

ISN STAFF WEEK 2019

GLOBAL MINDSET IN INDUSTRY, PARTNERSHIPS AND HIGHER EDUCATION

PRESENTERS



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Anders Elden



Elden is a 3rd year International Marketing student. He has been working with International students for three years now. First as a student buddy and two years as an assistant for the International Relations Office, including an Internship last semester in the International Relations Section at USN. For Elden, the interest for internationalization all started three years ago, when he met some international students that needed support to get integrated into the student society at campus Bø. This work motivated him, he felt that his support was useful and saw positive results, and that it was important to inform more to the international students, coming to a completely new country, with another language and lifestyle than they had before. He says that the big bonus of this work is that he now knows a lot more about different cultures, and that he now has friends from different continents of the world! Anders will too go on Erasmus+ exchange next semester, to Universidad of Rey Juan Carlos in Madrid. Elden will be one of two masters of ceremonies at Staff Week 2019.

Baard Røsvik



Røsvik works in Semcon as a Business Development Manager Norway, Engineering & Digital Services. He will present at parallel session B.

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Henrik Auster



Auster is an engineer within cybernetics and software. Experience as engineer and manager from control systems (land based and offshore) when working for ABB, Siemens and Kongsberg Maritime. In addition, Auster has worked for TechnipFMC in position as development engineer, Quality manager, and now Business Excellence Lead. For the last two years Auster has also had a 20% position as lecturer at USN teaching quality management and change management.

Auster will present at the company presentations on June 4th

Ingebjørg Synnøve Tegdahl Halvorsen



Halvorsen is an adviser at University of South-Eastern Norway (USN). She works as an International Relations Adviser at USN, campus Kongsberg. Ingebjørg has a master degree in industrial economics and have been abroad studying three times. She is one of the hosts at Staff Week 2019, and will present at parallel session C.

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Katrina Herting



In the past ten years, Herting have spent time in eight countries for her work and studies. Norway is the fourth country that she has education from, amongst Hong Kong, USA and UK. For this reason, she has been a local, exchange and international student herself, which gives her insights on being a student in higher education. Besides studying, she have been working with students since 2010 in various companies and programmes.

In 2017, she enrolled in USN for the International Teacher Education for Primary Schools programme in Drammen. She joined ISU (International Student Union) Drammen as the secretary of to assist event planning. Currently, in my second year, she was elected as the President alongside five other board members who are from different backgrounds. She and her team has been organising events that had never been done before in Drammen, such as The International Festival Week. Thinking outside the box, we initiated collaborations with other organisations on campus, including Amnesty Student in Drammen and SAIH Drammen, and others. Through these collaboration initiatives, they achieved great success with all students in Drammen.

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Jørn Longva



Longva works as an associate professor at Faculty School of Business here at campus Kongsberg. Longva has a Cand. Scient. in Informatics from University of Oslo. Longva has 17 years work experience in different fields: consultant, system developer and adviser for government and businesses.

Today Longva is working on a PhD-project at USN, the working title are: The Impact of Electronic Procurement Systems on Buyer-Supplier Relationships. Longva will present on Tuesday afternoon.

Lars Gunnar Sønsteby



Sønsteby holds a Master degree in, innovation & business development from The University College of Lillehammer. He has studied part of his bachelor degree in Oklahoma, USA.

He currently works with different projects for USN Partnership, and has had various assignments and tasks since 2015 for the current USN Rector and for the former Director of USN. Sønsteby will present at parallel session B.

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Lisa Ingrid Hjelmeland



Hjelmeland is an adviser in the International Relations Office at the University of South-Eastern Norway (USN). She is responsible for coordinating the bilateral partner agreements at USN (renewals and new agreements outside Erasmus) as well as assisting the coordinator for all incoming exchange students from partner universities to USN. She also serves as a contact for the

international students at the Bø Campus.

Lucy Marie Odberg



Odberg studied various courses at Oslo metropolitan university from year 2010 to 2014 and finished her bachelor degree in Cultural Management at USN in 2018. Fall 2017, during her bachelor degree in Cultural Management, Lucy was an exchange student in Leeds. Today, she work as museum coordinator for *Norsk Skieventyr* in Morgedal and lives in Bø, where one of USNs campuses are located. Odberg will be one out of two master of ceremonies at Staff Week 2019.

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Marianne Riste



Riste is an academic librarian, based at campus Ringerike. Riste serve the library desk, teaches and guide our students and employees in searching for literature and managing their references. Her work also includes the institutional repository (USN Open Archive), the publication fund and the catalog system (Alma).

She will present at parallel session A.

Pellegrino Riccardi



Moving my life to another country brought about a lot of change in me as a person, and it wasn't an easy change either. I learned to see myself through the eyes of others, which was not always pleasant. Human beings are great adapters to their environment, and I have certainly adapted to mine. I share my knowledge and experiences with thousands of people every year through my courses and presentations.

One of my mantras in life is “**Don't criticize what you don't understand!**” In my work, I help people to understand themselves, understand others, understand what drives and motivates people, understand how to get the best out of themselves and out of others. Riccardi will be the first guest presenter on Tuesday morning. www.pellegrino-riccardi.com

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Rolf Petter Hegland



Hegland is a senior librarian at the University College of South-Eastern Norway in Kongsberg. He provides research and reference assistance and information literacy sessions.

Hegland is involved in the continuous development of the University Library web site and the user interface configurations of the online library catalogue.

Hegland will present at parallel session A.

Rolf Qvenild



Age 81. Has several years' experience working in the Kongsberg industry. Rolf was the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at the KONGSBERG Group from 1978-1987. He played also a part of establishing the System Engineering degree at Krona (University of South-Eastern Norway). Kongsberg has been a NCE cluster for 10 years and have educated more than 300 students System Engineering students. Qvenild speaks three languages fluently; English, French and German. He loves working with students and young people. Qvenild will present at the

Technology park on Tuesday.

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Ronny Lie



Lie works as Vice President and Chief Communication Officer at KONGSBERG. He has a long history of working in the research, automotive, maritime and defence industry. Lie will present at the company presentations on Tuesday.

Ruta Zmuidzinaite



31 years old, from Lithuania. With around of a decade experience of managing various national and international projects, Ruta holds bachelor's degree in Political Science from Vytautas Magnus University in Lithuania, as well as 2 master's degrees: one in Culture, Organization and Management from Vrije University Amsterdam in the Netherlands and one in Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship from Kaunas University of Technology in Lithuania. The latter education led her to joining USN through

Erasmus+ Internship. At the moment Ruta is working here as an advisor at Research and Innovation Unit. Ruta will present at parallel session A. Ruta's LinkedIn profile: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/rūta-žmuidzinaitė-12923a64/>

Shea Allison Sundstøl

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Sundstøl is a Senior Research Librarian at USN's Bø campus. She has recently completed her PhD in Ecology, and focuses on researcher education and support, management of research data, and publication of doctoral dissertations. Sundstøl will present at parallel session A.

Silja Merete Sverreson



Sverreson is project manager in rector's staff. She has played one important role establishing the industry master program. Silja will present at parallel session B.

Siri Bjørnstad



Siri Bjørnstad works as a senior advisor at the International Relations office at USN. She has worked at the office since 2004. She has been involved in both student exchange, (both inbound and outbound) as well as staff exchange. She is now currently working more towards international education projects as well as outbound mobility. She works closely

with the academic staff from our Business School and Faculty of Humanities, Sports and Educational Science to increase mobility as well as Erasmus + projects and other educational projects funded by the National Agency in Norway, DIKU.

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Dag Tov Aasland



Aasland is an adviser at University of South-Eastern Norway (USN) and he works as international coordinator in the International Relations Section. He is the main responsible for incoming exchange students from USN partner institutions. This has been a rather new arrangement after the merger a few years ago. He was earlier working in Telemark

University College that had four campuses and then his main responsible was in a couple of the campuses. With an office in Campus Notodden he still have to follow up outgoing students and staff locally. With the main responsibility for incoming in the whole of the USN he has to coordinate in eight campuses with several options for study in various academic fields. Aasland will present at parallel session C.

Heidi Tovsrud Knutsen



Tovsrud Knutsen is the Head of International Relations Section at USN. She will open the staff Week.

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Thomas Slagsvold



Head of Research and Innovation Unit at University of South-Eastern Norway. Slagsvold is responsible for the university's services that support researchers and management in areas that are important to reach USN's research and innovation goals and activities. Slagsvold has a ph.d in molecular biology and experience as researcher, as programme coordinator in the Research Council of Norway, and as EU advisor for private and public sector. Slagsvold will present at parallel session A.

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Trond Ingar Østgaard



Østgaard works as a business community contact coordinator at USN Business School, based at campus Drammen, with projects at all five campuses where the business school has degree programmes.

Østgaard will present at parallel session B

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Viktor and Christina, Nordic Vagabond



Viktor and Christina will host the International Speed Friending on Wednesday.

Viktor and Christina have on several occasions been moving to new places, and know by heart how challenging it can be to create a social network in a new city. After exchanging for Berlin, they returned to Oslo and wanted to lower the threshold for strangers to meet and get to know each other.

They started Nordic Vagabonds, whose first project was the social music festival, Festival Without a Name. One year later they started the informal and social football team Oslo United and have organized Speedfriending over fifty times in ten different cities.

Now they work with both universities, student associations, organizations, businesses and festivals to help more people meet and get friendly. This in a digital time where physical encounters with strangers are less frequent than before, but in a time where we more often move across national borders and between cities. Here they see a clear demand for a meeting place where one can create a social network, in a fun and effective manner. Just like they would have liked themselves when traveling and exchanging.

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