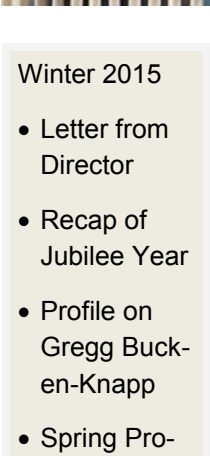




## CERGU Winter 2015 Newsletter



### Director's Letter

Welcome back after the holidays to a new year! We have left an eventful 2014 behind, a year of commemoration, whether it has been the 100 years since the start of WW1, or as here at the [Centre for European Research \(CERGU\)](#) where we have highlighted the 20th anniversary of Sweden joining the EU. Together with the [Centre for European Studies \(CES\)](#), which celebrates 15 years since the start of the successful [European Studies Programmes](#), we have had a series of anniversary events this year ("Jubileumsåret"). More information about some of the highlights can be found below. One example is the events which took place on 10-11 October, which included a meeting with CERGU's [International Advisory Board \(IAB\)](#), presentations by the CERGU postdocs, a public seminar about the new leadership in the EU, and the CES graduation ceremony including the winner of [The Rutger Lindahl Award](#). Another example is the full day seminar on the 20th anniversary of the referendum, 14 November. CERGU has also produced a book on the first 20 years of Swedish EU-membership: "[Förhoppningar och farhågor – Sveriges första 20 år i EU](#)", which was publicly launched on 9 December.

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#### New CERGU Working Paper

CERGU researcher, Lisbeth Aggestam (Department of Political Science) has published a new working paper based on a panel discussion from Almedalsveckan 2014. The panel featured Christophe Hillion, Christian Leffler, Mikaela Kumlin-Granit, and Adrian Hyde-Price.

[European Leadership in Transition and Crisis](#)

is published on CERGU's website in our Working Paper Series.



CERGU members were also successful in attracting external funding in 2014 (read more below): congratulations to Lisbeth Aggestam, Daniel Naurin, Anja K. Franck, Claes G. Alvstam and Kerstin Jacobsson! In 2015 we will also work on large-scale applications, e.g. participation in the [UGOT Challenges](#) application process, where scholars from medicine, law, arts and social sciences team up to allow the University of Gothenburg to meet one of the most pressing new global challenges — migration, under the skilful lead of [Gregg Bucken-Knapp](#) and [Andrea Spehar](#). Gregg is also a new member in the [Steering Group](#) (representing the Faculty of Social Sciences), welcoming Gregg (and read more about him below)! Moreover, [Adrian Hyde-Price](#), together with partners around Europe, is building a consortium about security challenges, aiming for a [Horizon 2020](#) application in May.

We will continue to organise many events this year, see our calendar for the spring semester. Thanks everyone for making 2014 such a success, and best wishes for 2015!

Linda Berg

#### CERGU Book Launch: [Förhoppningar och farhågor – Sveriges första 20 år i EU](#)

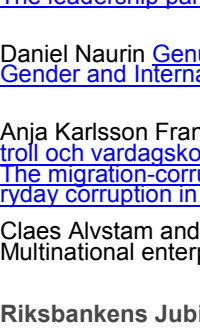
This year's book features reflections on the twenty years that Sweden has been a member of the European Union. It has contributions by more than 20 researchers in CERGU's network.



#### Coming Up: Spring 2015

- [Research Application Seminar](#) — Humanisten E 322 (13/1)
- [Europaperspektiv 2015](#) — Hörsal Dragonen (17/2)
- [Europaforskardagen 2015](#) — B32 Handelshögskolan (17/3)
- [CERGU Internal Conference](#) (14/4)
- [The Science Festival](#) on the theme of *Life and Death* (15-19/4)

#### Funding Success for CERGU



CERGU wishes to congratulate Lisbeth Aggestam, Daniel Naurin, Anja Karlsson Franck as well as Kerstin Jacobsson and Claes Alvstam for their successful project applications to The Swedish Central Bank (Riksbanken) for research financing for 2014! Click on the respective project names to find out more about the projects.

Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, projects:

Lisbeth Aggestam [Ledarskapsparadoxen inom EU:s utrikespolitik](#)  
[The leadership paradox in EU foreign policy](#)

Daniel Naurin [Genus i internationella förhandlingar](#)  
[Gender and International Negotiations](#)

Anja Karlsson Franck [Migration och korruption: "Securitization", inre gränskontroll och vardagskorruption i Malaysia och Grekland](#)  
[The migration-corruption nexus: Securitization, internal border control and everyday corruption in Malaysia and Greece](#)

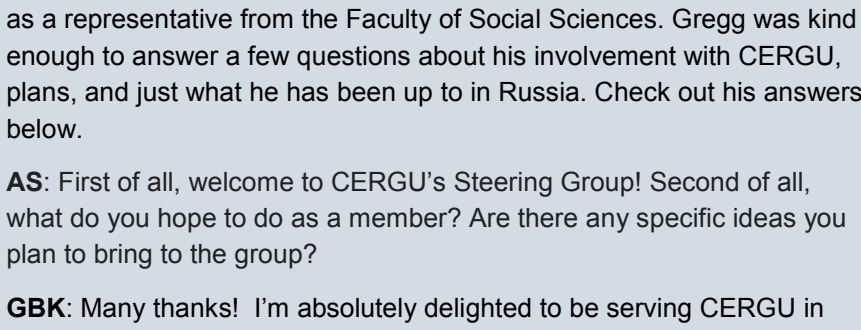
Claes Alvstam and Inge Ivarsson Globalisation of Research & Development in Multinational enterprises: Need for new models of explanation

Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, Styrning och granskning av det offentliga:

Kerstin Jacobsson [Granskningskulturen och handläggaren: En studie av Arbetsförmedlingen och Försäkringskassan](#)  
[Audit Culture and the Caseworker: A Study of the Swedish Public Employment Service and the Swedish Social Insurance Agency](#)

#### 2014 Rutger Lindahl Award for Best Master's Thesis in European Studies

The 2014 Rutger Lindahl Award was presented to Maj Gustafsson for her Master's thesis, "A Political Bellwether? The European Commission's Interaction with the Court of Justice of the European Union Under the Preliminary Ruling Procedure."



#### Profile of Gregg Bucken-Knapp

In late 2014, [Gregg Bucken-Knapp joined the CERGU Steering Group](#) as a representative from the Faculty of Social Sciences. Gregg was kind enough to answer a few questions about his involvement with CERGU, plans, and just what he has been up to in Russia. Check out his answers below.

**AS:** First of all, welcome to CERGU's Steering Group! Second of all, what do you hope to do as a member? Are there any specific ideas you plan to bring to the group?

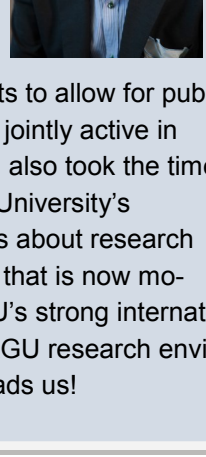
**GBK:** Many thanks! I'm absolutely delighted to be serving CERGU in this capacity. Like any new member of a steering group, I'd say my first task is to learn how to carry out my duties properly and to see how the steering group as a whole engages in discussion about CERGU priorities. To that end, I'm looking forward to my first steering group meeting a great deal, and especially to having the opportunity to meet my new colleagues. When it comes to ideas, it's no secret that I am quite the enthusiast when it comes to internationalization of research environments, which is one of the most inspiring and impressive features of CERGU. To the extent that I can contribute to the development of international initiatives, be they research collaboration, conferences and workshop, recruitment, or publications strategies, I'd be delighted.

**AS:** Could you talk some about the [UGOT Challenges](#) application and your role as project leader?

**GBK:** Absolutely. Together with Andrea Spehar, I'm responsible for CERGU's UGOT Challenge bid to establish a new interdisciplinary research center: CERGU Migration and Integration Research Center. Given that CERGU has migration as one of its thematic areas of focus, and given that migration and integration continue to be among the most hotly debated issues, both inside the walls of academia and outside, this became an ideal opportunity to make the case for an interdisciplinary center highlighting the global challenge of migration. We've already assembled a fascinating team of scholars from across the university, including those working in health sciences, fine arts, law, as well as social sciences and the humanities. One of the most encouraging parts of the application work thus far has been to see the genuine opportunities for collaboration across a wide range of fields as we developed ideas for the research themes guiding the center's work. We truly believe that there is enormous potential in our proposed center, and we're hopeful that the University will share our sentiment.

**AS:** You returned from a trip to Russia not too long ago. What were you doing there? Is there a possibility for collaboration with CERGU in the future?

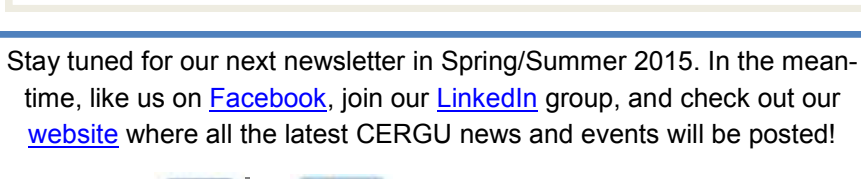
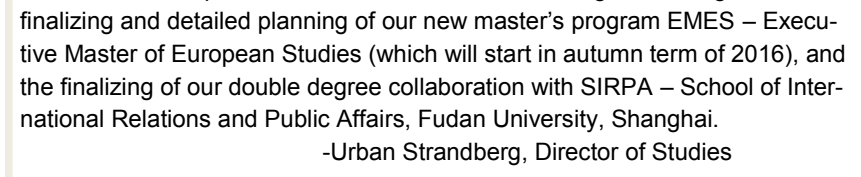
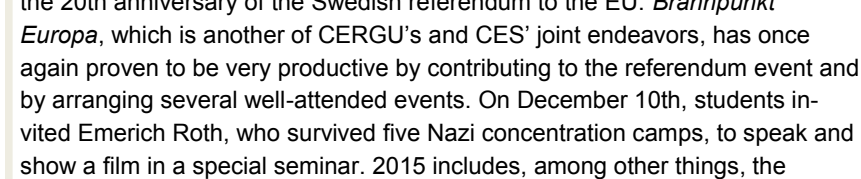
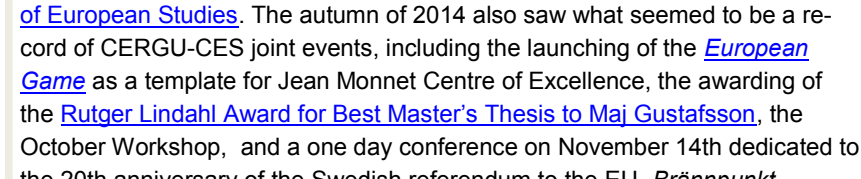
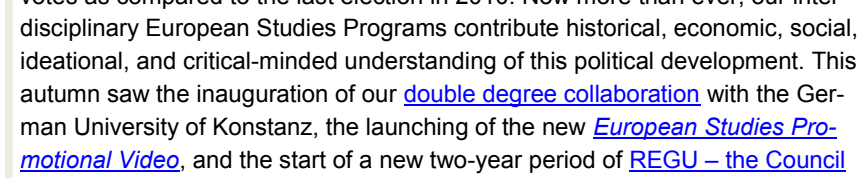
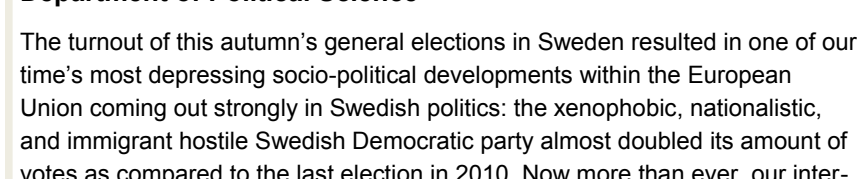
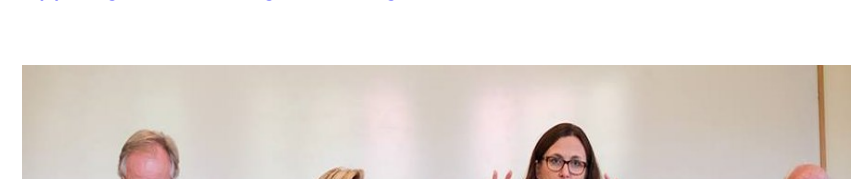
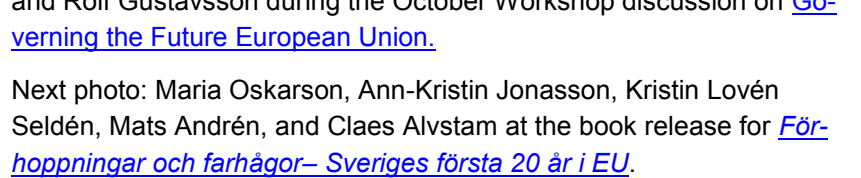
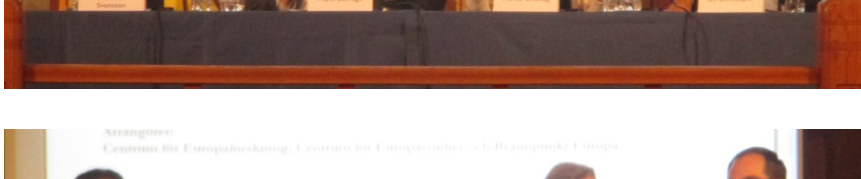
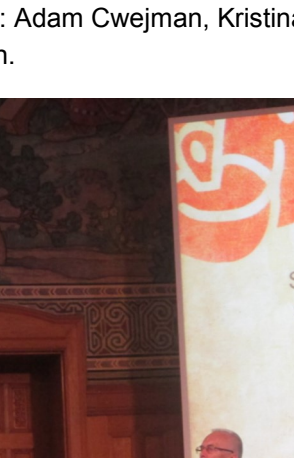
**GBK:** Yes, I've made quite a few trips to Russia this past year in order to explore possibilities for research collaboration at different universities, as well as student and staff exchange. In late September, thanks to generous funding from the University's International Centre, I had the opportunity to spend a week at the Siberian Branch of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy & Public Administration. One of the key issues on the table was discussing pilot projects to allow for public administration students at our two universities to be jointly active in certain lectures and seminars via videoconferencing. I also took the time to meet with colleagues at Lomonosov Moscow State University's School of Public Administration to continue discussions about research collaboration. It is an ongoing discussion, but it is one that is now moving quickly in the right direction. Naturally, given MSU's strong international orientation, I made a point of discussing the CERGU research environment while there. We shall have to see where it leads us!



## Jubileumsåret 2014

Pictures from the CERGU event [Hur tänkte vi och hur blev det?](#) marking 20 years since the referendum on Swedish membership to the European Union.

Top row: Anton Jansson, PhD student; Eva-Britt Svensson and Malena Rosén-Sundström. Below: Malena Rosén-Sundström, Rutger Lindahl, Kerstin Jacobsson, and Bo Stråth. Next photo: Eva-Britt Svensson, Frank Befrage, Marita Ulvén Seldén, and Ulf Dirinkelso. Next photo: Adam Cwejman, Kristina Lovén Seldén, Joel Furvik, and Magnus Nilsson.



#### Letter from CES – Centre for European Studies, Department of Political Science

The turnout of this autumn's general elections in Sweden resulted in one of our time's most depressing socio-political developments within the European Union coming out strongly in Swedish politics: the xenophobic, nationalistic, and immigrant hostile Swedish Democratic party almost doubled its amount of votes as compared to the last election in 2010. Now more than ever, our interdisciplinary European Studies Programs contribute historical, economic, social, ideological, and critical-minded understanding to the referendum development. This autumn saw the inauguration of our [doubling degree collaboration](#) with the German University of Konstanz, the launching of the new [European Studies Promotional Video](#), and the start of a new two-year period of [REGU – the Council of European Studies](#). The autumn of 2014 also saw what seemed to be a record of CERGU-CES joint events, including the launching of the [European Game](#) as a template for Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, the awarding of the [Rutger Lindahl Award for Best Master's Thesis to Maj Gustafsson](#), the October Workshop, and a one day conference on November 14th dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the Swedish referendum to the EU. *Brännpunkt Europa*, which is another of CERGU's and CES' joint endeavors, has once again proven to be very productive by contributing to the referendum event and by arranging several well-attended events. On December 10th, students invited Emerich Roth, who survived five Nazi concentration camps, to speak and show a film in a special seminar. 2015 includes, among other things, the finalizing and detailed planning of our new master's program EMES – Executive Master of European Studies (which will start in autumn term of 2016), and the finalizing of our double degree collaboration with SIRPA – School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University, Shanghai.

-Urban Strandberg, Director of Studies

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



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