





and joint applications are part of the long-term strategy. Anyone interested in learning more about the research at CERGU is welcome to join our mailing list and participate in our seminars, public events and, of course, our Tuesday breakfasts!

All the best wishes for the coming academic year!

Linda Berg

The Centre for European Studies recently created a promotional film entitled 'Europafilmen.' The short film features segments on graduates of the European Studies programme and gives glimpses into their lives after The University of Gothenburg. [Check it out on YouTube!](#)



## Announcing the New CERGU Postdocs

After receiving 111 applications in May 2014 for the three available postdoctoral positions, 16 interviews were conducted. CERGU is very happy to announce who will be joining our team in 2015. We warmly welcome these very talented researchers to our network:

**Andreas Hofmann (PhD in Political Science from the University of Cologne, Germany)** proposes a research project entitled "Rights Consciousness, Litigation and the Mobilization of Interest Groups in Europe." Andreas will be placed at the [Department of Political Science](#).

**Katarzyna Wojnicka (PhD in Sociology from Jagiellonian University, Poland)** is interested in the project "Transnational European Fathers' Rights Movement(s): Between European and National Dimensions." Katarzyna will be placed at the [Department of Sociology and Work Science](#).

**Brian Shaev (PhD in Modern European History from the University of Pittsburgh, USA)** has planned a research project called "Supranationalizing Industrial and Economic Policies: Socialists in the Consultative Assembly of the European Communities, 1952-1972." Brian will be working in the [Department of Economy and Society](#).

We look forward to these new postdoctoral researchers joining us in Gothenburg in 2015!

## CERGU Profile: Katarina Leppänen

On 1 September, 2014, Katarina Leppänen officially joined the CERGU management team as the Deputy Director. Her vast experience from the History of Ideas and Science, employing both teaching and research skills means that she will be a welcome addition to the CERGU team. To find out more about Katarina, read the interview with her below:



### **Q: What will some of your duties be as CERGU's Deputy Director?**

A: My exact responsibilities are yet to be decided, but initially, I will chair the CERGU research seminars, which I am very much looking forward to. I will work closely with Linda (Berg, CERGU's Director) and share some of the main responsibilities of CERGU.

### **Q: Could you tell us a bit about your background?**

A: I'm from Vasa, Finland, and I came to Sweden almost 25 years ago to study. I first moved to Umeå, and then to Gothenburg. Almost by mistake I ended up in History of Ideas, after a few detours. Since then I have also worked at Åbo Academy University (Gender Studies) and at Uppsala University.

### **Q: What do you hope to bring to CERGU?**

CERGU is already a very diversified organization, so I don't feel like I'm filling any particular gap. But once I get settled in, I hope to complement the team with my own areas of research and expertise, which is History of Ideas and literature of the Finnish/Baltic region.

**Q: How do your academic interests fit into CERGU?**

CERGU's focus on transnational and comparative perspectives on Europe suit my own research interests very well. I am sure working here will vitalize my own research, just as I hope to be able to inspire others. The creative meetings around the seminar table are crucial elements in the research process!

## 2014 Kickoff Boat Ride, 9 September



Administrative team: Linda Berg, Birgitta Jännebring, Angie Sohlberg and Katarina Leppänen



CERGU Researchers



Gregg Bucken-Knapp and Ann-Kristin Jonasson



Sofie Blombäck, Anna Wallerman, Dimitar Popovski, and Jonathan Polk

## Looking Ahead at CERGU

### 9-10 October: Jubilee Events

- CERGU International Advisory Board visits Gothenburg
- EU Commissioner of Trade, Cecilia Malmström speaks to students and staff at a specially arranged presentation
- Centre for European Studies holds annual graduation ceremony and REGU meeting



### 6-7 November: The 2014 Annual Conference of the Comparative European Politics Specialist Group of the Political Studies Association

- Co-organised by Gregg Bucken-Knapp (School of Public Administration and CERGU, University of Gothenburg) and Umut Korkut (Glasgow School of Business and Society, Glasgow Caledonian University)
- Deadline to submit: **20 September, 2014**



### 14 November: What Were We Thinking? Commemorating 20 Years since the Referendum on Swedish EU-Membership

- Co-hosted by CERGU, CES, and Brännpunkt Europa
- 3 planned panels featuring scholars, politicians, alumni and students who share their thoughts on

### 9 December: Jubilee Book release

- Featuring reflections on 20 years of Sweden in the European Union



## Centre for European Studies

### Highlights for Autumn 2014 for CES – Centre for European Studies, Department of Political Science

At the beginning of this autumn term there have been so many developments in and around Europe that challenge a democratic, open, humanistic, and prosperous society. Now more than ever, students in European Studies can contribute to lifting veils of ignorance and inspiring pluralism and tolerance. To take a current example from CES activities, our second-year master students are starting the term by taking one out of three semi-elective thematic courses, which covers many of the current pressing issues: *Social Europe*, *European Environment and Energy* and *Europe in the World*. This autumn also includes the launching of the new *European Studies Promotional Video*, produced by one of our alumni, illustrating words and deeds of our great alumni. This term also marks the beginning of a new two-year period of the Council of European Studies (REGU). Specific highlights: European Studies Annual Graduation Ceremony, October 10; Inauguration-Event of the Double Degree collaboration with Konstanz University, October 14; One-day conference on the 20th anniversary of the Swedish referendum to the EU.

Urban Strandberg, Director of Studies



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