

Curriculum Vitae

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Work experience

2021 - 2026	Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe (Strasbourg, France)
2017 - 2021	Director General and Secretary to the Committee of Ministers Council of Europe (Strasbourg, France)
2009 - 2017	Director Private Office of the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General Council of Europe (Strasbourg, France)
2008 - 2009	Ambassador Head of Election Campaign of the Norwegian Candidate to the post of Secretary General of the Council of Europe (Oslo, Norway)
2004 - 2008	Minister Counselor Head of Section for Media and Culture Royal Norwegian Embassy (Stockholm, Sweden)
2002 - 2004	Senior Adviser Department for International Affairs Office of the Prime Minister (Oslo, Norway)
2000 - 2002	Deputy Director and Speechwriter Secretariat of the Foreign Minister Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Oslo, Norway)
1998 - 2000	Senior Adviser OSCE Chairmanship Unit Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Oslo, Norway)
1995 - 1998	First Secretary Norwegian Delegation to the OSCE (Vienna, Austria)
1992 - 1995	Second Secretary Royal Norwegian Embassy (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
1990 - 1992	Adviser / Foreign Service Training Program Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Oslo, Norway)

Education

1988 - 1990	M.A. International Relations / Fulbright Scholar The Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) Johns Hopkins University (Washington D.C., USA)
1986 - 1987	Certificate, Chinese Language and Culture Studies Chengdu University of Science and Technology (Chengdu, Sichuan, PRC)
1984 - 1986	B.A. International Relations / Summa cum laude Concordia College (Moorhead, Minnesota, USA)

Books

«*The Power of Speeches*» by Bjorn Magnus Berge, Cappelen Damm Publishing house (Oslo, 2013/2016)

«*The Prime Minister's New Year Speeches over the Last 70 years*» by Bjorn Magnus Berge, Cappelen Damm Publishing house (Oslo, 2016)

«*The King's Speeches 1933-2020, Volume I and II*» by Bjorn Magnus Berge, Cappelen Damm Publishing house (Oslo, 2019/2020)

«*Words of Defiance – Wartime Speeches by Ukraine's Foreign Minister, Dmytro Kuleba*» by Bjorn Berge, Biteback Publishing (London, 2026)

Boards & Juries

2013 - 2016	Jury member <i>UNHCR's Nansen Refugee Award</i> (Geneva, Switzerland)
2016 - 2020	Jury member <i>The Council of Europe Raoul Wallenberg Prize</i> (Strasbourg, France)
2021 - 2026	Member of the Foundation Board <i>World Anti-Doping Agency / WADA</i> (Montreal, Canada)

Honours & Decorations

2008	Commander of <i>The Royal Order of the Polar Star</i> (Sweden)
2021	<i>The Order of the Golden Fleece</i> (Georgia)
