

Steinar Fredriksen

(1963-2021)

OBITUARY

Professor Steinar Fredriksen passed away on 13 December 2021, aged just 58. Fredriksen was cand. jur. from University of Oslo (1990), and held positions as police lawyer, deputy judge and in the Ministry of Justice. He came to the Norwegian Police University College (Politihøgskolen) in 2005, where he became professor in autumn 2021.¹

Steinar Fredriksen's scientific contribution came primarily in police law. In 2014 he became Ph.D. in jurisprudence at the University of Bergen, on the dissertation *Ro, orden og frihet: En fremstilling av politiets adgang til å gripe inn i den personlige frihet ved utførelse av ordenstjeneste*.² The dissertation was a study of the Norwegian Police Act of 1995 and a pioneering work in Norwegian police law. The understanding of policing and law he developed during the work on the thesis, became important for several smaller works in police law, criminal law, and procedural law.³ Not long

1 Fredriksen was also an assistant professor at the Norwegian Police University College (Politihøgskolen) for a period from 1995.

2 Fredriksen, *Ro, orden og frihet: En fremstilling av politiets adgang til å gripe inn i den personlige frihet ved utførelse av ordenstjeneste* (Gyldendal akademisk 2015).

3 Regarding police law, see e.g. Fredriksen, Identifikasjonsvisitasjon etter politiloven § 10 første ledd første punktum – noen betraktninger i tilknytning til Høyesteretts kjennelse i Rt. 2007 s. 940, *Tidsskrift for strafferett* 12 (3) 2012 pp. 277–297. Criminal law: Fredriksen, Om straffeloven § 333 og politiets hjemmel for å kreve opplysninger om personalia, *Lov og Rett* 52 (1) 2013 pp. 21–37 and Fredriksen, Innbringelse for ordensforstyrrelse i et EMK-rettslig perspektiv, *Tidsskrift for strafferett* 22 (1) 2022 pp. 2–24. Criminal procedure: Fredriksen, Polititjenestepersoners og privatpersoners adgang til å benytte straffeprosessuelle tvangsmidler, *Tidsskrift for strafferett* 16 (1) 2016 pp. 8–34.

before he passed away, he helped finalise a legal commentary on the Police Act.⁴ In all these works, Steinar combined a scientific understanding of police law with in-depth knowledge of the police's practical work, and thereby shedding light on practically important and complex legal questions that arise in police work. Steinar's research was also characterised by an interest in fundamental legal issues. This was evident in the thesis, but also in several of the smaller studies, such as in human rights, state of emergency, and legal principles in Norwegian law.⁵

Steinar was not only a central researcher in Norwegian police law, but also a gifted teacher. He taught and supervised students at all levels, at the Police University College and other institutions. He wrote a number of textbooks on police law, criminal law, administrative law and procedural law.⁶ These books were characterised by solid scientific craftsmanship, but also a clear and easily accessible language, which the students greatly appreciated.

Steinar was an esteemed colleague, and a warm and generous person. He is deeply missed.

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- 4 Fredriksen and Spurkland, *Kommentarer til lov 4. august 1995 nr. 53 om politiet (politiloven), Karnov lovkommentarer* (2021).
- 5 Fredriksen, *Police Deprivation of Third Parties' Liberty – A Field of Tension between National Police Law and the European Convention on Human Rights, as illustrated by Austin & Others v the United Kingdom*, *Bergen Journal of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice* 3 (1) 2015 pp. 84–108. Fredriksen, *Menneskerettighetenes betydning i politiets ordenstjeneste in ... men er det rett? : om politiet og menneskerettighetene : Forskningskonferansen 2011*, eds. Barland et al. (Politihøgskolen 2011) pp. 63–75. Fredriksen, *Rettsstat og nødtilstand* (Karnov 2020). See e.g. Fredriksen, *Noen betraktninger om rettsprinsippers betydning i norsk rett, Jussens Venner* 46 (1) 2011 pp. 37–64.
- 6 *Police law*: Fredriksen and Spurkland, *Ordensjuss*, 2. ed. (Gyldendal 2019); Fredriksen and Sand, *Juss for utøvere av begrenset politimyndighet* (Gyldendal 2018); Thiis-Evensen and Fredriksen, *Oppgavesamling i juridiske fag for Politihøgskolen*, 2.ed. (Gyldendal 2018); Fredriksen and Myhrer, *Politirett i et nøtteskall* (Gyldendal 2016). *Criminal law*: Fredriksen, *Lovbrudd, skyld og straff: Hovedlinjer i alminnelig strafferett* (Gyldendal 2016); Fredriksen, *Norm, skyldkrav og straffetrussel : utvalgte emner fra spesiell strafferett*, 2. ed. (Gyldendal 2021). *Administrative law*: Fredriksen, *Forvaltningsrett for studenter ved Politihøgskolen* (Nesbru 1997); Heivoll and Fredriksen, *Forvaltningsrett for politiet : en innføring* (Cappelen Damm Akademisk 2019); Heivoll and Fredriksen, *Forvaltningsrett for politiet: oppgaver med løsningsforslag* (Cappelen Damm Akademisk 2019); Heivoll and Fredriksen, *Forvaltningsrett for politiet: en innføring*, 2. ed. (Cappelen Damm Akademisk 2022). *Criminal procedure*: Fredriksen, *Innføring i straffeprosess*, 4. ed. (Gyldendal 2018).