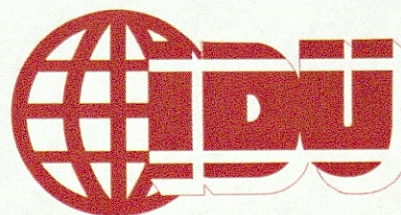


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Speaker's Biographies



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Kristin Krohn Devold

Minister of Defence, Conservative Party, Norway

She has a Master of Science Degree in Business, NHH (Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration), The Executive Course from Norwegian National Defence College and The Total Defence Course from Norwegian National Defence College.

She has been a Representative to Stortinget (The Norwegian Parliament) in the periods 1993-1997, 1997-2001 and 2001-2005: Representative for Oslo.

Last election period, she was Substitute Member of The Enlarged Foreign Affairs Committee, Chairman of The Standing Committee on Justice. She is also a Member of the Board for Save the Children Norway.

Denise A. Bode

Chairman, Oklahoma Corporation Commission

Denise Bode is the second woman to serve as a commissioner since 1907, when Oklahoma became a state. Appointed by Governor Frank Keating, Mrs. Bode took office on August 20, 1997 and was elected statewide to serve a full six-year term on November 3, 1998. Mrs. Bode has a Master's of Law in taxation from Georgetown University.

Chairman Bode is considered one of the leading experts on national energy policy. Before joining the commission, Mrs. Bode served for seven years as president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) in Washington D.C.

Mrs. Bode preceded her service at IPAA as a founding partner of a Washington D.C. firm, prior to that, she served nine years on the staff of former Senator David I. Boren (D-OK) as his legal counsel focusing on energy and taxation.

She currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, the Executive Committee of the Oklahoma Academy for State Goals, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, and as a member of the Federalist Society. She served on President Bush's Energy Transition Team.



Caroline J. Flynn-MacLeod

Public affairs and political campaigner with twenty years experience gained from working in multinational organisations and businesses in South East Asia, Australia and Europe.

From 1997-1999 she was Senior Business Analyst and Head and Parliamentary Affairs at GEC plc, where she developed productive relations between the GEC defence businesses and NATO, as well as the governments of Central and Eastern countries.

Prior to joining GEC Caroline served on NATO's International Staff as Director of the Briefing Programme for politicians, diplomats and journalists during the four years following the fall of the Berlin Wall. Subsequently she worked as Director of the Regional Office for the US Information Agency, at the US Embassy in London.

She gained a B.A. Hons. in European Studies from the University of Bradford, and studied European Law and Politics at the University of Aix-Marseille, Aix-en-Provence, France.

Since September 1999 she has been a Partner in Terrington Management, a government relations consultancy based in Westminster, London.

Magne Raundalen

Director of Institute of Child Psychology, University of Bergen, and
Director of Research for Children Program at Centre for Crisis Psychology, Bergen, Norway.

He has earlier been Assistant professor at Laboratory for Psychophysiology and Department of Child Psychology, University of Oslo, Associate professor at Institute of child psychology, University of Bergen and Director of developing care program for children with cancer, Hospital for sick children, Bergen, Norway

He has paid several visits to war affected countries: Rwanda, Angola, Uganda, Sudan, Mozambique, Iraq, Bosnia, Croatia, Somalia, Kenya, Liberia, Tajikistan, conducting several research programmes and working with war affected children and training teachers, lecturing at teachers colleges on war traumatised children.

Published about 15 books on issues related to children's psychology.

Member of expert group for Council of Europe on innovation in primary education and
Chairman of the Norwegian Unicef Committee.

Awarded by the Norwegian King with the Commander of St. Olavs Orden for work in the best interest of children in April 2001.



Turid Lægheid

Advisor, Norwegian Refugee Council (Dep. for Strategy and Development)

Turid Lægheid works with the Norwegian Refugee Council, currently in Oslo with strategy development and evaluations. She was the NRC Resident Representative in Colombia for three years, managing humanitarian programs for internally displaced persons.

Turid Lægheid has also worked with investigation on UN and conflict resolution at NUPI (Norwegian Institute for International Relations).

Julie Christiansen

Norwegian MP, representing the Conservative Party. and member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Christiansen has graduate studies in international affairs in addition to a degree in political science from the University of Oslo.

She studied American Foreign Policy at George Washington University followed by a 2 months internship at the office of Senator Richard Lugar (R-Indiana).

Christiansen worked as a research fellow in the Norwegian Atlantic Committee (1995-1997) and served as an adviser for the Conservative Party Parliamentary Group on foreign affairs and security policy issues from 1998 until the general elections in September 2001.

Member of the Norwegian delegation to the Nordic Council and the Norwegian delegation to the EFTA and EEA Parliamentary Committees.

Christiansen is deputy-chairman in Akershus Conservative Party (from 1999), and former vice-president in the European Movement in Norway (1999-2001).

Signe Littrup

University of Copenhagen

She is concentrating her work on western culture and values, focused on technological and biotechnological development, our concept of time and the individualisation in the western societies.

Her academic background is within philosophy and history of arts from the University of Copenhagen, and she was earlier teaching philosophy at Roskilde Universitetscenter in Denmark.



Anne-Katrine Dunker

MP Sweden

She has been a Member of Parliament for the Moderate Party of Sweden since 1998, and is also running her own Consultant Business.

Her academic background is within nutrition, political science, arts and cultural heritage. She is also Member of Moderate Women Society and Member of National Council for Crime Prevention.

Chris Bradford

Chief Inspector

Police officer with 29 years service who is head of operations for the Clubs and Vice Unit at New Scotland Yard. He has held this post for four years.

Whilst in the rank of Chief Inspector he has headed the Territorial Support Group which specialises in Street Crime and violent disorder. He was also appointed as head of Security at all the Royal Palaces in London and Scotland. In his present role he oversees all operations concerning crime within the following fields: Street Prostitution, Off Street Prostitution (Brothels and the trafficking of women for sexual purposes), Internet Crime (Indecent Images of children), Pornography, All licensed clubs (Drugs and crime associated with such venues), Gaming (All the casinos in London).

Involving himself with the vice operations he realised that he had no idea, even with his amount of former service, of the conditions and treatment that some women had to contend with and the lives that they are forced to live. He states that this applies to the vast majority of the British Public, they just have no idea what is actually going on.

Ella Ghosh

Adviser at the Norwegian Centre for Combating Ethnic discrimination

The Centre was established as an independent public office in 1998. The staff provides legal aid to individuals who suffer from discrimination on the basis of their religion or beliefs, skin colour or national/ethnic origin. It also documents the nature and scope of discrimination in Norway. The Centre can propose measures and work proactively.

Ella Ghosh has a post graduate degree in Political Science from the University in Oslo. She has worked with gender, minority and disability issues; a theme that is central in all of these areas is the use of human rights instruments to create equal opportunities.



Ingeborg Breines

Director (D-1) for the Women and a Culture of Peace programme in UNESCO.

She has 17 years of management experience and her employment for UNESCO goes back to 1984 when she was the Deputy Secretary-General (1984-86), then the Secretary-General for the Norwegian National Commission for UNESCO (1986-93).

In 1993 - 1996 she was Special Advisor to the Director General of UNESCO on Women, Gender and Development, responsible for the preparation of UNESCO for the Fourth World Conference on Women and its follow-up strategies.

Ms. Ingeborg Breines has her Master of Arts (Cand. Philol.) from the University of Oslo, with main subject French Literature, and History of Ideas and History of Art as subsidiary subjects. She also has the service-training course of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: "Norway in International Co-operation".

Marit Aschehoug

Chief Editor at The Norwegian Bar Association

Her academic background is within journalism, management and law. She has earlier researched and reported on issues covering women and management in the media industry.

