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WORKING EXPERIENCE

- 2019.09–*present* **Founder of Easystat**
Easystat automates statistical analysis. Software as a service (SaaS) web app making statistics as easy as possible with help from expert knowledge and artificial intelligence (AI). Experience including statistical analysis, Python, AI, PHP, JavaScript, server management, accounting, marketing and design. See easystat.com.
- 2017.08–*present* **Lecturer in Statistics · University of Oslo and University of South-Eastern Norway**
Lectures in statistics including extensive use and development of digital education tools like simensolbakken.com/regresjon (Norwegian).
- 2016.06–2016.12 **Research Assistant · CICEP and University of Oslo**
Research assistant located at the Department of Political Science at University of Oslo, financed by Centre for International Climate and Energy Policy (CICEP).
- 2015.01–2015.05 **Seminar Tutor · University of Oslo**
Bachelor's level course in statistical analysis and research methodology (STV1020) at the Department of Political Science.
- 2013.05–*present* **Founder of the Procraster App**
Productivity app for Apple iPhone and iPad, available in English and Mandarin Chinese. Featured in Business Insider, PCWorld, TIME, The Huffington Post and BuzzFeed. 150,000 copies sold worldwide since the release in November 2013. Experience includes programming, database and cloud management, design, marketing, accounting, and web development. See procrasterapp.com.
- 2011.04–2016.06 **Host and Service Coordinator · Nobel Peace Center**
Permanent part-time job (20%).
- 2005.07–2005.08 **Summer Job · The Norwegian Institute for Alcohol and Drug Research (SIRUS)**
Qualitative data entry.

EDUCATION

- 2017.01–*present* **PhD Fellow · University of Oslo**
The title of my PhD project is *Trust in the Age of Artificial Intelligence*, and the overarching research question is “How is trust affected by artificial intelligence?”
- 2014.08–2016.06 **Master of Arts (M.A.) · Political Science · University of Oslo**
Master's thesis: “The Dynamics of a Green Transition. An Agent-Based Analysis.” Available at simensolbakken.com/masters-thesis. Courses including statistics, rational choice and international conflict, game theory, international negotiations, causes of political violence, and geographic information systems (GIS).

- 2013.08–2013.12 **Law · University of Oslo**
Contract law, the law of sales, and law of torts (20 ETCS)
- 2010.08–2013.06 **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) · Political Science · University of Oslo**
Courses in international relations, international law, international political economy, and culture and history of the Middle East.
- 2008.08–2010.06/
2005.08–2007.06 **Upper Secondary school**
Asker videregående skole and Sonans Privatgymnas Oslo

- COMPUTER SKILLS
- Most experienced with Python, JavaScript, Bash (Unix shell), PHP, R, NetLogo, L^AT_EX, SQL/MySQL/SQLite (databases), Amazon Mechanical Turk (MTurk) API, SurveyMonkey API, Stripe API, Git (GitHub), D3.js/ggplot (visualizations), RabbitMQ (message broker) and Slurm (used to submit jobs to University of Oslo’s supercomputer “Abel”)
 - Some experience with ArcGIS, QGIS, Jupyter and PyDoc
 - Dabbled in Java and UiPath

PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 **Statistikk for nybegynnere** · English: *Statistics for Beginners*
Textbook on statistics in Norwegian. Syllabus at the University of Oslo and the University of South-Eastern Norway.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2018.12.04 **Talk on trust in artificial intelligence (AI)**
Breakfast seminar arranged by Gambit Hill+Knowlton Strategies and Mindshare.
- 2016.10.14 **PechaKucha (mini-lecture) on computer simulations**
Mini-lecture in Norwegian on behalf of The Norwegian Association of Researchers. Video available at bit.ly/datasimulering.

NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS

- 2016.10 **Winner of the “Våg å vite” (“Dear to know”) prize**
The prize is awarded to high quality Master’s theses which challenge established thinking. I was nominated for my Master’s thesis “The Dynamics of a Green Transition. An Agent-Based Analysis.” The prize is handed out by The Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Oslo, and includes a check for NOK 10,000.
- 2016.03 **Nominee for the award “Norway’s ten greatest lecturers”**
The Norwegian newspaper *Morgenbladet* rated “Norway’s ten greatest lecturers.” I was nominated—and selected as one of the top 39 candidates—for my seminar tutoring in a Bachelor’s level course in statistical analysis and research methodology (STV1020) at the Department of Political Science, University of Oslo.

ACADEMIC PHD COURSES

- 2018.07 **Collecting and Analyzing Big Data**
Faculty of Social Science, University of Oslo (10 ETCS)
- 2018.07 **Introduction to Agent-based Modeling and Computing**
Faculty of Social Science, University of Oslo (10 ETCS)
- 2017.05 **Monte Carlo simulations: Principles and applications in the social sciences**
Faculty of Social Science, University of Oslo (10 ETCS)
- 2015.02.13–
2015.02.20 **Agent-Based Modeling in the Social Sciences**
Development and analysis of agent-based simulation models, including geographic information systems (GIS). PhD level course at the ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques at the University of Bamberg (3 ETCS).

TRAINING COURSES

- 2017 **University Teaching Development Program**
University of Oslo
- 2015.01.16 and
2015.01.27 **Tutor Training Seminar**
Faculty of Social Science, University of Oslo
- 2010.05.19 and
2010.06.02 **Refugee Guide Training Course**
Norwegian Red Cross, Oslo

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- 2010.02–2013.01 **Refugee Guide**
Norwegian Red Cross
- 2011.01–2011.12 **Writer · Samfunnsviter'n**
Unpaid writing for student magazine
- 2010.08–2010.12 **Writer · Zoon Politikon**
Unpaid writing for student magazine
- 2011.08–2012.08 **Student Council Accountant**
Department of Political Science, University of Oslo

- LANGUAGES **Norwegian** · Native proficiency
English · Professional working proficiency

RESEARCH

- 2016.01–*present* **Participant in the DAAD project: “Credible Commitment to Long-Term Policy”**
DAAD mobility grant for researcher exchange between Norway and Germany, granted by The Research Council of Norway. The project aims to build a game-theoretic model of governments' commitment to a costly long-term policy. The project includes two trips to Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research 2016 and 2017. The other participants are Jon Hovi, Detlef F. Sprinz, and Marco Islam.