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# Foreword

The year 2013 marks the ninth year of the QoG institute. In 2004, we received our first research grant that made it possible for us to hire one researcher and one research assistant. Today, the QoG institute engages about 25 researchers from senior professors to PhD students as well as six research assistants.

In addition, we host a number of visiting scholars and post-docs. This expansion has been possible thanks to generous funding from The Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation (Riksbankens Jubileumsfond), the Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation, the European Union

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Swedish Science Council. While external funding has been crucial for building the QoG institute, all funding agencies have respected the integrity of our research and the importance of academic independence.

Carrying out research about issues such as corruption, clientelism and similar problems takes you into areas and issues that can be politically very sensitive which makes issues about integrity and academic freedom important. To use a phrase coined by the legendary policy scholar

Aaron Wildavsky, we are in the business of »speaking truth to power« and for this to be possible, academic freedom and integrity is of the outmost importance.

In 2013 researchers from the QoG institute published a number of important articles in highly respected international scientific journals such as *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Institutional Economics*, *Social Research*, *Public Administration*, *Governance* and *Public Administration and Development*. In addition, a book titled *Quality of Government and Corruption from a European Regional Perspective* reporting findings from a survey

of 34000 people in 174 EU regions was also published.

The good news for the future of the QoG institute

is that in 2013, the European Research Council decided to award us a so called »Advanced Research Grant« for a new project titled *The Performance of Democracies*. This grant of 2.5 million euros will secure the future operation of the institute until 2019. The main aim of this project is to explain the huge variation in how well democracies manage to increase human well-being, control corruption and have sustainable public finances and it will become a central part of the QoG institute.



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# Summary

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## ANTICORRP

March 1st, 2012 was the formal start date for a new comprehensive research project which goes under the acronym ANTICORRP (Anti-Corruption Policies Revisited: Global Trends and European Responses to the Challenge of Corruption). The project is funded by the European Commission's Seventh Framework Programme and consists in total of 21 research groups in 16 European countries. The QoG Institute is the single largest research group in the project and is also responsible for project management and administrative coordination. Read more at the project's own website: [www.anticorrrp.eu](http://www.anticorrrp.eu)



The Anticorrrp project is co-funded by the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development of the European Union.

During 2013, the activities of the QoG institute continued unabated. Of most importance for the future of the Institute was without doubt the €2,5 million Advanced Research Grant from the European Research Council for the new project on the Performance of Democracies. This will not only keep the Institute going for another five years, at least, but it will also insert »new blood« in the Institute, as three post-docs and two PhD students will be recruited during 2014.

## Research

QoG scholars continue to get their articles published in well renowned journals. During 2013, 18 peer-reviewed articles were published online or in print (for details see list on pages 6-7) and in addition 20 working papers were published (see [www.qog.pol.gu.se](http://www.qog.pol.gu.se)).

The findings from the large European regional survey conducted in 2010, measuring the quality of government in 172 regions in 18 EU countries, were published as a book by Edward Elgar Publishing (*Quality of Government and Corruption from a European Perspective. A Comparative Study of Good Government in EU Regions*, by Nicholas Charron, Victor Lapuente and Bo Rothstein).

It should also be noted that during 2013, this study was replicated within the EU-funded FP 7 project (ANTICORRP), to which QoG is a major partner, but this time with more than twice as many respondents (85 000) in 206 regions in 24 countries. Most QoG scholars involved in this project will commence their work in

2014. Also two dissertations were successfully defended by PhDs associated with the institute; Agnes Cornell (*Institutional Impediments and Reluctant Actors*) and Mathias Färdigh (*What's the use of Free Media*).

## QoG scholars continue to get their articles published in well renowned journals

Finally, to honor the 70th anniversary of QoG's co-founding father, Sören Holm-

berg, the anthology *Stepping Stones: Research on Political Representation, Voting Behavior, and Quality of Government* (Eds. Stefan Dahlberg, Henrik Oscarsson & Lena Wängnerud) was published. As indicated in the title, it contains a section written by QoG scholars.

As usual, QoG scholars were busy presenting papers at international conferences (for details see list on page 12). In addition two internal conferences were organized by the Institute; in Barcelona (January 7-11) with 28 participants presenting in total 19 papers and in Gottskär (August 19-21) with 22 participants presenting 16 papers, some of which have already been published or accepted for publication.

## Visiting scholars and lunch seminars

Just like last year, the QoG visiting scholar program attracted a lot of interest from all over the world during 2013. We receive a continuous flow of requests from scholars to spend a week or two in Gothenburg, but unfortunately we are only able to invite a handful. In 2013, we invited in total 12 visiting scholars and another 8 scholars held lunch seminars at the Institute (see separate list on page 13).

## Education/student grants

The QoG involvement in the interdisciplinary program International Administration and Global Governance (IAGG) has continued as has the travel grant for master students. During 2013, five students received the 6 000 SEK grants and some of the theses are under consideration to be published as QoG working papers.

## New recruitments

For the first time, the QoG institute had a separate call for positions to the Department's PhD program, which eventually resulted in the recruitment of Maryna Povitkina and Petrus Sundin. Sundin, who was up until then dataset administrator, was replaced by Felix Hartmann in early 2014. Two people left the institute during the year; Nicholas Charron went to Copenhagen Business School and Miriam Lieberman left the position as information officer.

## New grants

In 2014, a similar function will be resumed as the new two-year project »Bringing QoG Research to the classroom« financed by Sten A Olsson foundation, will commence. The main objective of this project is to create a direct link between a world leading social science research program, that focus on how to improve central aspects of human well-being on a global scale, and students and teachers in Swedish class-rooms.

As mentioned above, the head of the QoG Institute, Prof. Bo Rothstein, was awarded an Advanced Research Grant from the European Research Council for a project titled *The Performance of Democracies*. The main objective of this project is to analyze the relation between how democracies are organized and how they

perform in generating human well-being, curb corruption, and handle the public finances and it will start its operations during 2014.

## Other activities

In March, the QoG institute hosted the European Commission's Second Regional Workshop on EU Anti-Corruption Report, which was published in early 2014, and in May, the Institute organized its second practitioner's conference, this time in Stockholm. The main focus this time was to present the QoG databases and demonstrate the newly developed visualization tool (see [www.qog.pol.gu.se](http://www.qog.pol.gu.se)) to interested parties, such as the Swedish prosecution Authority, The Swedish Anti-Corruption Institute, Transparency International among others. As mentioned on pages 8-9, the QoG institute also visited China in June.

QoG Research Fellow, Dr Maria Gustavson, was appointed to serve in the Swedish government's expert group on international aid. The group will be responsible for analyzing and evaluating Sweden's development aid.

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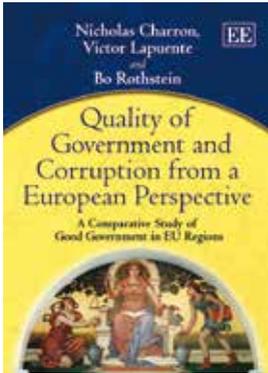


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# Publications 2013



## Books

**Charron, N., Lapuente, V. & Rothstein, B.** (eds.) (2013) *Quality of Government and Corruption from a European Perspective. A Comparative Study of Good Government in EU Regions*. Cheltenham & Northampton: Edward Elgar Publishing.

## Book chapters

**Bauhr, M.** (2013) »Privat och offentlig korruption i Sverige«, in Bergström, A. et al (eds.) *Vägskäl*. Göteborg: SOM-institutet, Göteborgs universitet.

**Gustavson, M. & Rothstein, B.** (2013) »Can Auditing Generate Social Trust? The Organization of Auditing and the Quality of Government«, in Kristensson-Uggla, B. et al. *Trust and Organizations. Confidence Across Borders*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

**Gustavson, M. & Karlsson, L.** (2013) »Revision«, in Johansson, V. & Lindgren, L. *Uppdrag offentlig granskning*. Lund: Studentlitteratur.

## Peer-reviewed articles

**Bauhr, M. & Grimes, M.** (2013) »Indignation or Resignation: The Implications of Transparency for Societal Accountability«. *Governance*. Published online 17 March 2013.

**Bauhr, M., Charron, N. & Nasiritousi, N.** (2013) »Does Corruption Cause Aid Fatigue? Public Opinion and the Aid-Corruption Paradox«. *International Studies Quarterly*. 57(3): 568–579.

**Bågenholm, A.** (2013) »The Electoral Fate and Policy Impact of 'Anti-Corruption Parties' in Central and Eastern Europe«, *Human Affairs*. 23: 174–195.

**Bågenholm, A.** (2013) »Throwing the rascals out? The electoral effects of corruption allegations and corruption scandals in Europe 1981–2011«. *Crime Law Soc Change*. 60(5): 595–609.

**Charron, N.** (2013). »Impartiality, Friendship-Networks and Voting Behavior: Evidence from Voting Patterns in the Eurovision Song Contest«. *Social Networks*. 35(3): 484–497.

**Charron, N. & Lapuente, V.** (2013) »Why do Some Regions in Europe Have Higher Quality of Government?«. *Journal of Politics*. 75(3): 567–582.

**Cornell, A.** (2013) »Why Bureaucratic Stability Matters for the Implementation of Democratic Governance Programs«. *Governance*. Published online 22 April 2013.

**Dahlberg, S. & Holmberg, S.** (2013) »Democracy and Bureaucracy: How their Quality Matters for Popular Satisfaction«. *West European Politics*. Published online 16 October 2013.

**Dahlström, C. & Niklasson, B.** (2013). »The Politics of Politicization in Sweden«. *Public Administration*. 91(4): 891–907.

**Dahlström, C. & Esaiasson, P.** (2013) »The Immigrant Issue and Anti-Immigrant Party Success in Sweden 1970–2006. A Deviant Case Analysis«. *Party Politics*. 19(2): 343–364.

**Dahlström, C., Lindvall, J. & Rothstein, B.** (2013) »Corruption, Bureaucratic Failure, and Social Policy Priorities«. *Political Studies*. 61(3): 523–242.

**de Fine Licht, J.** (2013) »Transparency actually: how transparency affects public perceptions of political decision-making«. *European Political Science Review*. Published online 19 August 2013.

**Halleröd, B., Rothstein B., Daoud, A. & Nandy, S.** (2013) Bad Governance and Poor Children: »A Comparative Analysis of Government Efficiency and Severe Child Deprivation in 68 Low- and Middle-income Countries«. *World Development*. 48: 19–31.

**Harring, N. & Jagers, S.** (2013) »Should We Trust in Values? Explaining Public Support for Pro-Environmental Taxes«. *Sustainability*. 5(1): 210-227.

**Harring, N.** (2013) »Corruption, inequalities and the perceived effectiveness of economic pro-environmental policy instruments: A European cross-national study«. *Environmental Science & Policy*. Published online 26 September 2013.

**Jagers, S. & Sevä, M.** (2013) »Inspecting Environmental Management from Within: The role of street-level bureaucrats in environmental policy implementation«. *Journal of Environmental Management*. 128(15): 1060–1070.

**Konstantinidis, I. & Xezonakis, G.** (2013) »Sources of tolerance towards corrupted politicians in Greece: the role of trade offs and individual benefits«. *Crime, Law and Social Change*. 60(5): 549–563.

**Lindberg, S.** (2013) »Mapping Accountability: Core Concept and Subtypes«. *International Review of Administrative Sciences* 79(2): 202–226.

**Rothstein, B. & Broms, R.** (2013) »Governing religion: the long-term effects of sacred financing«. *Journal of Institutional Economics*. 9(4):469-490.

**Rothstein, B.** (2013) »Corruption and Social Trust: Why the Fish Rots from the Head Down«. *Social Research*. 80(4): 1009–1032.

**Sjöstedt, M. & Sundström, A.** (2013) »Overfishing in Southern Africa: A Comparative Account of Regime Effectiveness and National Capacities«. *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*. 15(5): 415–431.

**Sjöstedt, M. & Jagers, S.** (2013) »Democracy and the environment revisited: The case of African fisheries«. *Marine Policy*. 43: 143–148.

**Sjöstedt, M.** (2013) »Aid Effectiveness And The Paris Declaration: A Mismatch Between Ownership And Results-Based Management?«. *Public Administration and Development*. 33(2): 143–155.

**Stockemer, D. & Sundström, A.** (2013) »Corruption and citizens' satisfaction with democracy in Europe: What is the empirical linkage?«. *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft (ZfVP) / Comparative Governance and Politics*. 7(1): 137-157.

**Sundström, A.** (2013) »Corruption in the Commons: Why Bribery Hampers Enforcement of Environmental Regulations in South African Fisheries«. *International Journal of the Commons*. 7(2): 454–472.

**Weghorst, K. & Lindberg, S.** (2013). »What Drives the Swing Voter in Africa?«. *American Journal of Political Science* 57(3): 717-734.

## Doctoral theses

**Cornell, A.** (2013) *Institutional Impediments and Reluctant Actors – The Limited Role of Democracy Aid in Democratic Development*. Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg.

**Färdigh, M.** (2013) *What's the Use of a Free Media? The Role of Media in Curbing Corruption and Promoting Quality of Government*. Department of Journalism, Media and Communication, University of Gothenburg.



## Working papers

All our working papers are available to download from our website:

[www.qog.pol.gu.se/publications/workingpapers](http://www.qog.pol.gu.se/publications/workingpapers)

# Study trip to Beijing

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During the study trip to Beijing, meetings were held with representatives from the following organisations and universities:

**Central Compilation and Translation Bureau**  
www.cctb.net

**Development Research Center**  
www.drc.gov.cn

**Unirule institute**  
english.unirule.org.cn

**Peking University**  
english.pku.edu.cn

**Tsinghua University**  
tsinghua.edu.cn

**Beijing Normal University**  
english.bnu.edu.cn

In the first week of June, QoG organized a study trip to Beijing, China. 14 QoG affiliated researchers and employees participated in the study trip. The purpose of the visit was to get an insight into the work of the Chinese public administration and current social developments and to connect to Chinese scholars. During the visit, five workshops were held at different locations and with representatives from various universities, NGOs, and governmental agencies, including the following organizations:

China Center for Overseas Social and Philosophical Theories (CCOSPT), affiliated to the Central Compilation and Translation Bureau (CCCPE), China Centre for Global Governance and Development, affiliated to the Central Compilation and Translation Bureau (CCCPE), China Academy of Discipline Inspection and Supervision (CADIS), Development Research Center Unirule institute.

In addition, representatives from Peking University, Tsinghua University and Beijing Normal University participated in the conference at CCOSPT.

In particular, the visit to China Academy of Discipline Inspection and Supervision (CADIS) was a spectacular experience. CADIS is a training base for discipline inspection and supervision personnel and an education base for promoting clean governance among Party and government officials as well as a research center for combating corruption and promoting integrity. Upon arrival, the QoG team was welcomed in an almost ceremonial way. The College had prepared a very

thorough presentation of the College's anti-corruption work showing the Chinese government's strong symbolic willingness to combat corruption in the country. They also offered a round tour in the College compound including the lecture halls, training rooms, library and student accommodation. The other meetings were

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more interactive and provided a great opportunity for discussing contemporary Chi-

nese public administration and political and social development in the country. The mix of meetings with university scholars, government officials and independent researchers paved the way for a very informative and interesting study trip. The trip was regarded a great success by the participants and hopefully marked the beginning of a fruitful cooperation between the QoG institute and Chinese scholars.

The QoG Institute would like to thank all the organizations, institutes and individual researchers who took time to meet with us during the visit.

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# Communication

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## The International Science Festival in Gothenburg

With hundreds of activities and about 70,000 visitors the International Science Festival in Gothenburg is one of Europe's leading popular science events and the only one of its kind in Sweden.

[www.vetenskapsfestivalen.se/english](http://www.vetenskapsfestivalen.se/english)

## Kvalitetsmässan

Kvalitetsmässan is Europe's largest conference on business and social development and a great meeting venue for the public sector. It is a conference with about 4,700 participants, five different national awards, a Quality Bank of development projects, where you can contribute with and lend good ideas for business improvement. It is also and a trade fair with 200 exhibitors and over 12,000 visitors.

Communicating our research to practitioners, the media and the general public is an integral part of the QoG Institute's core activities. In order to reach as many people as possible, we use several different communication channels.

## The website

The QoG Institute's website in its current design and functionality was launched in February 2012. The website resides within the University of Gothenburg's web portal and is available in both English and Swedish. Since November 2013, a limited version of the website is also available in Chinese.

The website is aimed at all our main target groups and contains for instance all our publications and working papers, a media archive and not least our award-winning databases (read more about the QoG datasets on the next page). It is safe to say that the website is our most important communication channel. During 2013 the website had 24 928 unique visitors from all parts of the world.

In an attempt to make our data accessible to even more people, QoG launched a data visualization tool in 2013 which makes it possible to create interactive maps and graphs. The visualization tool is aimed at everyone who is interested in QoG related issues including those who have not acquired statistical skills or tools.

## Newsletter

The QoG Institute has an electronic newsletter called QoG NEWS which, at the time of writing, has about 1266 subscribers. It is distributed via e-mail about every four-six weeks. Among the subscribers

are academics and students from all parts of the world as well as journalists and public sector officials from Sweden and abroad. In the newsletter we communicate information about new publications and working papers, upcoming public lectures and other types of events.

## Events and public lectures

The QoG institute and its scholars regularly organize and/or take part in public events such as for instance conferences, seminars, workshops and panel discussions.

The biggest event in 2013 was the Second Regional Workshop on EU Anti-Corruption Report which took place in Gothenburg on 4-5 March 2013 with representatives from 14 Member States. The workshop is organized by the European Commission in partnership with the Quality of Government Institute as part of the preparations of the EU Anti-Corruption Report.

The purpose of the regional workshops is to obtain information from various partners on outstanding anti-corruption related issues in the Member States and to inform stakeholders about Commission's work in the fight against corruption, especially in regard to the EU Anti-Corruption Report.

Other public events that took place during 2013 included a Practitioners conference in May and a panel discussion about corruption at the International Science Festival in Gothenburg in April. QoG representatives also participated in Kvalitetsmässan that was organised 19-21 November in Gothenburg.

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# Datasets

The QoG Standard dataset was updated with new indicators on institutional quality as well as data from the Political Terror Scale and a number of variables concerning environmental issues from The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, Global Footprint Network, Environmental Treaties and Resource Indicators, Natural Resource Management Index, The Ocean Health Index and the Sea Around Us Project.

The Time-Series dataset with global coverage now spans the time period 1946–2012 and the cross-section year in the Cross-Section dataset has been moved from 2002 to 2009 (or the closest year available).

Each variable in the dataset has been fully revised. Hence, there might be

changes made to the data not only for the last years available but to all years, as the original sources have corrected errors in their data in quite a number of cases. Also, we have used a more strict approach to the units of analysis. We no longer include data for some country-years for which we previously provided data (e.g. we no longer have data for the united Germany before the reunification).

Regarding the codebook, for each variable we have added a bar graph showing the coverage in the Time-Series dataset and a map showing the coverage in the Cross-Section dataset.

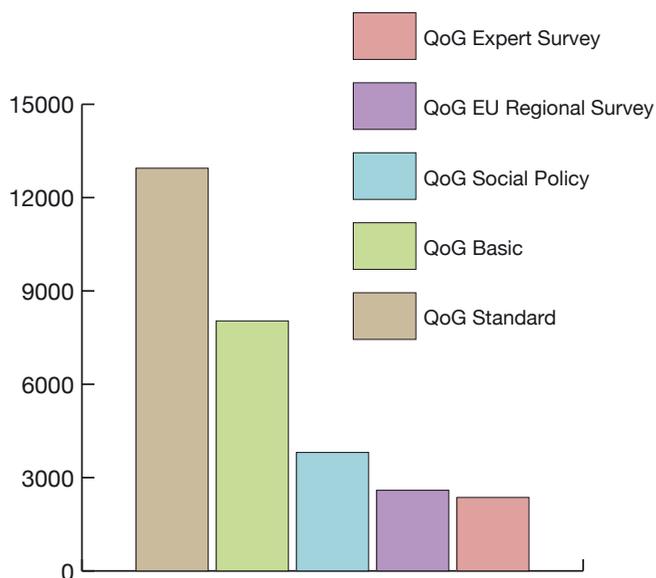
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# Academic conferences

## **QoG Winter Conference**

7–11 January, Barcelona, Spain  
28 participants  
19 papers

## **QoG Summer Conference**

19–21 August, Gottskär, Sweden  
22 participants  
16 papers

## International conferences

The list below is a selection of international academic conferences which QoG scholars attended during 2013.

**European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)**, Mainz (March).

**71st Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (MPSA)**, Chicago (April).

**ANTICORRP project, General Conference**, European University Institute, Florens (May).

**The European Political Science Association (EPSA)**, Barcelona (June).

**International Communication Association (ICA)**, London (June).

**The Annual Meeting of the Council for European Studies**, Amsterdam (June).

**Nordic Environmental Social Science Conference**, Copenhagen (June).

**Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA)**, Chicago (Aug-Sep).

**The 7th ECPR General Conference,**

Bordeaux (September).

**ANTICORRP WP 02 Workshop**, Amsterdam (October).

**Global Conference on Transparency Research**, HEC, Paris (October).

**8th Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA) Scientific Symposium**, Maputo, Mozambique (October–November).

**Kvalitetsmässan**, Gothenburg (November).

**ANTICORRP WP 11 Workshop**, London (November).

**ANTICORRP WP 01 Workshop**, Berlin (November).



**African Studies Association**, Baltimore (November).

# Lunch seminars and visiting scholars

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## January

**Dr. Nicholas Cheeseman,**  
University of Oxford

## February

**Program Manager Lisa Ann Elges,**  
Transparency International, Berlin

**Torbjørn Gjefsen, MA,**  
University of Oslo

## March

**Dr. Jonathan Hopkin,**  
London School of Economics\*

**Dr. Vinothan Naido,**  
University of Cape Town\*

## April

**Ole Therkildsen, MA,**  
Danish Institute for International Studies

**Assoc. Prof. Pablo Beramendi,**  
Duke University\*

**Prof. Sheri Berman,**  
Barnard College\*

**Dr. Takis Pappas,**  
European University Institute \*

**Prof. Ben Ross Schneider,**  
MIT\*

**Prof. Kathleen Thelen,**  
MIT, Oxford University\*

## September

**Dr. Jong-Sung You,**  
University of California\*

**Bryane Michael,**  
Fellow at the Asian Institute for International  
Financial Law\*

**Ph.D. candidate Nubia Evertsson,**  
Stockholm University



## October

**Dr. Marcus Agnafors,**  
Lund University

**Post-doc. Thomas Brambor,**  
Lund University

**Assoc. Prof. Andreas Bergh,**  
Lund University

**Assoc. Prof. Illong Kwon,**  
Seoul National University\*

## November

**Prof. Robert Cox,**  
University of South Carolina and Walker  
Institute of International and Area Studies\*

**Ph.D. candidate Anett Hodosi,**  
University of Debrecen\*

\* visiting scholars

# 2013 in numbers

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Variables in the QoG Standard  
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**760**

Countries represented in  
the ANTICORRP project

**16**

Lunch seminars during 2013

**20**

Working papers during 2013

**20**

Subscribers to the newsletter, QoG NEWS

**1,266**

Total visitors on the website during 2013

**45,618**

Unique visitors on the website during 2013

**24,928**



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