ANTONIA ASSERSEN SKADBERG

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Sheffield (UK) & Egersund (Norway), Relocating to the Republic of Ireland end of 2026

PROFILE

Writer and communications professional with experience across journalism, research impact, policy engagement and international affairs. Experienced in translating complex research and regulatory issues into clear content for public, professional and policy audiences. I bring strong analytical and presentation abilities, with hands-on experience producing digital and multimedia content. International background from studying and working in Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States.

SKILLS & PUBLICATIONS

Professional: Data-Driven Insights & Report Writing, Social Media & Video Production, Project Management, Public Speaking, Journalism & Interviews, Editing & Publishing, Policy Analysis, Canva, Microsoft Office, Tax & Migration Advisory.

Languages / International Experience: Norwegian (fluent), English (fluent), and Spanish (basic); academic and professional experience in Norway, the UK and the United States.

Publication: Horton, G., & Assersen-Skadberg, A. (2026). European Media Freedom Act: Can it Stop the Democratic Backsliding? Journal of Media Law, 1–23.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The University of Sheffield Jan – Jun 2026

Research Impact Intern

- Facilitated communication between academic researchers and the UK Women and Equalities Committee, elected Members of Parliament, and NGOs on improving menstrual health education for girls and young women in the UK.
- Produced a comprehensive research impact report about the real-life impact of health communication research (scheduled for publication at the end of 2026).
- Supported the translation of academic research into internationally published and publicly available content.

Dalane Tidende, Norway Apr – Aug 2025

Journalist

- Developed and pitched original news stories for publication online and in print.
- Conducted interviews, wrote articles, and produced multimedia news content.
- Managed publication and updates across the newspaper's website and social media.
- *Also worked as a journalist for Dalane Tidende in the summers of 2019, 2020, and 2021.*

Safety Matters Research Group, Oslo Metropolitan University Sep – Nov 2024

Research Group Participant

- Participated in an international collaboration of researchers and journalists from Norway, Brazil, the USA and South Africa in examining threats to journalist safety worldwide.
- Contributed to international discussions, presentations, and collaborative research design on journalism, safety and public health.
- This role strengthened my cross-cultural experience and interdisciplinary research skills.

Norwegian Tax Administration Mar – Sep 2024
Tax Advisor
- Provided guidance to domestic and international taxpayers on Norwegian tax regulations; income, pension and insurance payments, and migration-related issues.
- Applied legal and analytical skills to resolve complex enquiries and provide clear explanations of regulatory requirements.
- Focused on giving accurate guidance whilst always private information with great respect and caution.
- Trained in diplomatic communication strategies, aimed at building trust between myself as an advisor and the taxpayers.

Norwegian-American Defense Industry Council, Washington DC Aug – Dec 2019
Intern
- Organised networking events for European young professionals located in Washington D.C.
- Maintained communication with member organisations and supported events including trade discussions, geopolitical risk assessment meetings and diplomatic engagements.

EDUCATION

The University of Sheffield 2025 – Present
Doctoral Research in International Law and Journalism
- **Published peer-reviewed** legal research in the *Journal of Media Law*.
- Completed one year of **doctoral research examining the protection of civilians journalists during armed conflict.**
- **Research focus:** Protection of journalists in armed conflicts and why International Humanitarian Law (IHL) fails to protect modern-day journalism in times of war and conflict.

University College London 2022 – 2023
MSc Global Governance and Ethics | Result: **Merit**
- Specialised in global justice, international institutions, and governance processes.

Aberystwyth University 2021 – 2022
LLM Human Rights and Humanitarian Law | Result: **Distinction**
- Focused on the international legal protections of civilians and responses to human rights challenges.

University of Agder 2020 – 2021
One-year Programme in Political Science
- Studied political theory, Norwegian and European governance, and quantitative and qualitative research methods.

University of Oslo 2017 – 2020
BA Linguistics
- Studied language acquisition, phonetics and phonology.

American University, Washington DC 2019
Washington Semester Program
Certificate of Achievement in International Law and Organizations