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---Speaker's Biography---

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His current project on 'Youth Exclusion and Political Violence' focuses on the role of education in mediating the relationship between youth bulges and cohorts, and on urban youth populations and social disturbance. The project is funded by the World Bank Trust Fund for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development (TFESSD) and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Urdal also works on demographic consequences of war.