

# Preface

I was first fascinated by skepticism (one way to define it is being alert) for a long time ago when I was figuring out my way into life and standing alone in a world full of opportunities and threats. I discovered that skepticism is a professional attitude when I studied to be an accountant. While working shortly as an accountant, I understood that being continuously alert is difficult, still it was important and required in accounting.

In 2010, I wrote a Ph.D. proposal on auditors' professional skepticism and was accepted in the Ph.D. program at the Norwegian School of Economics. *A Study of Professional Skepticism* is based on my Ph.D. thesis accomplished in June 2015.

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