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About

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Qualifications

MSc Management of Non-Governmental Organisations (London School of Economics)

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Manager of the GSDRC (http://www.gsdrc.org), a knowledge management centre that provides rapid-response research to major international development agencies to support policy development and project implementation. Teaches Knowledge Management and e-Governance.

Knowledge manager for the Learning Network on Capacity Development (http://www.lencd.org), an international network sharing experience and lessons on capacity development.

Lecturer in development management at the University of Agder Centre for Development Studies (http://www.uia.no/no/portaler/om_universitetet/oekonomi_og_samfunnsvitenskap/utviklingsstudier).

Prior experience includes:

- Manager, information services unit, GRID-Arendal, United Nations Environment Programme (environmental information centre, Norway)
- Web and database developer, CUSO / Fundación Acceso (capacity-building NGO, Costa Rica)
- Director, manager, and workshop facilitator, The Global Change Game (environment and development education NGO, Canada)
- Director and Vice-president Publishing, Internet Solutions, Inc. (Internet service provider and web site publishing company, Canada)
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Research

Research and academic interests

- Knowledge and information management
- Information and communication technologies
- Environment and sustainable development
- E-Governance
- Management of non-governmental organisations
- Distance learning

Current and recent projects

- Manager, GSDRC
- Various short desk-based research projects as part of the GSDRC rapid-response research Helpdesk (UK DFID, Australian DFAT, European Commission)

Publications

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