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Curriculum vitae

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## EDUCATION

- 2007 PhD, Sciences-Pô Paris, Department of Political Science.
- 2001 MPhil, Oxford University (Balliol College), Faculty of Oriental Studies.
- 1999 BA, Oxford University (Balliol College), Faculty of Oriental Studies.
- 1996 Baccalauréat général, Lycée Aliénor d'Aquitaine, Poitiers (France).

## EMPLOYMENT

- 2001- Research Fellow, Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI).
- 2015-20 Adjunct Professor of Political Science, Oslo University.
- 2012-13 Zuckerman Fellow, Stanford University (CISAC).
- 2009-10 William D. Loughlin Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton.
- 2008-09 Fellow, Harvard University (Belfer Center).
- 2007-08 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Princeton University (PIIRS).

## PUBLICATIONS (Items in Norwegian marked \*\*)

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### Books

- 2020 Thomas Hegghammer. *The Caravan: Abdallah Azzam and the Rise of Global Jihad*. Cambridge University Press.
- 2017 Thomas Hegghammer, editor. *Jihadi Culture: The Art and Social Practices of Militant Islamists*. Cambridge University Press.
- 2015 Bernard Haykel, Thomas Hegghammer, and Stéphane Lacroix, editors. *Saudi Arabia in Transition*. Cambridge University Press.
- 2011 Thomas Hegghammer and Stéphane Lacroix. *The Meccan Rebellion: The Story of Juhayman al-Utaybi Revisited*. Amal Press.
- 2010 Thomas Hegghammer. *Jihad in Saudi Arabia: Violence and Pan-Islamism since 1979*. Cambridge University Press.
- 2005 Gilles Kepel, Stéphane Lacroix, Omar Saghi, Jean Pierre Milelli, and Thomas Hegghammer. *Al-Qaida dans le texte*. Presses Universitaires de France.

### Peer-reviewed articles

- 2020 Thomas Hegghammer. Weeping in Modern Jihadi Groups. *Journal of Islamic Studies*, 31(3):358–387.
- 2018 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. Skandinavias første jihadister [Scandinavia's First Jihadists]. *Babylon: Nordisk tidsskrift for midtøstenstudier*, 2:174–193.
- 2016 Thomas Hegghammer. The Future of Jihadism in Europe: A Pessimistic View. *Perspectives on Terrorism*, 10(6):156–170.
- 2015 Thomas Hegghammer and Petter Nesser. Assessing Islamic State's Commitment to Attacking the West. *Perspectives on Terrorism*, 9(4-5):14–30.
- 2013 Thomas Hegghammer and Joas Wagemakers. The Palestine Effect: The Role of Palestinians in the Transnational Jihad Movement. *Die Welt des Islams*, 53(3-4):281–314.

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- 2013 Thomas Hegghammer. The Recruiter's Dilemma: Signalling and Rebel Recruitment Tactics. *Journal of Peace Research*, 50(1):3–16.
- 2011 Thomas Hegghammer. The Rise of Muslim Foreign Fighters: Islam and the Globalization of Jihad. *International Security*, 35(3):53–94.
- 2009 Thomas Hegghammer. Jihad, Yes, but Not Revolution: Explaining the Extroversion of Islamist Militancy in Saudi Arabia. *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 36(3):395–416.
- 2009 Thomas Hegghammer. The Ideological Hybridization of Jihadi Groups. *Current Trends in Islamist Ideology*, 9:26–45.
- 2008 Thomas Hegghammer. Islamist Violence and Regime Stability in Saudi Arabia. *International Affairs*, 84(4):701–715.
- 2007 Thomas Hegghammer and Stéphane Lacroix. Rejectionist Islamism in Saudi Arabia: The Story of Juhayman al-Utaybi Revisited. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 39(1):103–122.
- 2006 Thomas Hegghammer. Terrorist Recruitment and Radicalisation in Saudi Arabia. *Middle East Policy*, 13(4):39–60.
- 2006 Thomas Hegghammer. Global Jihadism After the Iraq War. *Middle East Journal*, 60(1):11–32.
- 2005 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. Irak-konflikten og radikal islamistisk ideologi [The Iraq Conflict and Radical Islamist Ideology]. *Internasjonal Politikk*, 63(4):351–370.
- 2004 Brynjar Lia and Thomas Hegghammer. Jihadi Strategic Studies: The Alleged Al Qaida Policy Study Preceding the Madrid Bombings. *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, 27(5):355–375.
- 2004 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. Palestina og global jihad [Palestine and Global Jihad]. *Babylon: Nordisk tidsskrift for midtøstenstudier*, 2(2):60–69.

### Book chapters

- In press Thomas Hegghammer. Can You Trust Anyone on Jihadi Internet Forums? In Diego Gambetta, editor, *Fight, Flight, Mimic: Identity Signalling in Armed Conflicts*. Oxford University Press.
- 2019 Thomas Hegghammer. Afterword. The Uniqueness of Islamic State. In Stephane J. Baele, Katharine A Boyde, and Travis G. Coan, editors, *ISIS Propaganda: A Full-Spectrum Extremist Message*. Oxford University Press, Oxford.
- 2018 Thomas Hegghammer. Jihadi Weeping. In Sabine Schmidtke, editor, *Studying the Near and Middle East at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, 1936-2017*. Gorgias Press, Piscataway, NJ.
- 2017 Thomas Hegghammer. Non-military practices in jihadi groups. In *Jihadi Culture: The Art and Social Practices of Militant Islamists*. Cambridge University Press.
- 2017 Thomas Hegghammer. What is jihadi culture and why should we study it? In *Jihadi Culture: The Art and Social Practices of Militant Islamists*. Cambridge University Press.

- 2017 Thomas Hegghammer and Andreas Dæhli. Insiders and Outsiders: A Survey of Terrorist Threats to Nuclear Facilities. In Matthew Bunn and Scott D. Sagan, editors, *Insider Threats*, pages 10–42. Cornell University Press.
- 2015 Thomas Hegghammer. Classical and Global Jihadism in Saudi Arabia. In Bernard Haykel, Thomas Hegghammer, and Stéphane Lacroix, editors, *Saudi Arabia in Transition*. Cambridge University Press.
- 2014 Thomas Hegghammer. The 2003 Riyadh and 2008 Sanaa Bombings. In Bruce Hoffman and Fernando Reinares, editors, *The Evolution of the Global Terrorist Threat: From 9/11 to Osama bin Laden's Death*. Columbia University Press, New York.
- 2009 Thomas Hegghammer. Jihadi Salafis or Revolutionaries? On Theology and Politics in the Study of Militant Islamism. In Roel Meijer, editor, *Global Salafism: Islam's New Religious Movement*, pages 244–266. Columbia University Press, New York.
- 2008 Thomas Hegghammer. Violence politique en Arabie Saoudite: Grandeur et décadence d'"al-Qaïda dans la Péninsule Arabique". In Bernard Rougier, editor, *Qu'est-ce que le salafisme?*, pages 105–122. Presses Universitaires de France, Paris.
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- 2005 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. En oversikt over islamistiske terroristgrupper [Islamist Terrorist Groups]. In Bjørn Erik Rasch, editor, *Islamistisk terrorisme [Islamist Terrorism]*, pages 20–52. Abstrakt, Oslo.
- 2003 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. Islamsk terror og krigen mot Irak [Islamist Terrorism and the War on Iraq]. In Bjørn Erik Rasch, editor, *Spillet om Irak [The Iraq Game]*. Abstrakt, Oslo.

#### **Encyclopaedia entries**

- 2021 Thomas Hegghammer. Jihadi Culture. In David A. Snow, Donatella della Porta, Bert Klendermans, and Doug McAdam, editors, *Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements*.
- 2012 Thomas Hegghammer. Suicide. In Gerhard Bowering, Patricia Crone, Wadad Kadi, and Devin J. Stewart, editors, *The Princeton Encyclopaedia of Islamic Political Thought*, pages 530–531. Princeton University Press, Princeton.
- 2012 Thomas Hegghammer. Terrorism. In Gerhard Bowering, Patricia Crone, Wadad Kadi, and Devin J. Stewart, editors, *The Princeton Encyclopaedia of Islamic Political Thought*, pages 545–546. Princeton University Press, Princeton.

#### **Non-refereed articles and reports**

- 2021 Thomas Hegghammer. Gulf States. In Aniseh Bassiri Tabrizi and David Lewis, editors, *Afghanistan and Regional Geopolitics*. NATO Defence College Research Paper.
- 2016 Thomas Hegghammer. The jihadist digital empowerment revolution. In *The Foreign Fighters Phenomenon and Related Security Trends in the Middle East (World Watch: Expert Notes Series)*, pages 45–54. Canadian Security and Intelligence Service.
- 2014 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. Norske fremmedkrigere igår og idag [Norwegian Foreign Fighters Yesterday and Today]. *Norsk statsvitenskapelig tidsskrift*, 30(4):277–288.
- 2012 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. *Trender og utviklingstrekk i internasjonal terrorisme siden 11. september 2001 [Trends and Developments in International Terrorism since 11 September 2001]*. 22 July Commission, Oslo, January 17.

- 2010 Thomas Hegghammer. *The Failure of Jihad in Saudi Arabia*. Combating Terrorism Center, West Point.
- 2008 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. Al-Qaidas rekruttskoler [Al-Qaida's Drill Schools]. *Norsk Militært Tidsskrift*, 178(2):14–20.
- 2007 Thomas Hegghammer. *Saudi Militants in Iraq: Backgrounds and Recruitment Patterns*. Norwegian Defence Research Establishment, Kjeller.
- 2006 \*\*Søren Hove and Thomas Hegghammer. *Reformprocesser og sikkerhedsudfordringer på den arabiske halvø [Reform Processes and Security Challenges on the Arabian Peninsula]*. Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Copenhagen.
- 2006 Laila Bokhari, Thomas Hegghammer, Brynjar Lia, Petter Nesser, and Truls H Tønnessen. *Paths to Global Jihad: Radicalization and Recruitment to Terror Networks*. Norwegian Defence Research Establishment, Kjeller.
- 2005 Thomas Hegghammer. *Al-Qaida Statements 2003-2004: A Compilation of Translated Texts by Usama bin Ladin and Ayman al-Zawahiri*. Norwegian Defence Research Establishment, Kjeller.
- 2004 Stéphane Lacroix and Thomas Hegghammer. *Saudi Arabia Backgrounder: Who Are the Islamists?* International Crisis Group, Brussels.
- 2004 Åshild Kjøk, Thomas Hegghammer, Annika Hansen, and Jørgen Knudsen. *Restoring Peace or Provoking Terrorism? Exploring the Links Between Multilateral Military Interventions and International Terrorism*. Norwegian Defence Research Establishment, Kjeller.
- 2004 Thomas Hegghammer. *The Iraq Hostage Crisis: Abductions in Iraq, April-August 2004*. Norwegian Defence Research Establishment, Kjeller.
- 2003 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. *Dokumentasjon om al-Qaida:: Intervjuer, kommunikéer og andre primærkilder [Documentation on al-Qaida: Interviews, Statements and Other Primary Sources]*. Norwegian Defence Research Establishment, Kjeller.
- 2002 \*\*Brynjar Lia, Thomas Hegghammer, Rolf-Inge Vogt Andresen, Åshild Kjøk, and Laila Bokhari. *Atommateriale, gass og mikrober som terrorvåpen? En undersøkelse av terrorgruppers interesse for og bruk av ikke-konvensjonelle våpen [Nuclear Material, Gas and Microbes as Terrorist Weapons? A Survey of Terrorist Groups' Interest in, and Actual Use of, Non-Conventional Weapons]*. Norwegian Defence Research Establishment, Kjeller.

#### **Book reviews and review essays**

- 2021 Thomas Hegghammer. Review of C. Christine Fair, In their Own Words: Understanding Lashkar-e Tayyaba. *Perspectives on Politics*, 19(1).
- 2020 Thomas Hegghammer. The Last Jihadi Superstar. *War on the Rocks*, October 30.
- 2020 Thomas Hegghammer. Review of Barak Mendelsohn, Jihadism Constrained: The Limits of Transnational Jihadism and What It Means for Counterterrorism. *Middle East Journal*, 74(1):160–162.
- 2018 Thomas Hegghammer. Review of Olivier Roy, Jihad and Death: The Global Appeal of Islamic State. *Journal of Peace Research*, November 28.
- 2012 Thomas Hegghammer. Review of Richard C. Martin and Abbas Barzegar, Islamism: Contested Perspectives on Political Islam. *Journal of Islamic Studies*, 23(2):252–254.
- 2011 Thomas Hegghammer. Review of Omar Ashour, The De-radicalization of Jihadists: Transforming Armed Islamist Movements. *Perspectives on Politics*, 9(2):472–473.
- 2011 Thomas Hegghammer. Review of Audrey K. Cronin, How Terrorism Ends: Understanding the Decline and Demise of Terrorist Campaigns. *Journal of Peace Research*, 48(3).

- 2010 Thomas Hegghammer. Review of Najwa bin Laden et al., Growing up Bin Laden. *The National*, January 8.
- 2009 Thomas Hegghammer. Review of Laurent Murawiec, Mind of Jihad. *Times Higher Education*, June 11.
- 2009 Thomas Hegghammer. Review of Jean-Pierre Filiu, L'apocalypse dans l'islam. *The National*, January 16.
- 2008 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. Review of Steve Coll, The Bin Ladens: An Arabian Family in the American Century. *Morgenbladet*, June 6.
- 2008 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. Review of Mattias Gardell, Bin Laden i våre hjerter. *Babylon*, 6(1).
- 2008 Thomas Hegghammer. Jihadi Studies. *Times Literary Supplement*, April 4.
- 2007 Thomas Hegghammer. Review of Dore Gold, Hatred's Kingdom: How Saudi Arabia Supports the New Global Terrorism. *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 34(2):229–231.

### Short articles and op-eds

- 2020 Thomas Hegghammer. The Caravan: Abdallah Azzam and the Rise of Global Jihad. *Ambassador's Brief*, March 21.
- 2020 Thomas Hegghammer. Why Jihadists Loved America in the 1980s. *The Atlantic*, March 6.
- 2019 Thomas Hegghammer. The Mysterious Assassination That Unleashed Jihadism. *History News Network*, November 24.
- 2019 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. Skandinavias ukjente jihad-historie [Scandinavia's Unknown History of Jihad]. *VG*, February 8.
- 2018 Thomas Hegghammer. Europe to Terrorists: It's No More Monsieur Nice Guy. *Wall Street Journal*, October 7.
- 2016 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. Flyktningkrisens radikaliseringsutfordringer. *Aftenposten*, September 21.
- 2016 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer, Thomas Hylland Eriksen, and Stein Tønnesson. Verden er større enn EU. *Aftenposten*, June 7.
- 2016 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer, Thomas Hylland Eriksen, and Stein Tønnesson. EU-forskning koster Norge dyrt. *Aftenposten*, May 25.
- 2015 Thomas Hegghammer. The Soft Power of Militant Jihad. *New York Times*, December 18.
- 2015 Thomas Hegghammer. To Combat ISIS, Europe Must Do More to Police Social Media. *New York Times Online (Room for Debate)*, November 20.
- 2014 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer, Petter Nesser, and Anne Stenersen. Hjelper politibevæpning mot terror? [Does arming the Police help protect against terrorism?]. *Aftenposten*, November 12.
- 2014 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. Det kom aldri noen penger til å forske på høyreekstremisme etter 22. juli [There never came any funding for research on far right extremism after 22 July]. *Aftenposten*, November 12.
- 2014 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. IS og fremmedkrigerne [IS and the Foreign Fighters]. *Romerikes Blad*, October 31.
- 2014 Thomas Hegghammer. Will ISIS weaponize foreign fighters? *CNN.com*, October 16.
- 2014 Thomas Hegghammer. Calculated Caliphate. *Lawfare Blog*, July 6.
- 2014 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. Ekstreme fremmedkrigere [Extreme Foreign Fighters]. *Forsvarets forum*, June 24.

- 2014 Thomas Hegghammer. Jihadism: Seven Assumptions Shaken by the Arab Spring. *Project on Middle East Political Science*, February 3.
- 2014 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. Hvem skal betale for forskning på høyreekstreme? [Who Should Fund Research on Right-Wing Extremists?]. *Forskning.no*, January 11.
- 2013 Thomas Hegghammer. Syria's Foreign Fighters. *Foreign Policy (online)*, December 9.
- 2013 Thomas Hegghammer and Aaron Y. Zelin. How Syria's Civil War Became a Holy Crusade. *Foreign Affairs (online)*, July 7.
- 2013 Thomas Hegghammer. The Riyadh Bombings: Ten Years and Ten Lessons after. *al-Sharq al-Awsat*, May 13.
- 2011 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. Al-Qaida ti år etter [Al-Qaida, Ten Years on]. *FFI-Fokus*, (1).
- 2011 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. Ensporet terrorforskning? [Narrow-Minded Terrorism Research?]. *Aftenposten*, August 9.
- 2011 Thomas Hegghammer. The Rise of the Macro-Nationalists. *New York Times*, July 31.
- 2011 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. Sikkerhetspolitiske implikasjoner av folkeopprørene i Midtøsten [Security Implications of the Popular Revolutions in the Middle East]. *Kortinfo*, (1), May.
- 2010 Thomas Hegghammer. The Case for Chasing al-Awlaki. *Foreign Policy (online)*, November 24.
- 2010 Thomas Hegghammer and Dominic Tierney. Why Does Al Qaeda Have a Problem with Norway? *The Atlantic (online)*, July 13.
- 2010 Thomas Hegghammer. Lady Gaga vs. the Occupation. *Foreign Policy (online)*, March 31.
- 2010 Thomas Hegghammer. Yemeni Threat in Saudi Arabia. *Foreign Policy (online)*, March 26.
- 2010 Thomas Hegghammer. There is Nothing Soft about Saudi Counterterrorism. *Foreign Policy (online)*, March 11.
- 2009 Thomas Hegghammer. The Big Impact of Small Footprints. *Foreign Policy (online)*, November 11.
- 2009 \*\*Brynjar Lia and Thomas Hegghammer. Truer verden med terrorangrep [Threatening the World with Terrorist Attacks]. *Dagsavisen*, August 15.
- 2009 Thomas Hegghammer. Irreparable Damage. *Foreign Policy (online)*, May 4.
- 2008 Thomas Hegghammer. Deconstructing the Myth about al-Qa'ida and Khobar. *The Sentinel*, 1(3):20–22.
- 2007 Thomas Hegghammer. Osama bin Laden's True Priorities. *The Guardian (online)*, December 2.
- 2004 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. Saudi-Arabias terrorismeproblem [Saudi-Arabia's Terrorism Problem]. *Aftenposten*, June 18.
- 2003 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. Mer terror under krigen mot Irak? [Will the War on Iraq Produce more Terrorism?]. *Aftenposten*, February 20.
- 2002 \*\*Kari Vogt and Thomas Hegghammer. Selvmordsaksjoner i Oslo? [Suicide Attacks in Oslo?]. *Aftenposten*, April 23.
- 2002 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. Al-Qaida etter Afghanistan [Al-Qaida after Afghanistan]. *Kortinfo*, (12).
- 2001 \*\*Thomas Hegghammer. Bomber mot terrorisme? [Bombs against Terrorism?]. *Aftenposten*, November 10.

## **Manuscripts in preparation**

*Mujahidin: A History of Islamist Militants*. Book under contract with Penguin (UK) and Farrar, Strauss & Giroux (USA).

"Measuring Terrorism." Article under review (with Neil Ketchley).

"daiR: an R package for OCR with Google Document AI." Article under review.

"OCR with Tesseract, Amazon Textract, and Google Document AI: A Benchmarking Experiment." Article under review.

## **SOFTWARE AND DATASETS**

"daiR: An R package for Google Document AI" (published on CRAN in June 2021).

"Noisy OCR Dataset (NOD)", Harvard Dataverse.

## **AWARDS AND HONOURS**

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| 2014 | Article of the Year Award, Fulbright Norway.   |
| 2012 | Fulbright fellowship (for 2012-13 academic year at Stanford).                                      |
| 2011 | Arthur Ross Book Award (silver), Council on Foreign Relations (for <i>Jihad in Saudi Arabia</i> ). |
| 2011 | Young Scholar of the Year Award, Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters.                  |
| 2000 | Chevening Scholarship, British Council.  |
| 1999 | Jenkyns Prize, Balliol College, Oxford University.   |

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Norwegian Defence Research Establishment, "R for qualitative research", winter 2020-2021.

Oslo University (Political Science), "Terrorism in Western Democracies", spring 2019.

Norwegian Defence Research Establishment, "Publishing craft for security scholars", autumn 2014.

Stanford University (Political Science), "Terrorism", spring 2012.

Princeton University (Near East Studies), "Militant Islamism", spring 2008.

Guest lectures and seminars at universities in Norway, the U.S., and Italy (detailed list available upon request).

## **SUPERVISION AND EXAMINATION**

PhD supervision: Erik Skare (University of Oslo). PhD examinations: Jasper Schwampe (Aarhus University, 2018), Simone Molin Friis (Copenhagen University, 2018), Sara Jul Jacobsen (Roskilde University, 2019), Charlie Winter (King's College London, 2020), Tore Hamming (European University Institute, 2020), Eline Drury Løvlien (NTNU, 2021), Haid Haid (King's College London, 2021).

## **PUBLIC SERVICE**

### **Parliamentary testimonies**

Danish Parliament (2006); Canadian Senate (2005 and 2010); US Congress (2013); British Parliament (2014).

### **Board and committee memberships**

Board member, Norwegian Centre for Conflict Resolution (NOREF) (2017-).

Advisory group member, Polyteknisk forening (2017-2019).

Board member, Norwegian Defence University College (2011-2015).

Expert Advisory Group member, Statoil investigation of In Amenas attack (2013).

## **LANGUAGES**

Norwegian (native); English (fluent); French (fluent); Arabic (proficient); German (basic).

**PROGRAMMING**

Languages: R (upper intermediate), Python (intermediate), C (basic), HTML/CSS (basic).

**OTHER**

Norwegian "professorial competence" (equivalent to the continental 'Habilitation') obtained in June 2014.