doi: 10.1007/s10897-016-9941-1.

**Solbrække, K. N.**, Bondevik, H. (2015). Absent organs - Present selves: Exploring embodiment and gender identity in young Norwegian women's accounts of hysterectomy. *Int Journal of Qualitative Studies on Health and Well-being*, 10.