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Education

- 1968-1975 M.D., University of Bergen, Norway
- 1970-1971 Foundation subject: Philosophy

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- University of Oslo, 2002. Title: Mental survival strategies after extreme traumatization

Board certification

- 1984 Norwegian Psychiatric Association (in Psychiatry)
- Licensure: Norway, Denmark

Honors

- 2002 "The Idunn Prize", for academic books, Norwegian University Publishers
- 2004 The Mary S. Sigourney award: Recognizing Distinguished Contributions to the Field of Psychoanalysis
- 2008 Honorary member of Belgrade Psychoanalytic Society
- 2009 Honorary member of Deutsche Psychoanalytische Gesellschaft 2013 Kongens fortjeneste medalje (King's Medal of Merit)

Clinical work

- Psychiatric hospitals and private praxis

Professional activities (a selection)

- 1994-1998 President, Norwegian Psychoanalytic Society (member of the Board, European Psychoanalytic Federation)
- 1997-2000 Member of the Committee on Human Rights, Norwegian Medical Association
- 2000-2005 Chair, Committee on Human Rights, Norwegian Medical Association
- 1998-2008 European Psychoanalytic Association's (EPF) Working Group on Trauma.
- 2001-2003 Vice-President, IPA
- 2003-2005 Global Representative to Board, IPA
- 1999-2001 Task Force on Structure and Mission (SAM) IPA
- 2001-2009 Research committee, IPA
- 2002-2010 IPA/DPG (Deutsche Psychoanalytische Gesellschaft) facilitating Committee
- 2002-2004 Chair, Working Group on Terror and Terrorism, IPA
- 2004-2006 China Working Group, IPA
- 2006-2008 Vice-president of Norwegian Psychoanalytic Society
- 2008-2010 President Norwegian Psychoanalytic Society
- 2006- Member China Committee, IPA. From 2013, chair.
- 2009- Member of Project Group on Conceptual Integration, IPA
- 2011- Chair of program Committee for IPA, International Conference, Prague, 2013
- 2010- Transkulturelt utvalg. Norsk psykiatrisk forening. (Transcultural committee, Norwegian Association)

- 2008 Guest professor University College, London
- 2011- Guest professor, Sigmund Freud, Institut, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2013-2017 „High-end Foreign Expert“ for Government of Peoples Republic of China

Research projects

- District psychiatric services, University College, Aalborg, Denmark;
Victims of violence, Institute for Disaster Psychiatry, University of Oslo;
Follow-up of schizophrenic patients treated with psychoanalytical psychotherapy and milieu therapy, Gaustad Hospital, University of Oslo;
Process-outcome study of psychoanalytic psychotherapy with severely traumatised refugees. Psychosocial Centre for refugees, University of Oslo, (chair);
Process-outcome study of psychoanalysis, the Oslo II study chair);. Norwegian Psychoanalytic Institute;
Prospective follow-up study of psychotherapeutic and psychiatric treatment of severely traumatised refugees. National centre for the Study of Violence and Traumatic Stress/Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway; ongoing
- On traumatic dreams, International multicentre study: Belgrade, Frankfurt, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway, Oslo; ongoing
- Symbolisation in trauma: International multicentre study: Oslo, Copenhagen, New York;
- Study of therapeutic competence: Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway Institute of Psychology, University of Oslo.
- Mental health and quality of life for asylum seekers and refugees. A multicentre study on the situation for refugees today during flight and after arrival. Participating countries: Norway, Serbia. (Ongoing, chair)
- Journal editorship, editorial boards: „Agrippa, Psykiatriske, Tekster“ (DK), “Psychiatry Today” (Belgrade), „Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy in China“ (London).
Reviewer: International Journal of Psychoanalysis, American Journal of Psychotherapy, Psyche, Matrix, Subjectivity, Frontiers in psychology.