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He has had responsibility for organizing the doctoral programs at the faculty of theology and participated in approximately 70 national and international committees for doctoral work and for electing professors and arranged a series of conferences and schools for doctoral students. Different organizational experience, like president for Det praktisk teologiske seminar (The Seminary of Practical Theology) in Oslo 1989-2003, vice president for Senter for kvinneforskning (Center for Women Studies), University of Oslo 1998-2001. Editor of the periodical *Kirke og Kultur* 1971 till 2010 (Church and Culture – established 1894) In recent years he has worked in co-operation with social scientists and researchers in history and history of ideas and paedagogy. He has been engaged in research on *Family Sexuality and Cohabitation*, results are published in the book *Frihetens Festning - så fast en borg*, (The Fortress of Liberty) Oslo 2000 and in several articles. He has published on the problem of *evil* in the perspective of history of mentality and in theology in *Frihetens Fiende. Essays om ondskap, frihet, menneskeverd*, (The Enemy of Liberty. Essays on Evil, Freedom and Human Rights), Oslo 1993. A central issue in this book were the ethical dilemmas in caring practice in hospitals and in medical profession. In 2007 the book *Ouverture over Kroppens flukt Idealers makt og mulighet i utdanning* (Overture to the Escape of the Body. Power and Possibility of Ideals in Education) presents research on ideals in pedagogical thinking on children and youth from 18th century till today, in a contemporary, constructive perspective.