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Kristin Dalen is research director for Fafo's group for Global Studies. She holds a PhD in Comparative Politics from the University of Bergen and has broad experience from studies of living conditions, political preferences and policy development - particularly in situations characterized by crises, disaster and rapid change.

During the last few years, she has worked with both national and international research topics and projects. Internationally, she has mainly worked research related to Chinese society, more specifically the development of social policy and a new welfare state, public perceptions of distribution and performance legitimacy, reconstruction after natural disasters as well as social and economic development. Within the Norwegian context, she has worked in research project mapping immigrants' perceptions of what it is like to live in Norway (everyday integration), evaluations of 'Områdeløftene' in Oslo and the use of EEA funds.

Education

2021	PhD, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen
2005	Masters (hovedfag) Department Comparative Politics from University of Bergen
2002	One year full time Chinese language degree, Beijing Cultural and Language University
1999	Basic Statistics and Computer Programming, University of Bergen
1997	BA, Department Comparative Politics from University of Bergen

Employment

2024-	Research Director – Global Studies - Fafo
2013-2023	Researcher – Global Studies – Fafo
2008-2013	Coordinator for East Asia related work – Institute for Applied International Studies - Fafo
2005-2013	Researcher – Institute for Applied International Studies - Fafo
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Research Assistant – Institute for Applied International Studies –
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1999 Teaching assistant in European Politics and democracy theory,
Fudan University, Shanghai and the University of Bergen

Projects and Fieldworks

2023 – 2024 Hverdagsintegrering: en nasjonal survey om tillit, tilhørighet, deltakelse og diskriminering blant den norske befolkningen med innvandrerbakgrunn

2022 – 2023 EØS-midlene 2004-2021. Hva har Norge oppnådd? En kartlegging for det norske utenriksdepartementet

2021-2022 Hverdagsintegrering – en pilotundersøkelser av tillit, tilhørighet, deltakelse og diskriminering i innvandrerbefolkningen

2021 Midterm evaluation of "Områdesatsningene i Oslo" (with PwC)

2017-2018 Evaluation of Norwegian Efforts to Ensure Policy Coherence for Development

2013-2019 Towards a new Chinese welfare state: Chinese perceptions of distributive justice

2014-2016 Establishing baselines for Norwegian funded ENRM projects in Myanmar

2012-2013 Building statistical needs assessments competence in Myanmar – in support of MPSI

2010-2013 Indicators for Sustainable Development in China

2008-2013 Cooperation with China's Central Party School

2008-2012 Sichuan Earthquake Victim Surveys (2008, 2009 and 2011)

2012 World Development Report 2013

2010 World Development Report 2011

2008 Estimating the number and characteristics of Iraqi refugees in Jordan

2005-2006 Living conditions in Iraq (with UNDP and COSIT)

2005 Polling Iraqi Public Opinion (pre-election 2005) (with UNDP and COSIT)

2004-2006 MEDOW: living conditions in 11 western provinces in China

Peer reviewed publications

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Dalen Kristin, Stave Svein Erik and Amsale Temesgen (2015), «A Baseline Study of Norwegian Development Cooperation within the areas of Environment and Natural Resource Management in Myanmar», Norad Report3/2015 <https://www.norad.no/om-bistand/publikasjon/2015/a-baseline-study-of-norwegian-development-cooperation-within-the-areas-of-environment-and-natural-resources-management-in-myanmar/>

Dalen, Kristin 2008: "Legitimitet i en ny kontekst: det kinesiske regimets utfordringer", Internasjonal politikk, (655-667) vol 4, Norsk utenrikspolitisk institutt, Oslo. https://www.idunn.no/file/ci/54904255/Legitimitet_i_en_ny_kontekst_Det_kinesiske_regimets_utford.pdf

Other publications including Fafo reports.

Dalen, K, Flatø, H, Friberg, J.H, og Braanen Sterri, E. (2024) «Hverdaglive og integrering. Deltakelse, tillit, tilhørighet og diskriminering blant personer med innvandrerbakgrunn» Fafo-rapport 2024:24

Dalen, K, Tiltne, Å og Yssen, S. S. F. (2023) «EØS-midlene 2004-2021. Hva har Norge oppnådd?» Fafo-rapport 2023:10 <https://fafo.no/images/pub/2023/20846.pdf>

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Dalen Kristin (2021), "Chinese Views on Welfare – Social Policy and Political Support". Thesis for the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) University of Bergen, Norway.

Dalen Kristin (2020), "Social policy and sustainable development in China: inclusion, innovation and increased quality", Fafo policy brief. https://www.fafo.no/zoo-publikasjoner/item/social-policy-and-sustainable-development-in-china?category_id=204

Kristin Dalen (2020), "Nordmenn sier ja til globale korona-dugnad", Fafo faktaflak. <https://www.fafo.no/images/pub/2020/covid-19-04.pdf>

Dalen Kristin, Huafeng Zhang, Mona Christophersen, Jing Liu and Jon Pedersen (2018) "Reconstructing a future: Ten years after the Wenchuan earthquake" including chapter on Social Cohesion pp: 80-91. Fafo-report 2018:21 <https://www.fafo.no/zoo-publikasjoner/item/reconstructing-a-future-ten-years-after-the-wenchuan-earthquake-2>

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Dalen Kristin; Flatø Hedda; Liu Jing and Zhang Huafeng 2012: «Recovering from the Wenchuan Earthquake. Living conditions and Development in Disaster Areas 2008-2011", Fafo https://www.fafo.no/media/com_netsukii/20266.pdf

Dalen, Kristin and Jon Pedersen 2007: "Iraqis in Jordan. Their Number and Characteristics", Report. Government of Jordan/Fafo/The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

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Dalen, Kristin 2005: "Trust and Distrust. A study of trust and social and political capital in the contexts of China and Denmark". University of Bergen (Master thesis).

Dalen, Kristin and Pedersen, Jon 2004: "The Future of the Palestinian Population of the West Bank and Gaza Strip", Fafo https://www.fafo.no/media/com_netsukii/433.pdf