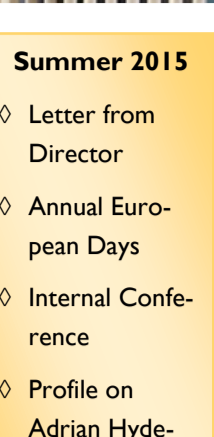




CERGU Summer 2015 Newsletter



Director's Letter

Summer is finally here, marking the end of another successful year for the [Centre for European Research \(CERGU\)](#)! In one way, summer began on May 28th, which was the deadline for the EU Horizon 2020 research funding applications. CERGU is the lead partner for one application, and a partner in three others. Many thanks to project leader [Adrian Hyde-Price](#) and research coordinator Birgitta Jännebring for all their hard work with the lead application! Read more about it in the interview with Adrian below.

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Congratulations to all those in the CERGU network who have been promoted, including [Daniel Naurin](#), [Adrian Hyde-Price](#), and [Lisbeth Aggestam](#)!

CERGU also congratulates three newly-minted doctors, [Markus Johansson](#) and [Sofie Blombäck](#), and [Anna Wallerman](#) who defended their dissertations during the spring!



Speaking about applications, the process of recruiting two new postdocs is underway, interviews are scheduled for August. The three most recently recruited postdocs presented their projects at the CERGU internal conference in April, and one of CERGU's two interns, Lena Caspers, presented her interesting benchmarking report of European research centres. The report can be downloaded [here](#).

The spring semester has also been filled with events such as public seminars, participation in the Science Festival, and hosting research seminars with invited international guests. Thanks to everyone who have been organising, presenting and participating! Over the summer and into September CERGU will also host or co-host four international conferences and workshops (see below). Follow our website calendar and Facebook posts for continuous updates. In September the new academic year will begin, with many new CERGU-events and research. But before then, I wish everyone a well-deserved and relaxing summer's holiday!

Linda Berg

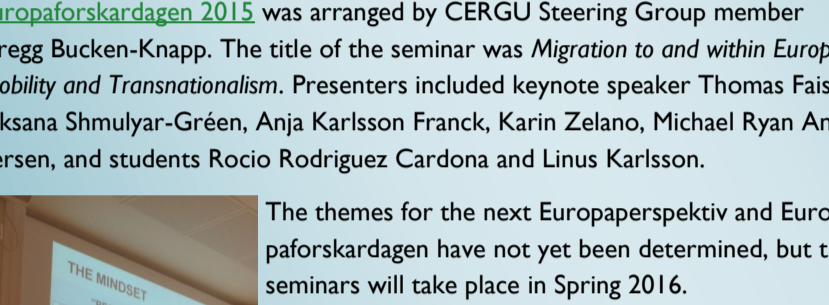
Stay tuned for our next newsletter in autumn 2015. In the meantime, like us on [Facebook](#), follow us on [Twitter](#), join our [LinkedIn](#) group, and check out our [website](#) where all the latest CERGU news and events will be posted!



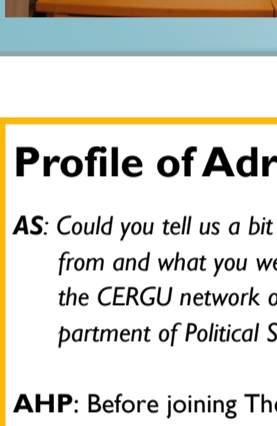
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Europaperspektiv and Europaforskardagen 2015

Every February and March CERGU arranges the annual Europaperspektiv (European Perspective) and Europaforskardagen (European Research Day). These public seminars reflect current events and past themes have encompassed such diverse subject areas as the Nordic place in Europe to more global issues like climate change and inequality. This year the title of *Europaperspektiv*'s resulting book was *Välfärdsgapet – EU:s sociala utmaning* (The Welfare Gap – the EU's Social Challenge). Contributing authors Anna-Sara Lind, Joakim Ruist, Ann-Cathrine Jungar, Nicholas Charron and Bo Rothstein presented their chapters to a rather large gathering in Hörsal Dragonen on the University of Gothenburg's campus on February 17, 2015.



Europaforskardagen 2015 was arranged by CERGU Steering Group member Gregg Bucken-Knapp. The title of the seminar was *Migration to and within Europe: Mobility and Transnationalism*. Presenters included keynote speaker Thomas Faist, Oksana Shmulyar-Gréen, Anja Karlsson Franck, Karin Zelazo, Michael Ryan Andersson, and students Rocío Rodríguez Cardona and Linus Karlsson.



The themes for the next Europaperspektiv and Europaforskardagen have not yet been determined, but the seminars will take place in Spring 2016.

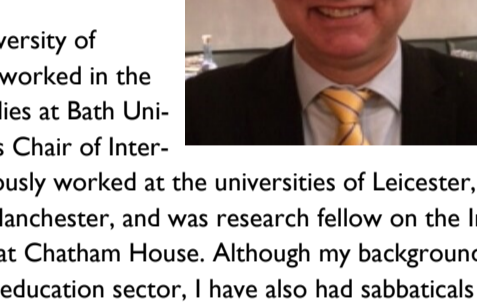
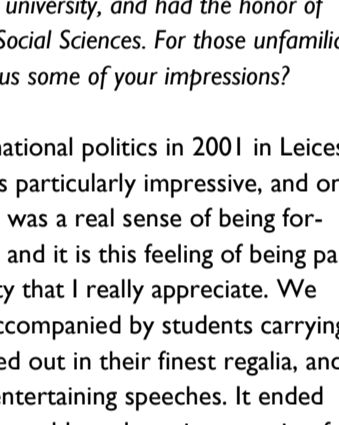


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Profile of Adrian Hyde-Price

AS: Could you tell us a bit about where you're from and what you were doing before joining the CERGU network of researchers and Department of Political Science in Gothenburg?



AHP: Before joining The University of Gothenburg in August 2014 I worked in the Department of European Studies at Bath University in the UK, where I was Chair of International Politics. I have previously worked at the universities of Leicester, Birmingham, Southampton and Manchester, and was research fellow on the International Security Programme at Chatham House. Although my background is primarily in the British higher education sector, I have also had sabbaticals at the Utrikespolitiska Institutet in Stockholm and Lund University, and at the Humboldt University, the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung in Germany.

AS: You were recently appointed Professor at the university, and had the honor of giving the speech representing the Faculty of Social Sciences. For those unfamiliar with this traditional ceremony, could you give us some of your impressions?

AHP: I was first appointed to a chair of international politics in 2001 in Leicester, but the ceremony here in Gothenburg was particularly impressive, and one of the highlights of my academic career. There was a real sense of being formally welcomed into a community of scholars, and it is this feeling of being part of a dynamic and vibrant intellectual community that I really appreciate. We paraded onto the stage of the Konserthuset accompanied by students carrying flags and the senior university leadership decked out in their finest regalia, and the ceremony included music and some very entertaining speeches. It ended with a splendid reception. All-in-all, a very memorable and moving occasion for me.

AS: Now to the Horizon 2020 application. Could you explain the scope and focus of the application you've been in charge of?

AHP: The H2020 application is a response to the EU Commission call on 'The European Union and the Eastern Partnership', and focuses in particular on the three east European countries of Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine. The project acronym is *EU ENGAGE*, and the full title is 'The European Union's Engagement with the Eastern Neighbourhood'.

AS: How is the consortium organized?

AHP: The consortium consists of twelve institutions from across Europe, and involves 34 individual scholars. CERGU is the lead institution, and the others are: the IEP in Berlin, the IAI in Rome, Charles University in Prague, the Austrian Institute for International Affairs, the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Birmingham University, Egmont in Brussels, IBEI in Barcelona, the Belarus Academy of Public Administration, the Moldovan State University and the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine. The consortium has a management structure that includes the Project Office in CERGU; the Core Group of 6 Work Package Leaders; and a Consortium Assembly of all 12 partner institutes. The consortium also includes a Scientific Advisory Board, of which Claes-Göran Alvstam is a member (he was the first to agree, so thanks Claes-Göran!).

AS: How does one undertake a huge application? How do you actually go about writing an application for Horizon 2020?

AHP: First of all, you need good people around you: in this respect, CERGU is ideal, because it has a great range of expertise, knowledge and contacts to draw upon. I could not have done this without the support of Birgitta, Linda, Rutger and Claes-Göran. Mohammed Belhaj in the Grants and Innovation Office was also a great help and support. Linda put me in contact with our CERGU colleague Tomas Weiss (from Charles University, Prague), who provided some useful ideas and contacts. Gregg Bucken-Knapp also provided excellent contacts in Belarus, which was crucial for building a viable consortium.

Second, you need an extensive range of contacts to draw upon: the Core Group includes some people I have worked with before, and others whom I knew by reputation. You need a consortium that not only consists of leading specialists and experts in the field, but people you can trust to meet deadlines and respond promptly to requests for information and material. You also need to ensure a gender balance at all levels of the project; a good geographical spread across EU member states; and a mix of senior academics and early to mid-career researchers. In the case of EU ENGAGE, we also needed partners from the eastern partnership countries.

Third, you need lots of time: a large application like H2020 involves a great deal of detailed work, and for a couple of months you should expect to work almost around the clock.

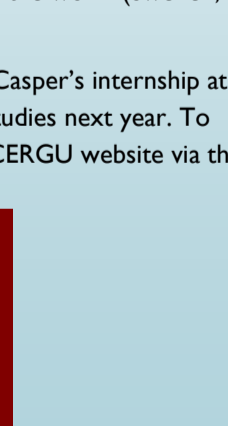
Fourth, you need to draw upon existing good practice in terms of putting together the application: I was able to draw upon my own experience being part of an FP7 project, and on examples taken from previous applications. Mohammed from the Grants and Innovation Office was very helpful in this respect.

Fifth, you need to be able to write three very different sections of the application: 'Excellence', which consists of the 'big idea' and outlines an innovative scientific approach; 'Impact', which involves a detailed and targeted dissemination strategy; and 'Implementation', which includes a management structure, financial planning, consortium organization and a gender strategy. Each section is marked out of 5 points, so each is equally important.

Finally, I would stress again that a large and complex application like H2020 is a team effort, and it is essential you can work with other people, delegate, consult, and take criticism and advice. Nonetheless, the ultimate responsibility for the application lies with the Project Coordinator, who has to take some tough decisions at times to ensure the cohesion and viability of the project. In the case of EU ENGAGE, the whole process was remarkably smooth, and despite a few crisis moments, we were able to submit the application a day before the final deadline.

CERGU's Place in the World of European Research Centers

During her time as intern at CERGU, Lena Caspers, a Master's student in European Studies delved deep into European research centers all over the world. From the US and the UK, to Asia, mainland Europe, and within Sweden, Lena conducted extensive research which resulted in an impressive spreadsheet and benchmarking report. The report explains how certain centers use social media to engage their community and research network. For instance, it details how half of the 91 centers in the report are actively utilizing Facebook. Slightly fewer are using Twitter and LinkedIn, and unlike CERGU, some are using such social media platforms as Tumblr, YouTube, Instagram, Google Plus, and even Pinterest!



Aside from its discussion of social media, the report and accompanying spreadsheet help to contextualize CERGU's work on thematic focus areas (Cultural Borders and Identity, Migration, Global Europe, Societal Challenges and Actors, and EU Institutions). Lena found that many centers were using thematic areas to group researchers into similar interests. The most common ones mentioned on the websites of European centers were Citizenship, Migration, and Identity. Something that CERGU is not doing now, but which other European centers are doing is to create thematic areas based on its location in the world (Sweden, or specifically, western Sweden).

This benchmarking report was the major focus of Lena Caspers' internship at CERGU. Lena will complete her Master's in European Studies next year. To read the full report and view the spreadsheet, visit the CERGU website via the box below:



CERGU Internal Conference 2015

On April 14, 2015, a group of CERGU researchers met for an internal conference which was held at Lindholmen Conference Centre on the island of Hisingsen. The day began with all researchers presenting their individual current projects. Afterward, each of the new CERGU postdocs (Andreas Hofmann, Brian Shaev, Katarzyna Wojnicka, and guest postdoc Guri Rosén) presented their proposed CERGU postdoc projects.

The conference included presentations by CERGU researcher Katarzyna Jezierska and CERGU Deputy Director Katarina Leppänen, as well as an in-depth presentation on the benchmarking report by Lena Caspers.

Before breaking for dinner, members of the CERGU Steering Group, Ann Ighe, Mats Andrén, and Urban Strandberg proposed some ideas for future CERGU collaborations. Overall, the day featured fruitful discussion, and many productive conversations about the exciting research going on within the CERGU network! The next internal conference will take place in spring 2016.



Coming Up: Autumn 2015

- * [Conference: Reconsidering Humanity: Big Data, the Scientific Method, and the Images of Humans](#)— Visual Arena Lindholmen (25-26/6)
- * [CERGU Breakfast](#)— Humanisten E 322 (8/9)
- * Evening Kickoff Event— Liseberg (8/9)
- * [Conference: IREC 2015— Converging or Diverging Industrial Relations in Europe?](#)— Sprängkullsgatan 25 (10-11/9)
- * [Guest Seminar: Harvey Feigenbaum](#)— Lilla Skansen (15/9)
- * [Gothenburg Workshop on Intra-Party Politics](#)— Stora Skansen (17-18/9)
- * [Conference: Translational Checkpoints in the Creative Industries](#)— Humanisten (28-29/9)
- * [Panel/Event and CES Graduation Ceremony](#)— Vasarparken (9/10)

For further dates and specific times, check [CERGU's website](#)!



CERGU End-of-Year Lunch at Scandic Rubinen, June 2015

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