

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**PERNILLE BÆRENDTSEN**

### **EDUCATION**

*2015-2017, Master of Arts in African Studies, University of Copenhagen (120 ECTS).*

*1999-2000, Bachelor of Arts in Education, University of Copenhagen (not completed).*

*1992-1997, Teacher's Degree from Haslev Seminarium.*

### **TRAINING/COURSES**

*2017, Deutsche Welle Akademie, Bonn, Germany*

Train the Trainer (level 2, 5 days). Training in methodology, planning and implementation of training for media professionals in developing contexts.

*2006-8, MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation (MS TCDC), Arusha, Tanzania*

African Orientation Course (3 weeks).

Swahili, Level 1, Language & Culture (3 weeks)

### **LANGUAGES**

Danish: Mother tongue

English: Fluent

German: Conversation

Swahili: Basic

### **SUMMARY**

Since the late 1990s, I have worked across the fields of media, civil society, development, politics, culture and activism in Denmark, the Balkans and Africa. I have lived for longer periods of time in developing countries, in refugee-hosting and post-conflict areas - in Serbia, Uganda, South Sudan and Tanzania.

In 2017, I completed an MA in African Studies from University of Copenhagen with a thesis based on field work in Kigoma in Tanzania. On 1 November 2019, I started a PhD at Copenhagen Business School, which connects with the research project Everyday Humanitarianism in Tanzania which examines practices in everyday lives of citizens engaging in humanitarianism outside of formal structures.

I draw on a mix of practical experience from life and work in places which typically demand effort and ability to improvise – over working with politicians, journalists, activists and artists – to balancing independent assignments with complex collaborations between people with very different interests. I have solid understanding of and a diverse network within East Africa.

I have made an effort in applying experience from Africa and the Balkans such as challenging narratives of perceptions of the global South when working with public debates, learning sessions and dissemination of information. Most recently as Project Coordinator at Main Library of Copenhagen with the Sudanese cartoonist Khalid Albaih and International Cities of Refuge Network (ICORN) (2018), and by co-curating a photo exhibition at the Museum of African Art in Belgrade in Serbia – providing a platform for young African photographers' nuancing of everyday lives on Instagram in East Africa (2019).

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Year	Job/Location	Details
	From 2011-2018 I worked independently primarily as a journalist and trainer on short-term assignments in Denmark, South Sudan, Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. Major assignments are listed below with details:	
2019	Trainer for Deutsche Welle and the Cross Border Network (Uganda) (2 x 2 weeks).	Training respectively community radio reporters and radio editors from South Sudan and Uganda on teamwork, network collaboration and creating content via smartphones for radio / <a href="http://www.dw.com/en/focus-on-relationships-between-refugees-and-local-community/a-41486648">http://www.dw.com/en/focus-on-relationships-between-refugees-and-local-community/a-41486648</a>
2019	Co-curator of the photo exhibition “Everyday Poetics: Instagramming East Africa” in collaboration with Museum of African Art in Belgrade, Serbia, and East African photographers. Launched in April. (Serbia).	Initiating and curating a 3-months photo exhibition with contributions from 5 East African photographers, including catalogue and public events of teaching and debate at the museum / <a href="http://mau.rs/en/past-exhibitions/everyday-poetics-instagramming-life-in-east-africa.html">http://mau.rs/en/past-exhibitions/everyday-poetics-instagramming-life-in-east-africa.html</a>
2018	Training Danish NGOs for Civilsamfund i Udvikling (CISU) (Denmark) (1 day).	Planning and training in how to report from work in developing countries in terms of practical issues, ethics, values etc.
2018	Consultant on fact-finding mission with Deutsche Welle (Tanzania, Rwanda) (10 days).	Researching and assessing options for establishing a media network connecting exiled Burundian journalists in Rwanda with Burundian refugees in western Tanzania (Kigoma and Kagera Region).
2018	Project Coordinator at Main Library of Copenhagen (Denmark) (6 months).	Working with Sudanese political cartoonist Khalid Albaih via International Cities of Refuge Network (ICORN) / <a href="http://www.bibliotek.kk.dk/nyheder/podcast/kundskab-ens-hotel-3-khalid-albaih-og-de-virale-tegninger">http://www.bibliotek.kk.dk/nyheder/podcast/kundskab-ens-hotel-3-khalid-albaih-og-de-virale-tegninger</a>
2017	Media Trainer for Deutsche Welle (Uganda) (3 weeks).	Planning and training journalists and community reporters from South Sudan and Uganda (Gulu and Arua) on creating content via mobile phones for radio / <a href="http://www.dw.com/en/focus-on-relationships-between-refugees-and-local-community/a-41486648">http://www.dw.com/en/focus-on-relationships-between-refugees-and-local-community/a-41486648</a>
2017	Research and assessment for Deutsche Welle of establishment of a media network (Uganda) (10 days).	Connecting exiled journalists and refugees from South Sudan with radio stations in Uganda leading to the establishment of Cross Border Network / <a href="http://www.crossborder.net.org">http://www.crossborder.net.org</a>
2016	Media Trainer for Deutsche Welle (Uganda) (5 weeks).	Training for Deutsche Welle of journalists and community reporters from South Sudan and Uganda on creating content via mobile phones for radio / <a href="http://www.dw.com/en/focus-on-relationships-between-refugees-and-local-community/a-41486648">http://www.dw.com/en/focus-on-relationships-between-refugees-and-local-community/a-41486648</a>
2016	Developing concepts, planning and facilitating for the 'Communicating Worlds' Conference for the Timbuktu Foundation (Denmark)	With speakers from Africa for Norway, Global Voices, Dochas et al. targeting people working with communication of the Global South / <a href="http://www.timbuktuonden.dk/projekt/communicating-worlds">http://www.timbuktuonden.dk/projekt/communicating-worlds</a>
2015	Media Trainer for Deutsche Welle (7 days).	Planning and training journalists and community reporters from South Sudan and Uganda on creating content via mobile phones for radio / <a href="http://www.dw.com/en/focus-on-relationships-between-refugees-and-local-community/a-41486648">http://www.dw.com/en/focus-on-relationships-between-refugees-and-local-community/a-41486648</a>
2015	Technical Advisor coaching community radio staff for GIZ (South Sudan) (3 months).	management, coordination, fundraising and content for radio / <a href="https://globalvoices.org/2015/09/07/everyday-life-in-a-fragile-state-south-sudan/">https://globalvoices.org/2015/09/07/everyday-life-in-a-fragile-state-south-sudan/</a>
2014	Research and assessment of risks for media for Deutsche Welle (South Sudan) (2 weeks).	Risk assessment based on qualitative interviews with key stakeholders in Juba and findings in reports and media.
2014	Training Needs Assessment on Policy Formulation and Communication for Centre for Multiparty Democracy in Kenya and Danish Liberal Party (Kenya) (10 days).	Developing and facilitating two workshops on training in policy formulation for members of political parties <a href="https://lof.dk/dldp/kenya">https://lof.dk/dldp/kenya</a>

2013-14	Trainer for Plan International (Kenya) (3 x 2 weeks).	Training youth activists living in informal settlements in Nairobi in communication and mobilisation for PLAN with focus on tools, strategy and idea generation (video, photo, public speaking, writing, collaboration, campaign planning).
2013	Project Manager at Jonglei Public Radio (JPR) in South Sudan for Deutsche Welle Akademie and UNDP (South Sudan) (2 months).	Coordinator and liaison between project partners to establish and maintain strong working relationships aiming at building capacity of journalists and media. Due to the conflict erupting on December 18 the project had to be cancelled.
2013	Media Advisor for the Danish Rockwool Foundation (Tanzania) (3 weeks).	Coordinating and producing media content for a launch of research findings on the RIPAT project in northern Tanzania / <a href="https://www.rockwoolfonden.dk/publikationer/ripat-manualen">https://www.rockwoolfonden.dk/publikationer/ripat-manualen</a>
2012 and 2013	Identification of partner in Tanzania, developing teaching and project of joint Danish-Tanzanian youth partnership. Part of implementation the first project in 2013.	Developing a project where 20 Danish youth are hosted with families on Mount Meru in Tanzania to learn about local life. / <a href="https://naestved.netavis.nu/naestved-ungdomsskole-sender-18-danske-unge-oestafrika/">https://naestved.netavis.nu/naestved-ungdomsskole-sender-18-danske-unge-oestafrika/</a>
2012	Trainer & facilitator for Danish Youth Council capacity building of partner organisations (Tanzania) (1 week).	Co-organising training course for 55 youths focusing on partnership, monitoring and communication tools. / <a href="https://en.duf.dk">https://en.duf.dk</a>
2012	Communication consultant for Fema HIP (Tanzania) (2 weeks).	Facilitating a process incl. workshop on development of social media policy and training / <a href="http://www.femahip.or.tz">http://www.femahip.or.tz</a>
2012	Communication Consultant for Tanzania Media Foundation (Tanzania) (4 months, part time).	Facilitating a process on development of social media policy and coaching herein; reconstruction of website and adapting to social media, and support to strategic communication) / <a href="https://www.tmf.or.tz">https://www.tmf.or.tz</a>
2011	Communication Consultant for Twaweza (Tanzania) (4 months, part time).	Facilitating a process on development of social media policy and coaching herein; reconstruction of website and adapting to social media, and support to strategic communication (4 months, part time) / <a href="https://twaweza.org">https://twaweza.org</a>
2010-2011	Communication Consultant for Civil Society in Development (CISU) (Denmark) (1 year, full time)	Coordinating communication, grant management of communication activities, and training of Danish civil society organisations on communication tools (particularly social media) and communication between Global North and South / <a href="http://www.cisu.dk">www.cisu.dk</a>
2007-2010	Information Officer for ActionAid Tanzania (MS Tanzania) (Tanzania) (2,5 years)	Creating information content to Denmark, and training of local partner organisations in rural Tanzania on communication tools and organisational development / <a href="http://www.ms.dk">www.ms.dk</a>
2005-2007	Organisational Capacity Building Facilitator at ActionAid (Uganda & South Sudan) (2,3 years).	Working with a local refugee NGO in refugee settlements with training on project management, planning, civic education and information activities / <a href="http://www.ms.dk">www.ms.dk</a>
2002	Facilitator and Trainer at South East European Youth Network (SEEYN) (Croatia) (10 days).	Developing and facilitating training on project management for 30 young volunteers from the Balkans / <a href="http://seeyn.org/">http://seeyn.org/</a>
2001	Facilitator and Trainer at South East European Youth Network (SEEYN) (Croatia) (7 + 10 days).	Developing and facilitating training on project management for 30 young volunteers from the Balkans / <a href="http://seeyn.org/">http://seeyn.org/</a>
2001-2005	Coordinator for Membership and Information Activities at ActionAid Denmark (4,5 years)	Coordinating membership and volunteers, organising information and campaign activities for Danish public/ <a href="http://www.ms.dk">www.ms.dk</a>
2000	Assisting Programme Co-ordinator at South East European Youth Network (Denmark, the Balkans) (3 months).	Carrying out assessments for partner identification and selection, facilitation of network meetings etc. / <a href="http://seeyn.org/">http://seeyn.org/</a>
2000	Campaign Co-ordinator for Next Stop (Serbia) (7 months).	Promoting campaign to civil society in Serbia acting as a liaison bridging Danish and Serbian partners, establishment and management of office.
1999 - 2000	Coordinator for Membership Activities and Volunteers at ActionAid Denmark (1 year)	Focus point for members and volunteers facilitating collaboration and information activities for Danish public/ <a href="http://www.ms.dk">www.ms.dk</a>