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Nationality: Norwegian
Born: 28 September 1961
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KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Palestinian, Iraqi and Syrian refugees, their rights and the link between rights, on the one hand, and livelihoods and policies, on the other, are crucial aspects of the research.

Academic degree in political science with a focus on democratic theory and Middle East studies. Substantial experience with design and implementation of household sample surveys and qualitative research in the Middle East. Wide competence in the analysis of socio-economic statistics and qualitative data, and capacity building, from Jordan, the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Lebanon and Syria.

Extensive experience from management of projects, which have typically occurred in complex political environments and which involved research on sensitive issues requiring extensive coordination and consultation with government agencies, diplomatic missions, UN organisations, local NGOs, academic institutions and research centers in the Middle East and beyond.

EDUCATION

1994 Master (Cand. Polit.) in Political Science, University of Oslo
Thesis: *Regime legitimacy and democratisation in Jordan* [in Norwegian]
1987 Trained/Graduate Nurse, Ullevål College of Nursing
1981 Officer Training, Norwegian Army

LANGUAGES

Norwegian (mother tongue), English (fluent), German (basic), Spanish (basic), French (basic)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017 –	Research Director, Fafo
2015 –	Senior Researcher, Fafo
2011 – 2014	Senior Researcher, Survey Coordinator, Fafo
2008 – 2011	Research Director, Middle East Studies, Fafo
2005 – 2008	Researcher, Middle East Coordinator, Fafo
2000 – 2005	Regional Representative for the Middle East, based in Amman, Jordan, Fafo
1994 – 2000	Researcher, Fafo

COUNTRIES WORKED IN

Norway, Palestine, Jordan (resident, 2000-2005), Lebanon, Syria

PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 (forthcoming). Tiltnes, Åge A. Fafo report comparing statistics on the living conditions of Palestinian refugees in Jordan across camps.
2019. Tiltnes, Åge A and Guri Tyldum. *Syrian refugee in Jordan: better off than before but still vulnerable*, Fafo Brief, October.
2019. Kvittingen, Anna, Åge A. Tiltnes, Ronia Salman, Hana Asfour and Dina Baslan. *Just getting by: Ex-Gazans in Jerash and other refugee camps in Jordan*, Fafo Report 2019:34.
2019. Tiltnes, Åge. A., Huafeng Zhang and Jon Pedersen. *The living conditions of Syrian refugees in Jordan*, Fafo-report 2019:04.
2017. Pedersen Jon and Åge A. Tiltnes. 'Youth in the southern and eastern Mediterranean: between informality and precariousness', *The Middle East in London*, Vol. 13, No 3: 11-12.
2017. Tiltnes, Åge. A. *Basic education and parents' relations with school in Mafraq city. Findings from a mini-survey of Jordanian and Syrian refugee households*, Amman and Oslo: ARDD and Fafo.
2017. Stave, Svein Erik, Åge A. Tiltnes, Zainab Khalil and Jalal Hussein. *Improving learning environments in Jordanian public schools. Lessons from school visits and community dialogue in Northern Jordan*, Amman and Oslo: ARDD and Fafo.
- 2013 Tiltnes, Åge A. and Huafeng Zhang. *Progress, challenges, diversity. Insights into the socio-economic conditions of Palestinian refugees in Jordan*, Fafo-report 2013:42.
- 2013 Christophersen, Mona, Cathrine Moe Thorleifsson and Åge A. Tiltnes. *Ambivalent Hospitality: Coping Strategies and Local Responses to Syrian Refugees in Lebanon*, Fafo-report 2013:48.
- 2013 Christophersen, Mona, Jing Liu, Cathrine Moe Thorleifsson and Åge A. Tiltnes. *Lebanese attitudes towards Syrian refugees and the Syrian crisis: Results from a national opinion poll implemented 15-21 May 2013*, Fafo-paper 2013: 13.
- 2012 Christophersen, Mona, Jacob Høigilt and Åge A. Tiltnes. *Palestinian Youth and the Arab Spring*, Fafo-report 2012:09/ NOREF report, February.
- 2011 Tiltnes, Åge A. et al. *Palestinian Opinions about Governance, Institutions and Political Leaders: Synthesis of Results of Fafo's Opinion Polls in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, 2005-2011*, Fafo-paper 2011:09, Oslo: Fafo.
- 2011 Tiltnes, Åge A. et al. *Palestinian Opinions about Public Services: Synthesis of Results of Fafo's Opinion Polls in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, 2005-2011*, Fafo-paper 2011:08, Oslo: Fafo.
- 2010 Tiltnes, Åge A. 'Meninger om statsbygging, sikkerhet, konflikt og forhandlinger med mer på Vestbredden' [Perceptions of state building, security, conflict and negotiations on the West Bank], paper to the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 19 March.
2010. Tiltnes, Åge A. and Sønsterudbråten, Silje. *Palestinske oppfatninger om offentlige tjenester og tiltro til institusjoner og politiske ledere, 2005 - 2010. Resultater fra Fafos meningsmålinger på Vestbredden og Gaza-stripen*, report to the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2009 Tiltnes, Åge A. 'Resignasjon men fortsatt forhandlingsvilje i Gaza' [Desolation but will to negotiate in Gaza], *Babylon*, No. 2: 32-41.
- 2009 Tiltnes, Åge A. *Living conditions in the Gaza Strip during and after Israel's military campaign in the winter of 2008/ 2009: Evidence from interviews with 2,000 households*, with UNFPA-Jerusalem, Fafo-paper 2009:18.
- 2009 Tiltnes, Åge A. et al. *The 2007 Socio-economic Assessment of Ein El-Hilweh Refugee Camp, Report to UNRWA*, Vol. I ('Perception of Livelihoods'), Vol. II ('Summary of Survey Statistics'), and Vol. III ('Tabulation Report').
- 2008 Hanafi, Sari and Tiltnes, Åge A. 'The Employability of Palestinian Professionals in Lebanon: Constraints and Transgression', *Knowledge, Work and Society*, Vol. 5, No.1: 127-150.

- 2008 Tiltnes, Åge A. 'Palestinske flyktningers kår i Libanon etter Nahr al-Bared' [The situation of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon after Nahr al-Bared], *Babylon*, No. 1: 116-125.
- 2008 Tiltnes, Åge A. *A Profile of the Displaced Palestinian Refugees from Nahr El-Bared Refugee Camp: Results from a Survey of 999 Families*, Fafo-paper 2008:2, Oslo: Fafo.
- 2007 Tiltnes, Åge A. *A Socio-economic Profile of the Nahr El-Bared and Beddawi Refugee Camps of Lebanon*, Fafo-paper 2007:16, Oslo: Fafo.
- 2007 Tiltnes, Åge A. *Keeping Up: A Brief on The Living Conditions of Palestinian Refugees in Syria*, Fafo-report 2007:13 [Arabic version, 2006].
- 2006 Tiltnes, Åge A. (ed). *Palestinian Refugees in Syria: Human Capital, Economic Resources and Living Conditions*, Fafo-report 514 [Arabic version, 2004].
- 2006 Tiltnes, Åge A. 'Fattigdom og manglende rettigheter i Egypt' [Poverty and lacking rights in Egypt], on Palestinian refugees in Egypt, *Palestina*, December/January (2005/2006).
- 2006 Tiltnes, Åge A. 'Offer for hat mot Saddam i Irak' [Victims of hatred against Saddam Hussein], on Palestinian refugees in Iraq, *Palestina*, December/January (2005/2006).
- 2006 Tiltnes, Åge A. 'Fra diskriminering til integrasjon i Jordan?' [From discriminataion to integration in Jordan?], on Palestinian refugees in Jordan, *Palestina*, December/January (2005/2006).
- 2005 Tiltnes, Åge A. *Falling Behind: A Brief on the Living Conditions of Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon*, Fafo-report 464.
- 2003 Tiltnes, Åge A. and Magembe, Elias. *Housing situation and housing needs assessment in the Occupied Palestinian Territories*, report to UN-HABITAT.
- 2002 Tiltnes, Åge A. et al. *Magnitude and Characteristics of Working Children in Syria, A Report to UNICEF, Syria, Based on a National Household Survey*.
- 2002 Khawaja, Marwan and Tiltnes, Åge A. *On the Margins: Migration and living conditions of Palestinian camp refugees in Jordan*, Fafo-report 357.
- 2000 Tiltnes, Åge A. *Chronic illness in the Palestinian refugee camp population of Jordan: Results from a 1999 household survey*, Paper to Jordan's Department of Palestinian Affairs.
- 1998 Hanssen-Bauer, Jon, Jon Pedersen and Åge A. Tiltnes (eds.). *Jordanian Society: Living Conditions in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan*, Fafo-report 253, Oslo: Fafo.
- 1998 Tiltnes, Åge A. *Ability and Willingness to Pay for Water and Sewage Services in Two Palestinian Cities: Results from a Household Survey in Nablus and Gaza City*, Fafo-paper 1998:17.

RECENT RELEVANT PROJECTS

- 2019-2021. European Management of Migration and Refugees (MARE). Project funded by the Research Council of Norway studying consequences for mobility and political stability in transit countries. Project member, analysis of the situation of Syrian refugees in Jordan.
- 2017-2019. Study of the education, skills, work experiences and work preferences of Syrians in Jordan (RESW). Project funded by the European Regional Development and Protection Programme and on the initiative of Jordan's Department of Planning which examined the livelihoods of Syrian refugee and other Syrian in Jordan through a comprehensive national sample survey implemented in collaboration with Jordan's Department of Statistics (DoS). Project director, survey design, analysis, reporting.
- 2014-2017. Power2Youth, EU-funded research project where Fafo was responsible for national perception surveys of youth in 6 countries (Lebanon, Turkey, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Palestine). Responsible for survey work package. Survey design, analysis, reporting.
- 2015-2016. Education for the future. Study of the learning environment of public schools with Syrian refugee and Jordanian host community children in Mafraq governorate. Collaboration with ARDD—Legal Aid, a Jordanian NGO. Project manager at Fafo. School visits; group interviews with school principals, teachers and parents; survey of parents in Mafraq city (responsible for survey design and analysis, reporting). Funding from the Norwegian Government.

- 2016 Preparation of Census of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. Work with the Lebanese Palestinian Dialogue Committee (LPDC), the Lebanese Central Administration of Statistics (CAS) and the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS). Funding from UNDP. Study design, overall planning, advice to LPDC.
- 2016-2017. Study of stateless Palestinian refugees in Jordan with a particular emphasis on those residing in Jerash camp and their relation to the labour market. Funding from the Norwegian Government. Project director. Statistical analysis, qualitative interviews, report writing.
- 2013-2014. Survey of Syrian refugees in the Jordanian labour market. Funding from ILO. Collaboration with Jordan's Department of Statistics. Team member, survey design, data analysis, report writing.
- 2013 Study of the coping mechanisms of Syrian refugees in Lebanon (qualitative data) and the Lebanese perception of their presence in the country (qualitative and quantitative data). Team member, responsible for design and analysis of national perceptions survey, report writing.
- 2009-2014 Census and sample survey of Palestinian refugees in Jordan's refugee camps. Project director, design, analysis, report writing. Funding from the Norwegian Government. Collaboration with Jordan's Department of Palestinian Affairs, UNRWA and Jordan's Department of Statistics.
- 2010-2012 Sample survey of Palestinian refugees residing outside Jordan's refugee camps. Project director, design, analysis, report writing. Funding from the Swiss and Norwegian governments through UNRWA. Collaboration with Jordan's Department of Palestinian Affairs, UNRWA and Jordan's Department of Statistics.