

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Key qualifications:** Specialised knowledge on institutional development, socio-economic- and political aspects of tree seed and natural resource management, decentralisation, sustainability, local government, participation, local resource mobilisation, political culture, development theory. More than 14 years of experience with development research, consultancies in developing countries, administration, and teaching.

**Education:** Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Aarhus, 1998  
M.A. in Political Science, University of Aarhus, 1988

**Languages:** Danish Mother tongue  
English Excellent  
German Fair  
Knowledge of French and Bengali

**Countries of work experience:** Bangladesh, Nepal, Vietnam, India, Tanzania, Kenya. Research experience from Germany and USA.

**Experience record:**

1998-	Institutional Adviser to Danida Forest Seed Centre. Experience includes project design and co-ordination, research, consultancies in developing countries, administration, fund raising, and negotiation of contracts.
1997	Organising and teaching courses for Danish technical assistance personnel at Danida's Training Centre.
1995-1996	Research fellow at Centre for Development Research, Copenhagen.
1993-1994	Guest researcher at the South Asian Programme, Cornell University New York. Teaching graduate students at Department of Political Science, University of Aarhus.
1991-1992	Conducted comprehensive fieldwork in the Noakhali District, Bangladesh (10 months).
1990	Ph.D. student and teacher of graduate students at the Department of Political Science, University of Aarhus. Affiliated with Centre for Development Research. Short-term adviser to Danida in Denmark
1989	Research fellow at the Centre for Development Research. United States Agency of International Development (USAID), Dhaka, Bangladesh (3 months assignment). Short-term adviser to Danida.
1988-1989	Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), Dhaka, Bangladesh (3 months assignment).
1985-1986	Research fellow on socio-anthropological research project, affiliated with Institute for Rural Development, Georg August Universität, Göttingen. Conducted comprehensive field research while living with poor family in Northern Bangladesh (one year).

## Selected publications:

- Kjaer, Erik D., Lars Graudal and Iben Nathan (2001): "Ex situ Conservation of Commercial Tropical Trees. Strategies, options and constraints". Paper presented at the International Conference on *ex situ* and *in situ* Conservation of Commercial Tropical Trees, Yogyakarta – Indonesia, June 11-13, 2001.
- Nathan, Iben and Kirsten Thomsen (2001): "Can smallholders be reached through commercial distribution of tree seed in small bags? A discussion paper with reference to Tanzania." Paper presented at the International workshop on Tree seed: Matching supply with demand from small-scale farmers in tropical countries, 4-6 June 2001, ICRAF, Nairobi, Kenya.
- Nathan, Iben (2000): "Decentralisation, Small Farmers and Sustainability: the Case of the National Tree Seed Programme (NTSP) in Tanzania." Paper prepared for the 16<sup>th</sup> Symposium of the international Farming Systems Association and 4<sup>th</sup> Latin American Farming Systems Research and Extension Symposium. Globalization and Local Development: Challenges to Small Scale production, 27 – 29 November 2000, Santiago, Chile.
- Kjær, Erik and Iben Nathan (2000): "Three Approaches for Integrating Conservation and Development. A presentation and discussion based on the experience of Danida Forest Seed Centre (DFSC) within forest gene conservation." Paper prepared for the Workshop: Integrating Conservation and Development: Lessons Learned and Challenges for the Future. Danida, Copenhagen, September 1, 2000.
- Nathan, Iben (1998): *When Poor People Participate. A Case Study of a Local Government Election in a Locality of Rural Bangladesh*. Politica's Ph.D.-series. Department of Political Science, University of Aarhus, Denmark.
- Nathan, Iben (1989): "Decentralization, Administration and Mobilizing Local Resources in Lakshmipur". In: Blair, Harry (ed.) (1989): *Can Rural Development be Financed from Below? Local Resource Mobilization in Bangladesh*. University Press Limited, Dhaka, pp. 48-87.
- Jensen, Torben K. and Iben Nathan (1989): "Hvordan frøer får politisk betydning. Objektivitet i studiet af (en fremmed) politisk kultur" ("The Political Importance of Frogs. Objectivity in the Study of a (Foreign) Political Culture". In: Brock, Steen (1989): *Dømmekraft. Objektivitet, subjektivitet og videnskab*. Århus Universitetsforlag, pp. 163-180.

## Teaching and supervision:

External examiner at the Universities of Copenhagen and Aarhus (Political Science, and the interdisciplinary Course on Approaches to Development). In charge of and teaching courses at Danida's Training Centre. Teaching graduate students at the Department of Political Science, University of Aarhus: Thematic courses on *Government Institutions, Participation and Development in the Third World*. Regular teacher of Danish technical assistance personnel in Bangladeshi political, economic and cultural conditions at Danida's Training Centre (1990-97).

## Positions of trust

Member of Danida's working group on poverty reduction and environmental management.

Member of the Advisory Group to the research programme on sustainable utilisation of natural resources in developing countries (SEREIN II)

Censorship at Universities of Copenhagen and Aarhus