

CURRICULUM VITAE

Cecilie Smith-Christensen

CAREER HISTORY & MAIN PROJECTS

2018 - **Senior Advisor, Directorate for Cultural Heritage** (/Riksantikvaren) (www.ra.no)

- Procuring a technical exhibition for the Norwegian World Heritage properties

2015 - **Founder and director, World Heritage Catalysis** (www.whcatalysis.org)

(Social enterprise linking World Heritage and sustainable development)

- Research efforts focusing on the application of sustainable exchange systems in and around World Heritage sites, including the conceptualisation and development of *WHETS - the World Heritage Exchange Trading System*. On-going and aligning with PhD research.
- Providing technical support to UNESCO in the implementation of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention (1972). Specifically supporting the World Heritage Centre in efforts relating to the UNESCO World Heritage & Sustainable Tourism Programme, including the development of the *UNESCO World Heritage Tourism & Visitor Management Assessment Tool*. This effort is on-going.
- Various efforts including facilitating the project *The Power of Culture: Supporting Sustainable Tourism and Community Based Management at World Heritage Sites in Southeast Asia including development of sustainable tourism strategies for World Heritage sites in Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines*. Contracted by UNESCO Jakarta (2015-2016); facilitating "Sustainable Tourism Strategy Development Training Workshop for World Heritage Site Managers in the Islamic Republic of Iran". Contracted by UNESCO Teheran (2016); assessing the Georgian National Tourism Strategy within the framework of the UNESCO World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism Programme, providing guidance on sustainable tourism approach for World Heritage sites in Georgia. Contracted by UNESCO World Heritage Centre (2017).

2008 - 2014 **Deputy Director, Nordic World Heritage Foundation (NWHF), Oslo, Norway**
(UNESCO Category 2 Centre)

- Coordinating the Nordic-Baltic implementation of the *UNESCO Programme on World Heritage & Sustainable Tourism*.
- Member of core working group (including UNESCO World Heritage Centre, Government of Switzerland and NWHF) developing the *UNESCO Programme for World Heritage & Sustainable Tourism* (adopted by the World Heritage Committee 2012)
- Involved in the process leading up to the *UNESCO World Heritage and Sustainable Development Policy* (adopted by 20 General Assembly 2015)

2004 - 2008 **Founding Partner and Managing Director, Event Research South Africa, Pty. Ltd, Cape Town, South Africa**

- Providing research and evaluation services within the events and festival sector. Nominated Best New Business Tourism Product/Service 2007 by South African Tourism and Thebe Exhibitions and Events

2001 - 2003 **Travel and tourism consultant, Smith-Christensen International**

- Supporting clients in Norway and South Africa

2001 **Intern/Consultant, World Heritage Centre, UNESCO Headquarter, Paris, France**

CV Cecilie Smith-Christensen

- Contributing to *UNESCO's World Heritage Tourism Programme*, special project *Young People's Participation in World Heritage Preservation and Promotion*, and educational resource kit for teachers *World Heritage in Young Hands*.

1999 - 2000 **Cape2Cape Expedition**

- Car expedition from Cape Point in South Africa to North Cape in Norway

1998 **Lecturer, University of Limpopo, Polokwane, South Africa**

- Responsible for first year class in economics

EDUCATION

2018 - Probationary PhD student at the Institute for Leadership and Sustainability (IFLAS), University of Cumbria, UK

- Preliminary project title: *Natural and cultural heritage in the Anthropocene: The potential of World Heritage in a values based transition towards collaborative and peaceful societies*
- Supervisors: Prof. Jem Bendell (main supervisor), Dr. David Murphy and Dr. Darrel Smith

1992 - 1999 Master's degree in Economics (Cand. Oecon.) University of Oslo, Norway

- Majoring in Environmental Economics, Development Economics, Financial Economic Theory and International Economic Policy.
- Master thesis: *"Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development. Tourism in Developing Countries."*

ORGANIZATIONS

- Board member of ICOMOS Norway (trustee and responsible for emerging professionals) (since 2018)
- Voting expert member of ICOMOS ICTC International, Chair, ICTC Committee, ICOMOS Norway (since 2016)
- Member of the ICOMOS Climate Change Heritage Working Group (CCHWG) and Working Group on Sustainable Development (SDGWG)
- Member of IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) and the Tourism and Protected Areas Specialist Group (TAPAS)

PERSONAL BRIEF / KEY SKILLS

Date of birth: 8th November 1973

Gender: Female

Nationality: Norwegian

Specific work permit: South Africa

Languages: Fluent in Norwegian and English, basic proficiency in French

Security clearance: UNDSS Advanced Security In The Field (valid), UNDSS Basic Security In The Field II (valid)

References and academic transcripts available on request.

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