

CURRICULUM VITAE

Ninna Nyberg Sørensen

Date of Birth: October 19, 1960
Nationality: Danish
Education: Cultural sociologist, Mag. Art. (1987)/ anthropologist, Ph.D. (1995)
Specialization: Transnational social processes; development and conflict; international migration; gender; human rights and democratic governance
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GENERAL

22 years of professional experience in development analysis, international migration, socio-cultural and gender analysis, and post-conflict management acquired through assignments as researcher, lecturer at various institutes of higher learning, department and programme management, consultancies, and, lately, through an assignment as senior advisor to the Danish Development Cooperation in Central America. From the early 1990s, my research has focused attention on a variety of effects of transnational processes on development countries. From 1998, this research has expanded into the field of conflict, internal displacement and the complex interrelation between 'voluntary' and 'forced' migration. Served as interim director during the merger of CDR-DIIS. At DIIS, was head of the globalization department at DIIS. For the last 3.5 years head of the Danish Mission in Guatemala, and senior advisor to Danida's Regional Human Rights Programme for Central America.

THEMATIC SPECIALIZATION

- Transnational social, political and economic processes
- The origins, internal dynamics and effects of international migration on local development
- The influence of diasporas on countries of origin and the policy interest in this field
- Global care chains
- Human Rights, access to justice, transparency/anti-corruption and good governance

RELEVANT PROJECT/PROGRAMME LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Theme leader of the 'Conflict, mobility and state formation' unit, CDR (1998-2001)
- Programme Leader of the Diaspora, Development and Conflict Programme, CDR (2002-2005)
- Head of Globalisation and Governance Department, DIIS. (April 2003-November 2005)
- Head of the Danish Mission, Danida Office, Guatemala City (November 2005-May 2009)

EMPLOYMENT RECORD (Including teaching and advisory role)

1987 Academic secretary for the Nordic Network on Household & Change.
1987-90 Teaching assistant, Institute of Cultural Sociology, University of Copenhagen; the Danish Technical Academy (DTH). Teaching at MA level.
1988-90 Consultant at Center for Alternative Social Analysis.
1989 Research Fellow, Institute of Cultural Sociology, University of Copenhagen.
1990-94 PhD Fellow, Institute of Anthropology, University of Copenhagen. Teaching at MA level.

- 1994 Research Fellow, Centre for Development Research (CDR), Copenhagen.
 1994-02 Teaching assistant, SPRØK Copenhagen Business School, Intercultural Communication; External lecturer, Roskilde University Centre (RUC), International Development Studies. Teaching at MA and PhD level.
 1995-96 Post doc. fellow, CDR.
 1997-03 Senior Researcher, CDR. Including PhD advisor role.
 2003-05 Head of Department, Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS). PhD advisor.
 2005-09 Senior Advisor/Head of Mission, Danida's Central American Office in Guatemala

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 1989 Travel grant to Center for Migration Studies, Staten Island, New York
 1989 6 months 'Introduktions Stipendie', Copenhagen University
 1990 3 years PhD scholarship (co-financed by RUF and SSF)
 1995 2 years postdoc fellowship (RUF)
 1996 4 years LIVELY Programme grant (RUF) (programme participant)
 2002 3 years research grant (SSF) (covering EU travel and Survey costs)
 2002 3 years Diaspora Programme grant (SSF) (programme manager)
 2004 Rockefeller Scholarship, Universidad Autonoma, Cuernavaca Morelos, Mexico.

AFFILIATION ABROAD

- 1990 Centre for Migration Studies, Staten Island, N.Y., USA, research fellow
 1991 Research Institute for the Study of Man, New York City, USA, research fellow
 1991 Centro de Investigación para la Acción Femenina, Santo Domingo, research fellow
 1996 Instituto de Estudios Políticos para América Latina y África, Madrid, research fellow
 2000 University of California, Davis, guest professor
 2003-05 Universidad Autonoma de Deusto, Bilbao, teaching a yearly PhD course
 2004 Centre for Migration Research (CRIM), UNAM, México, guest professor

SELECTED POLICY AND COMMISSIONED RESEARCH

- 2000 Study of Sida Projects of Conflict Management and Peace Building. Sida.
 2001-2 Policy study on 'Migration-Development Links'. Danida.
 2002-3 Reintegration dynamics, Somaliland. Danish Refugee Council
 2005 Mediterranean Transit Migration from North Africa to Europe, EU.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- 1988-90 Member of the board of the Danish Sociological Association.
 1990-94 Member of the board of Center for Alternative Social Analysis.
 1993-95 Member of the committee for Nordic Network of Ethnic Studies (NORDNES).
 1998-05 Member of the Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victim (RCT)'s Scientific Committee
 2000-04 Member of the Council for the Danish Center for Culture and Development
 2002-04 Member of the Council for International Development Cooperation, Danida
 2005-09 Member of the Interamerican Institute for Human Rights donor committee

SELECTED EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Editorial board, *Dansk Sociologi* (1990-96); European editorial board, *Identities, Global Studies in Culture and Power* (1996-2001); International editorial board, *Latino Studies* (2001-present); Guest editor of several thematic issues of *Den Ny Verden*.

SELECTED LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Dissertations

Sørensen, Ninna Nyberg (1987): *Forenet i Kærlighed - Adskilt af Sult?* Unpublished Dissertation, Institute of Cultural Sociology, University of Copenhagen.

_____ (1994): *Crossing Boundaries - Migration as cultural practice*. Dissertation, Institute of Anthropology, University of Copenhagen.

Books

Sørensen, Ninna Nyberg & Karen Fog Olwig (eds) (2002). *Work and Migration: Life and Livelihoods in a Globalizing World*. London, Routledge.

Sørensen, Ninna Nyberg & Nicholas Van Hear (eds) (2003). *The Migration-Development Nexus*. Geneva, International Organization for Migration.

Sørensen, Ninna Nyberg (2007). *Living across Worlds*. Geneva, International Organization for Migration

Selected articles in peer reviewed journals

Sørensen, Ninna Nyberg (1991): "Westside Story 1991", *Dansk Sociologi*, vol. 2, no. 4:108-117.

_____ (1993): Creole Culture, Dominican Identity, *Folk*, Vol. 35:17-35.

_____ (1993): Santo Domingo: New York City. Etablering af et Transnationalt Migrantsamfund, *Tidsskriftet Antropologi*, No. 28:65-80.

_____ (1994): Crossing Boundaries: Roots, Routes and Transnational Attractions: Dominican Migrants in New York City, *European Journal of Development Research*, Vol. 6, No. 2.

_____ (1997): Nueva York is just another Dominican capital - Madrid es otro mundo. *Género y Sociedad*, Vol. 4, no.1:160-219.

_____ (1997): Género, Identidad y Cruce de Fronteras. *Estudios Sociales*, Vol. 30, No. 109:77-100.

_____ (1998). Narrating Identity Across Dominican Worlds. *Comparative Urban and Community Research*, Vol. 6. Transaction Publishers, New Brunswick. pp.241-269.

_____ Mobile Lebensführung zwishen der Dominikanischen Republik, New York und Madrid. *Lateinamerika, Analysen und Berichte*. No. 23:16-38.

_____ (2000). Crossing the Spanish-Moroccan Border with Migrants, New Islamists, and Riff-Raff. *Ethnologia Europaea* 30:87-99.

_____ (2000). Mænd, Migration og Byrum i Grænselandet mellem Spanien og Marokko. *Kvinder, Køn og Forskning* Nr. 3:74-90.

_____ (2001) With Finn Stepputat. The rise and fall of the 'Internally Displaced People' in the Central Peruvian Andes. *Development and Change*, Vol. 32, No. 4: 769-791.

_____ (2001). With Finn Stepputat. Narrations of authority and mobility. *Identities*, 8 (3): 313-342.

_____ (2002) Transnationaliseringen af husmoderlige pligter. *Kvinder, Køn og Forskning*, Vol. 11, No. 2:9-19.

_____ (2003). With Nicholas Van Hear. Migrazioni internazionali e sviluppo: Tendenze e nuove prospettive. *Inchiesta*, Vol. 33, No. 142:102-112.

_____ (2005). Den globale familie – opløsning eller transnationalisering af familien. *Dansk Sociologi*, 1(16):71-89.

Recent Book Chapters/Anthology contributions

Sørensen, Ninna Nyberg (2002). Representing the Local: Mobile Livelihood Practices in the Peruvian Central Sierra. In Sørensen, Ninna Nyberg & Karen Fog Olwig (eds). *Work and Migration: Life and Livelihoods in a Globalizing World*. London, Routledge.

Olwig, Karen Fog & Ninna Nyberg Sørensen (2002). Mobile livelihoods: Making a living in the world. In Sørensen, Ninna Nyberg & Karen Fog Olwig (eds). *Work and Migration: Life and Livelihoods in a Globalizing World*. London, Routledge.

Stepputat, Finn & Ninna Nyberg Sørensen (2003). University students in Central Peru: their relations and ambitions with regard to the original community. In Salman, T. & A. Zoomers (eds). *Imagining the Andes: Shifting Margins of a Marginal World*. CEDLA Latin American Studies

Series no. 91.

- _____ (2005). Narratives of longing, belonging and caring in the Dominican diaspora. In Besson, J. & K. F. Olwig (eds), *Caribbean Narratives*. London, Macmillan.
- _____ (2005). Migración, género y desarrollo: el caso dominicano. In Zúñiga, N. (ed), *La migración: un camino entre el desarrollo y la cooperación*. Madrid, CIP-FUHEM.
- _____ (2006). Migration, Development and Conflict – The case of Somalia. In Tamas, K. and Joakim Palme (eds), *Globalizing Migration Regimes: New Challenges to Transnational Cooperation*. London, Ashgate.
- _____ (2007). Transnational Family Life. In Sørensen, Ninna Nyberg (ed). *Living across Worlds*. Geneva, International Organization for Migration.
- _____ (2008). La familia transnacional de latinoamericanos/as en Europa. In Herrera, Gioconda and Jacques Ramírez (eds). *América Latina migrante: Estado, familia, identidades*. Quito Ecuador, FLACSO.
- _____ (2009). Diáspora, desarrollo y compromiso transnacional. In Cortés, Almudena and Alicia Torres (eds). *Co-desarrollo en los Andes: Contextos y actores para acción transnacional*. Quito Ecuador, FLACSO.

Selected Presentations/Guest lectures available in institutional working paper series or web

- _____ (2000). *Notes on transnationalism to the Panel of the Devil's Advocates: Transnational migration – useful approach or trendy rubbish?* Paper submitted to the workshop “Transnational Migration: Comparative Theory and Research Perspectives”. Transnational Communities Programme and the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), Wadham College, University of Oxford, July 7-9, 2000.
- _____ (2002). *New Landscapes of Migration? Transnational migration between Latin America, the US and Europe*. Paper presented at the XV World Congress of Sociology, Brisbane, Australia, July 7-12 2002, ISA Research Committee 31, Migration Theory.
- _____ (2003). *From Latin America With Love: Global inequality and transnational care chains*. Presented at the workshop ‘Determinants of Transnational Engagement’, Santo Domingo, November 27-29, Organised by DIIS and FLACSO.
- _____ (2004). Globalisation, transnational connections and diasporic identifications. Paper presented at the ‘Tertulia’ for Latin Americanists, Dept. of Sociology, University of California at Davis, January 23.
- _____ (2004). The Migration-Development Nexus: Trends and New Perspectives. Paper presented at the High Level Meeting on Mediterranean Transit Migration, Vienna, 5-6 February.
- _____ (2004). Place and the practice of mobile livelihoods. Key note lecture given at the 7th NOLDconference, ‘Embeddedness and Migration – Local Dynamics in a Mobile World’, Klaksvik, The Faroe Islands, March 24-28, 2004.
- _____ (2004). Migration, development and Conflict: Perspectives of the sending countries. Paper given at the 2nd workshop on global mobility regimes, Stockholm, June 11-12.
- _____ (2004). The transnational Family. Paper presented at the IeMed Barcelona Forum, Sept. 2-5
- _____ (2004). Dominican and Colombian transnational migration: A comparative approach. Paper presented at the XXV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Las Vegas, October 7-9.
- _____ (2005). From “More Development for Less Migration” to “Better Managed Migration for More Development”. Paper presented at the Mediterranean Transit Migration Conference, Danish Institute for International Studies, 27-28 January
- _____ (2005). Komplekse migrationsbevægelser og udvikling – Aktuelle tendenser. Forskningsoplæg præsenteret på Workshop om Aktuelle Tendenser i Migrationsforskningen, AMID, Aalborg Universitetscenter, 11. februar.
- _____ (2005). Transnational family life across the Atlantic: The experience of Colombian and Dominican migrants in Europe. Paper presented at the International Conference on migration and domestic work in a global perspective, Wassenaar, the Netherlands, May.
- _____ (2005). La familia dominicana: The effects of Dominican migration on family forms and family functions. Key note presentation at the Association for Caribbean Research, Santo

- Domingo, May.
- _____ (2005). The Development Dimension of Migrant Transfers – towards a gendered typology. Paper presented at the ‘International Forum on Remittances’ organized by the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C., June.
- _____ (2005). Youth ‘stuck’ in the age of Globalization: Diasporic identifications, transnational aspirations and the reality of border enforcement. Research area presented at the International Social Science Council Meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina, September.
- _____ (2005). Migration and development: Transnational networks, remittances, civil society and the potential of human capital. Paper presented at the workshop on Co-development: From Theory to Good Practice, organised by Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and Institut Europeu de la Mediterrània, Barcelona, Spain, September.
- _____ (2007). La vida de la familia transnacional a través el Atlántico: La experiencia de migrantes colombianos y dominicanos en distintos países en Europa. Ponencia, Congreso Latinoamericano y Caribeño de Ciencias sociales. FLACSO, Quito, Ecuador, October.
- _____ (2007). Viviendo a través del Mundo: Diáspora, desarrollo y compromiso transnacional. Ponencia, Congreso Latinoamericano y Caribeño de Ciencias sociales. FLACSO, Ecuador, October..
- _____ (2007). Hacia la construcción de una agenda de investigación sobre territorialidad y movilidad humana. Ponencia, Taller Metodológico: Territorialidad y Movilidad Humana en Centroamérica, Programa Salvadoreña de Investigación sobre Desarrollo y Medio Ambiente (PRISMA), San Salvador, El Salvador, November.
- _____ (2008). Escenarios de la migración centroamericana: la vinculación de la migración internacional con el desarrollo local. Ponencia, Consulta especializada: Las mujeres indígenas en los procesos migratorios. Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos (IIDH), San José, Costa Rica, April.
- _____ (2008). Una mirada desde Centroamérica. Ponencia, Primer Congreso Internacional de Co-Desarrollo, Lleida, April.
- _____ (2008). Globalización, Migración Internacional y Desarrollo: Una mirada desde Centroamérica. Key note, International Seminar on “Globalization, international migration and development”, called by the “Club of Madrid”, Palacio de la Magdalena, Santander, August.
- _____ (2008). Key note: From social to criminal networks: Central American migration and transnational practices in the age of “rights-lessness”. Bremen University, August.
- _____ (2008). Key note: A Rights-based approach to Central American Migration. Universidad Rafael Landívar, Guatemala, November.

Full CV and publication list: See www.diis.dk