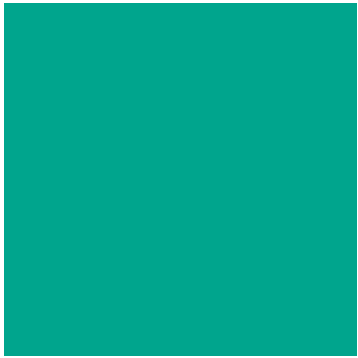
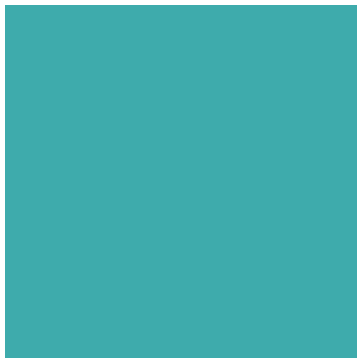
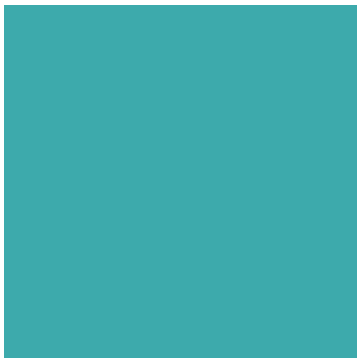
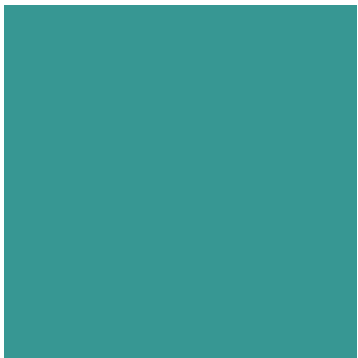


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**2012
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ARENA - Centre for European Studies (originally Advanced Research on the Europeanisation of the Nation-State) was established as a ten-year research programme in 1994. In 2004, ARENA became a permanent part of the University of Oslo as a research centre based at the Faculty of Social Sciences.

ARENA is an internationally recognised research community, which studies the ongoing processes of political integration and change in Europe. ARENA's aim is to conduct theoretically founded and empirically informed basic research; to publish in internationally renowned journals and publishing houses, and to enhance cooperation with other leading research communities.

ARENA is an integrated research centre organised around a set of core research themes. It consists of a community of active researchers organised in several coherent

sub-groups. The researchers interact regularly with national and international colleagues, not least through a number of research projects and at international conferences, but also at in-house seminars and workshops such as the institutionalised ARENA Tuesday Seminars.

In 2012, ARENA researchers undertook research within a number of projects, published widely, and reported research findings at a large number of external and internal academic and other events.

In 2012, the continual financial crisis of the Eurozone has been the focus of attention of scholars as well as of the general public all over Europe and beyond. The crisis has left a lasting imprint on the institutional architectonic of the European Union. This has not only added complexity to the field of European studies but also exacerbated the democratic challenges facing the EU. At the same time, the EU's importance for peace

through institution-building was recognised by the Nobel Peace Prize Committee. This was a reminder of the EU's values and important contribution to the pacification of the international relations in Europe.

Norway's peculiar political situation has increasingly attracted public attention. For most practical purposes Norway is a de facto EU-member, because of the many agreements it has with the Union, such as the EEA and Schengen. Norway's close relationship with the EU, its dependence on the European integration process, has been documented by ARENA researchers over the years.

These are some examples of ongoing developments that pose politically salient and academically pertinent questions for the ARENA research team. The financial, economic as well as the social and political crises, and the necessary reforms discussed in the EU today occupy a prominent place in the research agenda of the national and international networks and projects, which the centre coordinates and participates in. There is an urgent need for more research and knowledge of the unprecedented processes of integration (and possibly disintegrating) processes in Europe and the democratic problems they bring to the fore. ARENA has suggested new research projects, which deal with recent developments within the European political order and society(ies) and the intricacies they represent for the prospects of a democratic Europe.

In addition to the development of new research projects and several large-scale applications to Norwegian and European funding agencies in 2012, ARENA researchers ran several research projects including EuroTrans (The Transformation and Sustainability of the European Political Order), NORCONE (The Norwegian Constitution in a Changing European Context) and FLAGSHIP (European Flagship Universities), all financed by the Research Council of Norway. The EPISTO project (Why not Epistocracy? Political legitimacy and the fact of expertise), also financed by the

Research Council of Norway, commenced in 2012.

ARENA staged several public events in 2012, such as the ARENA lecture by Seyla Benhabib on 'Challenges to Cosmopolitanism in Contemporary Europe', the 1814 lecture by Jan-Werner Müller on 'Fear and Freedom' and a Partnerforum seminar on the EU and the Nobel Peace Prize.

This report contains the main research activities at ARENA in 2012: the Centre's publications, events and dissemination activities.

Research agenda

The research at ARENA is dedicated to the study of the European political order and how it is transformed through processes of political integration. The research at the centre is organised in line with the four main research areas of the *EuroTrans* project, which cover the following dimensions:

- the administrative-regulative dimension of the political order;
- the constitutional-democratic dimension of the political order;
- the cognitive-cultural dimension of the political order;
- the external dimension of the political order.

ARENA is involved in several large and small projects funded by different sources. Some projects are initiated and coordinated by ARENA researchers, such as the EPISTO, NORCONE and FLAGSHIP projects, but ARENA also participates as a partner in a number of projects and networks coordinated at other universities and research institutions across Europe, and beyond.

The Transformation and Sustainability of the European Political Order (EuroTrans)

The multilevel constellation that makes up the European Union is a unique political system. In the EuroTrans project we ask: How are decisions made at the many levels of the EU? Which are the processes of democratisation? How is the EU changing and what are the consequences for its citizens and member states?

About

The traditional model of democratic rule is based on national control and the territorial delimitation of sovereignty. In Europe this has been supplemented with forms of supra-national governance, direct participation and representation.

The EU is an innovative order, providing answers to some of the challenges facing the nation state, but at the same time raising questions about how this order ensures effective action and democratic self-determination in a globalised world. The EU's multi-level system of governance, with its local, national and supranational elements, represents an experimentarium for research on the conditions for democratic rule and change.

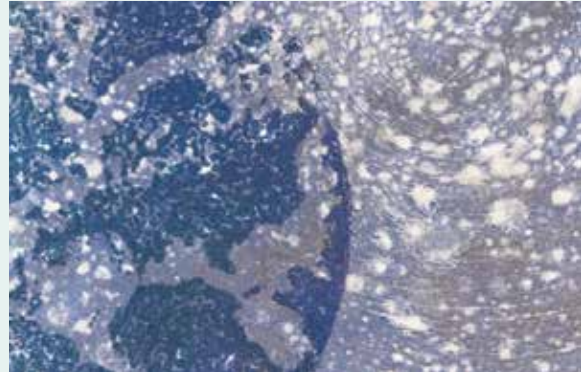
The research under EuroTrans covers the following dimensions of the political order:

- The administrative-regulative dimension
- The constitutional-democratic dimension
- The cognitive-cultural dimension
- The external dimension

Objectives

EuroTrans studies the direction, dynamics and sustainability of the evolving European political order.

- What are the key characteristics and components of the new emerging order?
- What are the implications for member states' governing arrangements and for



- the citizens of Europe?
- How robust is this new system and what are the conditions for change?
- How can the multilevel constellation that makes up the EU be assessed from the point of view of democracy and rule of law?

Funding

The Research Council of Norway's ten-year programme 'Europe in Transition'.

Project period

01.10.2007–31.12.2012

ARENA project members

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Hans-Jörg Trenz

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All ARENA researchers

Cooperation

A total of more than 50 cooperating researchers, 35 of them from universities outside Norway.

More: arena.uio.no/eurotrans

The Norwegian Constitution in a Changing European Context (NORCONE)

Some claim that in today's Europe the constitutional-democratic character and legitimacy of the EU's member states can no longer be established without taking the effects of the EU properly into account. If so, does this also apply to a closely associated non-member such as Norway? And, what are the implications for the ability of Norwegian citizens to govern themselves through law and politics?

About

NORCONE (The Norwegian Constitution in a Changing European Context) examines how Norway's constitutional development is tied up with and affected by the EU.

Constitutions always evolve in their international contexts. Legal developments beyond the nation state are profound, not least as a consequence of the European Union, which many analysts and decision-makers understand as a constitutional order. Formally speaking, Norway is not a member of the EU. However, it is closely affiliated with it, first and foremost through the European Economic Area (EEA) Agreement, but also through the Schengen Agreement, and a range of other agreements.

Objectives

The main purpose of the project is to establish the nature of the EU's constitutional developments as well as the constitutional implications for Norway which stem from its relationship with the EU. Are Norwegian citizens able to govern themselves autonomously through politics and law within the new European context?

This project takes as its main point of departure the challenges and opportunities for democracy in international society. International developments raise the question of the relationship between constitution and



The Norwegian constitution, various editions.
(Photo: Stortinget)

sovereignty. It challenges the idea of national sovereignty safeguarding constitutional rule, and thus the protection of citizens' rights and interests, which in turn enables and justifies democracy.

The development of systems of rights and law enforcement beyond the nation state has first delimited, and later redefined, the principle of state sovereignty. In Europe this development has been particularly strong due to the existence of the EU, an organisation capable of rights enforcement. The focus of NORCONE is on the implications of the European integration process on Norwegian constitutional democracy. It addresses the broader process of juridification, and the role and status of the Norwegian Constitution and the implications for democracy.

NORCONE will result in two books: one in English on Europe's democratic-constitutional development; and one edited volume in Norwegian integrating and synthesising a, for now, fragmented and dispersed knowledge base with reference to Norway's relations to the EU. This book will update existing knowledge and establish a conception of Norway's constitutional-democratic status.

The project will conclude prior to the 200th anniversary celebration of the Norwegian Constitution in 2014. The aim is to stimulate a qualified public debate on the living constitution of Norway in light of the principles laid down in 1814, the inspiration and genesis of which are truly European.

Funding

The Research Council of Norway's Norwegian Constitution Bicentennial 2014 research initiative

Project period

01.07.2011–30.06.2013

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Why not EPISTOcracy? Political legitimacy and ‘the fact of expertise’

The EPISTO project examines and assesses the legitimacy of expert rule in modern democracies with a particular focus on the European Union and the European Commission’s expert groups.

About

The EU has recently taken unprecedented administrative and legal measures to address threats of terror, the euro crisis, and environmental challenges. Critics claim that the Union’s crises management contributes to pushing the EU further towards technocracy and expert-rule.

Is Europe abandoning democracy as we know it? And if so, is this a problem? Some would say no. To deal with the risks and hazards globalisation throws upon us, they would argue, the best available expertise must be mobilised and given the necessary power, even if we by doing so are challenging familiar ideas of democracy. If more power to the experts can help save the planet, the economy, health, security and other basic goods, we should not hesitate embracing it or worry so much about democratic standards. Why stick to ideas of ‘rule of the people’ that may turn out to be irrelevant and even dangerous in a world that is in urgent need of decisions based on our best knowledge? Why not opt for what political philosopher David Estlund refers to as ‘epistocracy’ – a ‘rule of the knowers’?

EPISTO will elaborate on this and other arguments for expert-rule, test the soundness of their empirical assumptions, and develop a sophisticated and robust normative defense of democracy in Europe that specifies the legitimate role and scope of expert power.

More: arena.uio.no/episto



Raphael: The School of Athens (Source: Wikipedia Commons)

Objectives

The EPISTO project will:

- elaborate on different dimensions of knowledge-based rule and develop an epistocracy-typology
- discuss and identify the proper standards for assessing the normative legitimacy of expertise arrangement based on recent contributions and debates in political philosophy and democratic theory
- map and analyse the European Commission’s expert group system, its composition and powers
- study expertise behaviour, deliberation and rationality in the context of this system, and discuss and assess this system’s normative legitimacy in light of its empirical characteristics

Funding

The EPISTO project reached the final round of the European Research Council’s Starting Grant competition and was later financed by the Research Council of Norway.

Project period

01.07.2012–31.06.2017

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European Flagship Universities Balancing Academic Excellence and Socio-Economic Relevance (FLAGSHIP)

The FLAGSHIP project examines and compares the strategies of Norwegian and other Western European universities in adapting to a global context that requires a better balance between academic excellence and socio-economic relevance.

About

FLAGSHIP examines the ways in which European flagship universities have adapted over the last ten years to far-reaching changes in their political and socio-economic environments, and the extent to which these adaptations are initiated and implemented by the institutional leadership or as a consequence of external change drivers. A 'flagship' university is defined as a comprehensive research-intensive university,



Archway in the Domus Media building at the University of Oslo (Photo: University of Oslo).

located in one of its country's largest urban areas. A flagship university is in general among the oldest and largest institutions for higher learning of its country.

Objectives

The overall objective of this project is to produce relevant insights into the way in which selected flagship universities in Europe interpret and use their institutional autonomy in creating an effective balance between strengthening the excellence and securing the socio-economic relevance of their academic activities.

The project addresses the following two questions:

- What are the organised settings and institutional characteristics that attract highly qualified staff and students, encourage academic excellence and free enquiry and also make universities take seriously their social and economic responsibilities?
- What are the main factors that over the last ten years have affected these organised university settings and institutional characteristics?

For understanding the way in which European research-intensive universities adapt their strategies, structures, policies and practices, one has to understand how specific university actions relate to European-level ambitions and interventions, as well as to the national legal, financial-economic, and political traditions and realities. Based on this understanding, the strategic room to manoeuvre that these universities have, as well as the way in which they use this autonomy, will be examined.

This will be done through case studies of nine selected institutions. These are 'flagship' universities in small nations in Northern and Western Europe: Universities of Copenhagen, Helsinki, Oslo, and Stockholm, the Universities of Amsterdam and Leuven, and the Universities of Vienna and Zurich.

FLAGSHIP's aim is to provide Norwegian universities and policy makers with a better understanding of the change dynamics of flagship universities in selected other

European countries and the ways in which changes in Norwegian universities compare to these. The aim is further to contribute to the discussion on the autonomy of Norwegian universities and university colleges, as well as to the strengthening of the knowledge basis of Norwegian knowledge area policies, especially in the areas of research and innovation.

Funding

The Research Council of Norway's programme Knowledge base for research and innovation policy (FORFI)

Project period

01.09.2011–31.08.2013

ARENA project members

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More: arena.uio.no/flagship

Other projects

Menu for Justice – Towards a European Curriculum Studiorum on Judicial Studies

A common legal framework and a convergent judicial culture represent one of the pillars on which the European integration process has been pivoting since its very beginning. Today, more than ever, the understanding and the maintenance of the tempo and the direction of the integration need to rely on a common language with which Europeans and European policy makers develop a dialogue across domestic and cultural differences.

Menu for Justice is the first European project that takes seriously the issue of how young generations should be trained in law and legal matters and how the prospective experts of law and courts should be provided of new skills and competences to effectively face the challenges of a common judicial space. With 50 partners in Europe, the project aims at assessing principal shortcomings of legal education, developing an innovative curriculum studiorum in judicial studies, and offering the EU and the public basic guidelines to monitor the way legal and judicial training are changing in the EU, all over the cycles of education (from undergraduate to graduate, PhD programmes and vocational learning).

Project type

Erasmus Structural Network funded by the European Commission's EU Lifelong Learning Programme

Project period

01.09.2009–30.09.2012

ARENA project members

Ian Cooper and Christer Gulbrandsen

Responding to Complex Diversity in Europe and Canada (RECODE)

The process of nation-building has generally been described in terms of struggles for territorial concentration of power, political participation and social rights. Many of these conflicts can be equated with the development of industrial society. Since then, social and political alignments have experienced a great change. What could be deemed the *simple diversity* of industrial societies has given place to a new, *complex diversity* in which a variety of social, political and cultural cleavages overlap and compete for political legitimacy at a national and supranational level.

RECODE's concern is that within a context wherein the nation state may no longer sustain its role as the dominant social organisation and mode of community, these cleavages may interact in such a manner as to pose particularly demanding challenges (but also offer possibilities) for the political authorities. RECODE examines four issue areas in depth in order to achieve a clearer sense of *complex diversity*, its implications for public policy, and policy suggestions: linguistic diversity; de-territorialised diversity; religious diversity, and; diversity and redistribution.

Project type

Research Networking Programme financed by the European Science Foundation

Project period

01.06.2010–01.06.2014

ARENA project members

John Erik Fossum, Christopher Lord, Espen D. H. Olsen and Hans-Jörg Trenz

Linking Interdisciplinary Integration Studies by Broadening the European Network (LISBOAN)

As of December 2009, the Lisbon Treaty has become the EU's new fundamental framework for the foreseeable future. The analysis of altered or novel treaty provisions has consequently become a high priority for interdisciplinary research-based teaching curricula in EU studies. LISBOAN promotes synergies between research and teaching, highlights innovative approaches and establishes best practices in teaching this key issue to present and future generations of students. It also includes an annual 'Lisbon Watch'.

LISBOAN is a network of 67 partner institutions from 32 countries, covering all EU member states as well as Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Turkey, and includes the key disciplines of economics, history, law, and political science.

Project type

Erasmus Academic Network funded by the European Commission's EU Lifelong Learning Programme

Project period

01.10.2010–30.09.2013

ARENA project members

Ian Cooper, Erik O. Eriksen, John Erik Fossum and Christopher Lord

Parliament Staff – Backgrounds, Career Patterns and Behaviour of Officials in the European Parliament

As the European Parliament (EP) has grown both in competencies and power, its administrative apparatus has become professionalised and increased considerably in number. This development has not yet been studied thoroughly. What kind of administration the EP has is not a minor matter as over 6000 officials currently work for the EP, in addition to the secretariats of the various political groups. They take increasingly part in the drafting of policy documents and stay in contact with lobbyists, and thus provide important decision-making premises.

This project examines the policy-making role of the EP's Secretariat and the secretariats of the political groups. It unveils *which* concerns and *whose* arguments officials in the EP assign weight to when shaping the informational foundation for policy-making.

Project type

Grant from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Project period

01.01.2012–31.12.2012

ARENA project members

Morten Egeberg, Jarle Trondal, and Åse Gornitzka

Publications

ARENA researchers published a number of books, special issues of journals, peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters in 2012. A complete overview of publications is listed in the following.

ARENA has its own in-house series of reports and working papers. The ARENA Working Paper Series publishes pre-print manuscripts by ARENA researchers or from external researchers presenting their research at ARENA seminars. The series is part of the European Research Paper Archive (ERPA), which is a common access point and database for 17 online series in the field of European integration research.

The ARENA Report Series consists of proceedings from workshops or conferences, project reports, PhD and Master theses supervised at ARENA.

Publications 2009-2012

Type	2009	2010	2011	2012
Monographs	3	2	1	1
Edited books	3	1	2	4
Special issues of journals	1	1	2	-
Book chapters	21	30	21	31
Journal articles	32	21	24	15
ARENA Working Papers	14	16	15	7
ARENA Reports	7	6	9	4
PhD theses	-	3	1	1
MA theses	3	3	3	2

Books



Rethinking Democracy and the European Union

*Erik Oddvar Eriksen and
John Erik Fossum (eds)
Routledge, 2012*

While the Lisbon treaty was meant to clarify the European Union's role and political identity, it remains a challenge for politicians and decision-makers to define. *Rethinking Democracy and the European Union* looks at both the concept of the EU as a political system, questions whether EU politics require a new theory of democracy, and evaluates the relationship between union and state, and the possible future of post-national democracy.

The book draws upon leading scholars and practitioners from the ARENA coordinated RECON project to frame and analyse a range of institutional realms and policy fields, including constitutionalisation, representative developments, gender politics, civil society and public sphere, identity, and security and globalisation.

In addition to the editors, the following ARENA staff has also contributed to this volume: **Christopher Lord**, **Agustín José Menéndez**, **Hans-Jörg Trenz**, and **Helene Sjursen**.



Transnational Citizenship in the European Union Past, Present and Future

*Espen D. H. Olsen
Continuum, 2012*

This book argues that European citizenship is transnational, a status that has emerged incrementally during the European integration process.

It follows an institutionalist approach and traces the development of citizenship discourse from the founding treaties of the EU to the most recent effort of constitution-making and the Lisbon Treaty. This helps demonstrate that such discourse has followed a path based on the foundational principles of free movement and non-discrimination rather than revolutionary ideas of a postnational citizenship beyond the nation-state.



Multilayered Representation in the EU

Parliaments, Courts and the Public Sphere

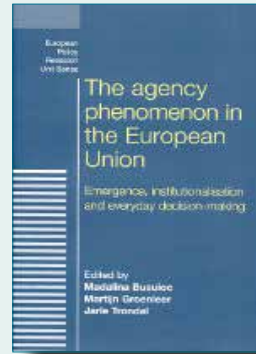
Christopher Lord (with Tatjana Evas and Ulrike Liebert) (eds)

Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, 2012

The evolving European Union brings up vital questions about where democracy is heading. This book contributes to this discussion by offering critical appraisals and constructive propositions by eminent experts engaging with the novel configuration of ‘multilayered representation’.

Key issues are the ‘European Multilevel Parliamentary Field’, the role of European Jurisprudence for representation, and the emerging European public sphere.

The volume includes several contributions from ARENA staff, including **John Erik Fossum**, **Asimina Michailidou** and **Hans-Jörg Trencz**.



The Agency Phenomenon in the European Union

Emergence, Institutionalisation and Everyday Decision-making

Jarle Trondal (with Madalina Busuioc and Martijn Groenleer) (eds)

Manchester University Press, 2012

One can observe a new international interest in the Arctic amid a certain expansion of the rule-of-law principle in the international arena. The Arctic is on the agenda of the European Union, and also the new globalised world affects this unwelcoming region.

The contributors to this special issue of *International Journal* look at how globalisation is affecting the Arctic. They discuss how the Arctic has opened up: is the region completely open, or does it have regulated access? To whom has it opened up: is the region open to anybody, only for invited multinational corporations or only to other Arctic states? And, finally, what is opened up: common areas, border areas or domestic areas, or all of the above?

ARENA-affiliated contributors include **Morten Egeberg** and former PhD fellow **Maria Martens**.



The Politicization of Europe Contesting the Constitution in the Mass Media

Hans-Jörg Trezn (with Paul Statham)
Routledge, 2012

This book examines how mass media debates have contributed to the politicisation of the European Union. The public controversies over the EU's attempted Constitution-making (and its failure) sowed the seeds for a process of politicisation that has advanced ever since: an increasing visibility for the EU in mass-mediated public debates that is combined with a growing public contestation over Europe within national politics.

The book presents an original systematic study of the emerging field of political discourse carried by the mass media in France, Germany and Britain to examine the performance of Europe's public sphere. Whilst the EU's increasing politicisation can be seen as beneficial to European democracy, potentially 'normalising' the EU-level within national politics, the same developments can also be a threat to democracy, leading to populist and xenophobic responses and a decline in political trust.

Such discussions are key to understanding the EU's legitimacy and how its democratic politics can work in an era of mediated politics.



The EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy The Quest for Democracy

Helene Sjursen (ed.)
Routledge, 2012

This book reorients the study of European foreign and security policy towards the question of democracy. Blending insights from international relations and democratic theory, it aims to enhance our understanding of the issues at stake. The main structures, the institutional setting and the procedures that govern decision-making in this domain are examined. In this way, the book supplements studies with a more traditional focus on the substance of foreign policy. What are the democratic challenges in this distinct field of policy-making?

The Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) of the European Union (EU) is usually assumed to be intergovernmental. Contributors to this book examine the extent to which a move beyond intergovernmentalism has taken place, how this manifests itself, and what may be the democratic implications. While the EU's international outlook testifies to a quest for democracy, the institutions and procedures that govern decision-making are found wanting.

Originally published as a special issue of *Journal of European Public Policy*. ARENA-contributors also include **Erik Oddvar Eriksen** and **Chris Lord**.

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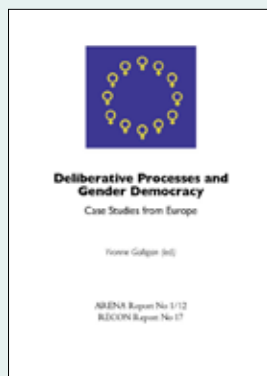
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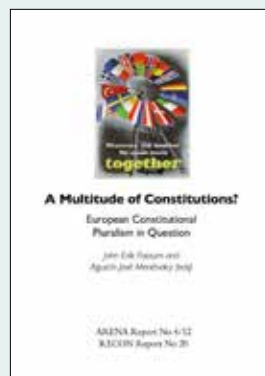
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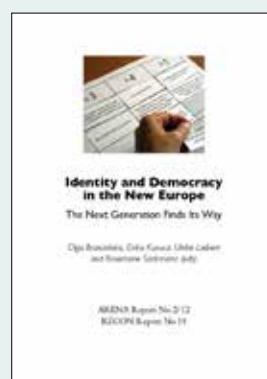
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Events

ARENA organises a number of academic events each year, from large international conferences to smaller workshops. ARENA also organises regular Tuesday Seminars where external scholars as well as ARENA researchers are invited to present and defend their work.

In 2012, researchers also organised and chaired panels and workshops as part of international academic conferences organised by the International Political Science Association (IPSA) and the Research Programme on Democracy at the University of Oslo. Moreover, they participated at numerous academic events worldwide, including conferences organised by associations such as the the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), the European Sociological Association (ESA), the European Union Studies Association (EUSA), the International Studies Association (ISA), the International Political Science Association (IPSA), the European Group for Public Administration (EGPA) and the University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES), in addition to giving invited lectures and academic papers at events organised by various research projects, networks and academic institutions.

Public defence: Europeanization in a global context

Oslo, 27 September 2012

Christer Gulbrandsen defended his dissertation 'Europeanization in a global context. A study of a national maritime safety agency's work with global and European rules'.

Do the characteristics of the European executive order engender administrative behaviour by national agency officials that differ from those engendered by the traditional intergovernmental order, and if so, how?

That is the question Gulbrandsen asked in his doctoral dissertation, which is made up of three articles concerned with individual aspects of this problem within the maritime safety sector: The impact on practical implementation by 'street-level bureaucrats', the impact on administrative behaviour within a national agency and the impact on intra-EU coordination at negotiations in a global international organisation, the International Maritime Organization.

The dissertation finds three mechanisms whereby the EU changes administrative behaviour: Firstly, compliance with EU rules become more important than compliance with IMO rules. Secondly, the EU directly transforms the practical implementation of both EU and IMO rules. Thirdly, the EU imposes a coordination regime that fundamentally alters the relationship of EU states with the IMO.

However, the dissertation also finds three limitations to this transformation: Firstly, the IMO is a more comprehensive regulator within the sector. Secondly, the formal aspects of relations between nation-states and IMO have not changed. Thirdly, the EU is emphatically not granted any special status in the IMO, demonstrating that it faces



Christer Gulbrandsen defended his dissertation in September 2012. (Photo: Sindre Hervig/ARENA)

challenges in being recognised abroad as the kind of entity it is recognised as internally.

In his trial lecture Gulbrandsen discussed the topic: How does the Europeanization of the Norwegian Maritime Directorate compare to the theoretical mechanisms identified by the literature on the Europeanization of national political parties?

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Other events

Democracy as Idea and Practice

3rd international conference
Oslo, 12–13 January 2012

The Research Programme on Democracy, of which **Erik Oddvar Eriksen** and **John Erik Fossum** are members of the organising committee, held its third international conference in Oslo. The conference was inter-disciplinary, aimed primarily at researchers from the humanities, social sciences and law.

The conference opened with a plenary session chaired by Tore Slaatta (University of Oslo) on the topic 'Confronting the Unexpected: Democratic Ideas and Practices in Times of Crisis', with John Durha Peters (University of Iowa), Barbara Pfetsch (Freie Universität Berlin) and Helge Rønning (University of Oslo). A second plenary session chaired by Bjørn Erik Rasch (University of Oslo) was held on the topic 'The Arab Uprisings: Why, How and to What Effect?' with Ellen Lust (Yale University), Bjørn Olav Utvik (University of Oslo) and Cecilie Hellestveit (International Law and Policy Institute, Oslo).

During the conference workshops were held on the topics 'Political Parties and Media in Contemporary Democracies', 'Regionalisation and Federalisation: Democratic Implications', 'Political Communication in Times of International Crisis: Democratic Challenges' (co-directed by **Hans-Jörg Trenz**), 'The Rise of Democracy Through Constitutional Reform', 'Poverty and Democracy', 'Organizations in Democracy and Democratization of Organizations', and 'Conceptualization and Measurement of Democracy'.

Cosmopolitanism Contested

CEMES-EURECO symposium
Copenhagen, 3–4 May 2012

CEMES and EURECO – in cooperation with ARENA – held a symposium on cosmopoli-

tanism in light of the current challenges to European democracy. Leading North American scholars were invited to enter a debate with their European colleagues on the future prospects of cosmopolitanism in Europe and the world.

The moderators were EURECO professors Ben Rosamond (Centre for European Politics) and **Hans-Jörg Trenz** (Centre for Modern European Studies and ARENA). Participants were Seyla Benhabib (Yale University), Richard Wolin (NY University and CEMES Honorary Professor at KU), John Erik Fossum (ARENA), Adrian Favell (Sciences Po), and Gerard Delanty (University of Sussex).

De-territorialized Diversity: Global and Transnational Dimensions

RECODE workshop
Oslo, 7–8 June 2012

This workshop, co-organised by **John Erik Fossum**, explored a central issue of RECODE, namely the role of diversity with particular emphasis on the notion of transnational communities. Politics has traditionally been conceptualised and organised along territorial lines but the confluence of globalisation, cosmopolitanisation and Europeanisation have given new impetus to the development of transnational communities.

The workshop sought to understand the nature of this phenomenon; how prevalent it is in the EU and Canada; what the implications are on minorities and systems of governing; and the nature and strength of nationalist reactions. The workshop was thematically organised to address these themes.

Innovating Governance in the Construction of the European Research Area

Oslo, 8 June 2012

The aim of this highly interactive one-day event, co-organised by **Meng-Hsuan Chou**, was to develop a research agenda on the European Research Area.

The starting point was that, although high on the EU political and policy agenda, the creation of the European Research Area is one of the most under-studied phenomena in European integration.

Specific questions that were explored in scoping the research agenda include: what is the European Research Area and what is its governance structure? How has it evolved and what is the relationship between this 'area formation' and others (e.g. the European Higher Education Area)? What are the pressing issues (e.g. legitimacy, effectiveness, or democratic accountability) concerning these developments?; and, are the theories and approaches we have for investigating European integration adequate to capture and account for its evolution?

The Transformation of the Executive Branch of Government in Europe

EuroTrans WP 1 workshop

Oslo, 14–15 June 2012

This Eurotrans Work Package 1 workshop invited papers on three topics, namely "European centre formation, administrative integration and co-existing orders". The sessions were chaired by **Morten Egeberg**, **Jarle Trondal** and **Johan P. Olsen**.

Participants were Anchrit Wille (Leiden University), Jozef Batora (Comenius University, Bratislava), Nina M. Vestlund (ARENA), Martijn Groenleer (Delft University), Chris-

toph Knill and Stephan Grohs (Universität Konstanz), Deirdre Curtin (University of Amsterdam), Julia Metz (Social Science Research Centre, Berlin), Meng-Hsuan Chou (ARENA), Mathias Johannessen (University of Oslo), Caelesta Braun (University of Antwerpen), and Åse Gornitzka (ARENA).

Organisational Theory Approaches to the Study of Public Policy and Administration

PhD course

Oslo, 17–19 October 2012

Co-organised with the Department of Political Science, ARENA researchers offered a PhD course in 'Organisational Theory Approaches to the Study of Public Policy and Administration'. The course aimed at giving an overview of some organisation theory approaches and their application in empirical research.

Course leaders were **Morten Egeberg** (ARENA and Department of Political Science) and Tom Christensen (Department of Political Science). Other lecturers were Johan P. Olsen (ARENA) and Åse Gornitzka (ARENA and Department of Political Science).

ARENA Tuesday Seminars

14 February

Dealing with the Past: Memory and European Integration

Carlos Clossa, The Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)

28 February

Deliberation under Conditions of Language Pluralism: Insights from the EuroPolis Deliberative Polling Experiment

Hans-Jörg Trezz, ARENA/University of Copenhagen

Irena Fiket, University of Sienna

Espen D. H. Olsen, ARENA

6 March

Policy Framing in the European Union

Falk Daviter, University of Potsdam

27 March

Varieties of Multilevel Citizenship

Willem Maas, York University

17 April

Constructing and Deconstructing “Constitutional” European Law: Some reflections on how to study the history of European law

Morten Rasmussen, University of Copenhagen

15 May

From the financial to the constitutional crisis of the European Union: The brave new constitutionalism of the European Union and its many pitfalls

Agustín José Menéndez, ARENA/University of León

29 May

Cosmopolitanism Explained: Causal Recipes for International News Coverage in European Newspapers

Michael Brüggemann, University of Zurich
Katharina Kleinen-von Königslöw, University of Vienna

5 June

Revisiting Legitimacy. Twenty Years On

David Beetham, University of Leeds

4 September

Not necessarily supranationalists? Regio-crats and the European Commission

Michael Bauer, Humboldt University

25 September

Beyond Market Regulation. Analyzing the European Integration of Core State Powers

Markus Jachtenfuchs, Hertie School of Governance

23 October

Can there be a dictatorship inside the EU? or: What, if anything, can Brussels do to safeguard democracy in Member States?

Jan-Werner Müller, Princeton University

20 November

The Commission in the EU System: A Citadel Under Siege

Renaud Dehousse, Sciences Po Paris

11 December

Integration and the Context of Law: Why the European Court of Justice is not a Political Actor

Andreas Grimm, University of Hamburg

Conference participation

- Chou, Meng-Hsuan:** ‘The Lisbon Strategy and Beyond: Lessons from Negotiating the Blue Card and Scientific Visa’ (with L. Cerna), paper presented at the University of Cambridge workshop on ‘Management of Migration and Asylum in Europe: Current Challenges and Policy Responses’, University of Cambridge, 15–16 March 2012
- ‘EU Mobility Partnerships and Gender, Origin and Implications’, paper presented at book launch for *Transnational Migration, Gender and Rights*, edited by Ragnhild A. Sollund, Oslo, 21 March 2012
 - ‘Learning in the European Union: The Case of Implementing the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for their Recruitment’, paper presented at the ISA annual meeting, San Diego, CA, 1–4 April 2012
 - ‘The Lisbon Strategy and Beyond: Lessons from Negotiating the Blue Card and Scientific Visa’, paper presented before Norwegian Society for European Studies, Oslo, 31 May – 1 June 2012
 - ‘Innovating Governance in the Construction of the European Research Area’, paper presented at the joint ARENA/UACES workshop ‘Innovating Governance in the Construction of the European Research Area’, Oslo, 6 June 2012
 - ‘The European Commission and the Implementation of the Human Resource Policy for Researchers’, paper presented at the EuroTrans workshop ‘The Transformation of the Executive Branch of Government in Europe’, Oslo, 14–15 June 2012
 - ‘The EU Commission and The Translation of the Human Resource Policy for Researchers’, paper presented at IPSA 22nd World Congress of Political Science, Madrid, 8–12 July 2012
 - ‘European Governance and Reactive Sequencing: the Evolution of EU Asylum and Migration Cooperation’, paper presented at the conference ‘Sixty Years of European Governance’, Centre for Global Challenges, York University, Toronto, 13–14 September 2012
 - ‘Framing the Lisbon Strategy’, paper presented at the SCANCOR Friday seminars, Stanford University, 9 November 2012
 - ‘The Emerging EU Rights System for PhDs: An Organizational Perspective’, paper presented at the workshop ‘Equality Rights in Europe: Replacing National with European Equality’, Glendon College, York University, Toronto, 16 November 2012
- Cooper, Ian:** ‘A Virtual Third Chamber for the European Union? National Parliaments Under the Treaty of Lisbon’, presentation at the joint conference of Montesquieu Institute Maastricht and the Observatory of Parliaments after the Lisbon Treaty ‘Parliaments in the European Union after Lisbon’, Maastricht, 23–24 February 2012
- ‘The Role of National Parliaments in a European Union “Founded on Representative Democracy”’, paper presented at the workshop ‘The (re)configuration of political representation in the EU’, ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Antwerp, 10–15 April 2012
 - ‘National Parliaments in the EU System of Representation’, presentation at the conference ‘New Trends in Political Representation in the EU – Still Democratic?’, Exeter University, 24–26 May 2012
- Egeberg, Morten:** ‘EU Administration: Centre Formation and Multilevelness’, paper presented at the LISBOAN Workshop ‘Policy Implementation after Lisbon: New Challenges for Administrative Cooperation between Member States and New Roles for EU Agencies’, Brussels, 29 February 2012
- ‘The EU Executive: Centre Formation and Multilevelness’, invited lecture, University

- of Lucerne, 13 November 2012
- Egeberg, Morten, Åse Gornitzka and Jarle Trondal: 'Towards a Less Technocratic Executive? Observations on the Everyday Interaction between the European Parliament and the Commission', paper presented at the ARENA Workshop 'The Transformation of the Executive Branch of Government in Europe', Oslo, 14–15 June 2012
- 'Towards a Less Technocratic Executive? Observations on the Everyday Interaction between the European Parliament and the Commission', paper presented at the EGPA Annual conference, Bergen, 5–8 September, 2012
- Eriksen, Erik Oddvar:** 'A Civilized or Brutalized Europe? Is There a way Beyond Intergovernmentalism and Federalism?', invited lecture, University of Lund, 19 March 2012
- Eriksen, Erik Oddvar and John Erik Fossum: 'Konstitusjonelle konsekvenser av Norges innnevning i den Europeiske Unionen', paper presented at the researchers' assembly of the constitutional projects (Forskersamling for grunnlovsprosjektene), the Research Council of Norway, Eidsvoll, 23–24 April, 2012
- Fossum, John Erik:** Panelist at the symposium 'Cosmopolitanism Contested – Conversations with Seyla Benhabib', European Research at the University of Copenhagen, 2 May 2012
- Inputs to Workshop 2 on Representation by the EP (with M. Shackleton and J. Schunk), presentation at the conference 'New trends in political representation in the EU - still democratic?', Exeter University, 24–26 May 2012
 - Organisation of the Annual Conference of the Norwegian Society for European Studies (with the rest of the ESCA board) 'The EU and the Arctic', Oslo, 31 May – 1 June 2012
 - Member of organisation committee of the 3rd International Conference on Democracy as Idea and Practice, Oslo, 12–13 January 2012
 - Organisation of the RECODE Workshop 'De-territorialized Diversity: Global and Transnational Dimensions' (with R. Kastoryano), University of Oslo, 7–8 June 2012
 - 'Polycephalous federations?', paper presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association, panel chair, Edmonton, 12–15 June 2012
 - Round table participation 'European Public Sphere from the Perspectives of Diversity and Transnationalism' at the EUROSPHERE closing conference, Brussels, 20 June 2012
 - Discussant at the RECODE Workshop 'Solidarity Beyond the Nation State: Diversity, (In)Equalities and Crisis', Aalborg, 11–12 October 2012
 - 'Democratization: Prospects and Challenges', keynote speech at the workshop 'Representative Democracy in the 21st Century', European University Institute, 26 October 2012
 - 'Subnational Parliaments in a "Multi-level Parliamentary Field": a New Deliberative Space?', key note presentation at the workshop 'Subnational Parliaments in the EU Multi-level Parliamentary System: Taking Stock of the Post-Lisbon Era', Eisenstadt, 7 November 2012
- Fumasoli, Tatiana:** 'Introduction, Implementation, and Evaluation regarding Internationalization Policies in European Higher Education Area (EHEA): a Comparative North-South View' (with Papadimitriou/Ursin/Hoffman/Shumilova/Neseris/Cremonini), paper presented at the 56th Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society, Puerto Rico, 22–27 April 2012
- 'Academic Recruitment Processes in Europe: a Window on Changing Career Or-

- ganization' (with G. Goastellec), paper presented at the conference 'Changing Conditions and Changing Approaches of Academic Work', Berlin, 4–6 June 2012
- 'Change and Innovation in Educational Research: Structural and Evolutionary Integration in University Setting' (with A. Gorga), paper presented at the 28th EGOS Colloquium, Helsinki, 2–7 July 2012
 - 'Strategy and Organisational Identity Formation in Norwegian and Swiss Universities' (with R. Pinheiro and B. Stensaker), paper presented at the 34th EAIR Annual Forum 'The Social Contract of Higher Education', Stavanger, 5–8 September
 - 'Determinants of University Identity Formation. The Case of Swiss and Norwegian Higher Education Institutions' (with R. Pinheiro and B. Stensaker), paper presented at the 25th CHER Annual Conference 'Higher Education and Social Dynamics', Belgrade, 10–12 September
- Fumasoli, Tatiana** and Åse Gornitzka: 'Institutional Autonomy in Higher Education' (with P. Maassen) paper presented at the 25th CHER Annual Conference 'Higher Education and Social Dynamics' Belgrade, 10–12 September 2012
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- 'Changes in Higher Education Policy and Governance: How Did HE Research Respond?', CHER 2012 Post-Conference Symposium 'The Past, Present And Future Of Higher Education Research: Between Scholarship And Policy Making', Ljubljana, 13 September 2012
 - 'The Role and Functions of Higher Education Councils and Commissions – A Comment', HERANA Annual Workshop, Cape Town, 28–30 November 2012.
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- 'Den Europeiske Union: institusjoner og integrasjon', invited lecture, The Norwegian Defence University College (Forsvarets Høgskole, Sjøfskurset), Oslo, 18 January 2012
 - 'The Institutional Make-up of the CFSP and its Democratic Implications', paper presented at the EUSA/ECPR joint workshop 'Global Crises and EU Response', Munich, 16 March 2012
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 - 'Norway and EU's Foreign and Security Policy', invited lecture Norwegian Uni-

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— ‘Reconsidering the European Public Sphere’, keynote presentation at the 8th Conference of the History of European Integration Research Society ‘Communicating European Integration’, Humboldt University, 30–31 March 2012

— ‘The Micro-Macro Link: Deliberative experiments and democratic legitimacy’, presentation at the conference ‘New Trends in Political Representation in the EU – Still Democratic?’, Exeter University, 24–26 May 2012

— Organisation of panel ‘Towards a European Society? Transgressing Disciplinary Boundaries in European Studies Research’, Centre for European and International Studies Research (CEISR) Annual Conference, University of Portsmouth, 28–30 June 2012

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Dissemination

As a centre for high-quality research on issues directly affecting European citizens, ARENA aims to reach out also beyond the research community.

The annual **ARENA Lecture** invites politicians and other influential persons to give a public lecture on a topic that is both academically interesting and of genuine public interest. Among previous ARENA lecturers are Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs Jonas Gahr Støre, Norwegian Prime Ministers Gro Harlem Brundtland and Kjell Magne Bondevik, General Secretary of the European Council Daniel Tarchys, the Head of the European Commissions Forward Study Unit Jerome Vignon, and European Commissioner for Institutional Relations and Communication Strategy Margot Wallström.

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All events and publications are announced on our web pages, arena.uio.no, together with popular science articles and research presentations. All news are also published in a quarterly newsletter sent to 1800 recipients. The website has between 10 and 12,000 visits each month.

ARENA researchers moreover participate in the public debate through media appearances, commenting upon topical issues with research-based knowledge. Several researchers also run blogs at arena.uio.no, forskning.no and other websites.

Finally, ARENA researchers contribute with expertise to policy makers and analysts by meetings with public administration and ministries and by participation in governmental review committees as well as in research committees and university bodies.

The ARENA Lecture 2012: A cosmopolitan Europe

Oslo, 2 May 2012

– Breivik acted alone, but was not thinking on his own. There are groups in Europe that see themselves in a clash of cultures, a thinking that is based on myths of the history of Europe. We need to restore the vision of the cosmopolitan Europe, was professor Seyla Benhabib's message when she gave the ARENA Lecture 2012.

The myth of a Christian Europe

Samuel Huntington, the man behind the thesis 'clash of civilizations', has branded those who promote cosmopolitanism thought for 'dead souls'.

The myth of a Christian Europe as a battlefield for a clash of cultures has grown to prominence since 9/11. Much of this is built on historical fallacies.

Benhabib pointed out that the siege of Vienna in 1683, which has been an important event in the myth constructions, was not a clash between Christians on one side and Muslims on the other. It was rather an Ottoman campaign, supported by Muslims, Protestants and Orthodox Christians to protect Hungarian Protestants against the Catholic yoke of the Habsburgs. In the end, Vienna was saved by Polish forces with support from Lithuanian Muslims.

– Hardly the impression of a clash of religions, Benhabib stated. – Muslims have been as much a part of European history as other groups, from Muslim rule of the Iberian Peninsula for eight centuries to the multicultural Istanbul, Benhabib's own birthplace.

The age of cosmopolitanism

The cosmopolitan ideas have roots back to Socrates, Locke, Rousseau and Kant. 'I am not a citizen of Athens', but of the world, Socrates said, according to Montaigne.

Since the Universal Declaration on Human Rights in 1948 the European society has largely moved from internationalism to



Seyla Benhabib argued that Europe should not forget its cosmopolitan roots. (Foto: Sindre Hervig/ARENA)

a cosmopolitan society, Benhabib argued. Rights based on a birthright as humans, not as citizens of a state or members of a nation are manifest in national constitutions and the treaties of the European Union. – These may not be steps towards a world constitution, but they are the constituents of a global society.

– The cosmopolitan idea may be a bit old-fashioned and has been attacked from left and right in the century of nationalism, the 20th century. From communitarians, neo-liberal capitalists and from post-modernists. The term has been a placeholder for multiculturalism and imperialism. Its critics have missed what is new in this thinking, Benhabib argued.

A perfect storm

Europe is plagued by multiple crises that undermine the cosmopolitan ideals. Economic instability in a technocracy removed from people creates an insecurity that has led to xenophobia egged on by charismatic leaders. While the rest of the political elite is corrupt.

– In this climate, Europe's intellectuals have pointed out problems and scandals rather than the importance of dialogue with communities, Benhabib said. – I promote a cosmopolitanism without illusions, with an emphasis on inequality and diversity, grounded in humans a moral beings with the birthright to rights.

See a video from the lecture at arena.uio.no.

The 1814 Lectures: The constraining of Europe

Oslo, 22 October 2012

In his 1814-lecture, Jan-Werner Müller discussed how the fear of unconstrained collectivism helped shape the constitutional democracies of post-war Europe. Fear is also driving many of Europe's current populist movements.

– The two Latvian political thinkers, Isaiah Berlin and Judith Shklar, and their ideas can help us understand the development of constitutional democracy in mid-twentieth century Europe, Müller argued.

It was not the political language of liberalism that informed these developments, as these ideas were widely seen as having paved the way for the totalitarian nightmares of the century in the first place. These institutions were raised in the shadow of aggressive nationalism and state terror, but also out of fear of the totalitarian actions of unconstrained collective political subjects.

Two concepts of liberalism

In his famous inaugural lecture at Oxford University, Isaiah Berlin discussed two concepts of liberty. One of negative liberty based on non-interference, or 'freedom from' and another one of positive liberty based on the ideas of self-mastery, self-determination, and self-realisation, or 'freedom to'. Berlin warned that collective self-mastery could turn into collective enslavement of people, as it has shown to be susceptible to rhetorical abuse by authoritarian ideologies.

The anxiety of this concept of negative liberty is based on a fear of interference. – But, if you fear losing liberty, you have already lost liberty, Müller argued. An absolutely resilient and foolproof concept of liberty can in the end be foolish. An example of this is the Bush-administration's '1 per cent doctrine' that stated if there is the smallest chance of terrorism, we must do everything in our



Jan-Werner Müller was invited to University of Oslo to hold the lecture 'Fear and Freedom. The Legacies of Mid-Twentieth Century Liberalism'.
(Photo: Sindre Hervig/ARENA)

ability to limit it, including losing some of our liberty.

The liberalism of fear

In his lecture Müller also mentioned a lesser-known political thinker, the Latvian Judith Shklar. Her term 'liberalism of fear' is based on her view that we need to fear a society full of fearful people because fear leads to cruelty and cruelty is the greatest evil of all.

Based on these views she advocates constitutional democracy. It is a flawed system, but still the best form of government possible, because it protects people from the abuses of the more powerful by restricting government and by dispersing power among a 'multiplicity of politically active groups'.

The constraining of Europe

The European post-war order had an anti-totalitarian imprint, stemming from the fear of unconstrained collectivism. – There is an interesting link between constitutional democracy and totalitarianism, the fact that both are attempts to contain collective subjects, Müller argued. Hence you have the novel innovation of the constitutional court, which balances political values such as dignity, security, and liberty within

constitutional constraints. – The European Union and the Council of Europe do exactly the same; they add layers of constraints and rights protection, Müller explained.

– In the present times it is not collective self-enslavement or a master or tyrant interfering in our lives that we fear, Müller said. – We have an anxiety of loss of collective freedom, of our democracies becoming more constrained.

It is a fear of such forces, like markets, that are by many seen as illegitimate or unauthorised, that drive the populist political

forces in Europe today. Be they right-wing nationalists, anti-capitalist social movements or pro-transparency groups like the pirate parties.

– For us today it might be a question of how we should contain these actors that may challenge our collective freedom today, Müller concluded.

See a video from the lecture at arena.uio.no.

Norway and the EU – A researchers' assessment

Oslo, 22 November 2012

With the Nobel Peace Prize to the European Union as a backdrop, ARENA researchers, in collaboration with 'Partnerforum', assessed recent developments in Europe and questioned how the Norwegian public administration adapts to the EU.

On the 12th of October the Norwegian Nobel Committee announced that the Nobel Peace Prize is to be awarded the European Union (EU). In its announcement the Committee's is that the union and its forerunners have for over six decades contributed to the advancement of peace and reconciliation, democracy and human rights in Europe.

With the Prize and an European Union in economic and political crisis as a backdrop, ARENA in collaboration with 'Partnerforum' welcomed the audience to a breakfast meeting with researchers' views on the EU as a political actor in Europe and the world on the agenda.

The public administration is central in Norway–EU relations. It is essential that Norwegian officials in ministries and agencies have a good knowledge of how the EU develops and what this means for our country. The fact that the Union is in a



Helene Sjursen, Morten Egeberg, Asimina Michailidou, Erik Oddvar Eriksen and John Erik Fossum gave their assessments of the recent developments in the EU.
(Photo: Sindre Hervig/UiO)

economic and political crisis, but at the same time receives the Peace Prize, gave the panel an opportunity to discuss the EU in a slightly different way: At the intersection between the current developments and some of the long lines of European cooperation.

'Partnerforum' is a partnership forum in collaboration between the University of Oslo, BI Norwegian Business School and relevant partners in the Norwegian public administration.

Download a podcast from the event at arena.uio.no.

The Oslo Research Fair

Oslo, 21-22 September 2012

ARENA was once again represented at the Oslo Research Fair. Students and the general audience could visit our stand to test their knowledge of European affairs and talk to our researchers.

The Oslo Research Fair (*Forskningstorget*) is part of the National Science Week in Norway, a nation-wide event held each year to make science and research available to the public. In Oslo, 20,000 visitors attended the research fair, which included a multitude of activities. ARENA has for four years been one of the few social sciences actors participating at this event.

As the theme this year was 'Society', all departments from the Faculty of Social Sciences participated together in one large tent. Prior to the fair ARENA also repeated the success of the web-based quiz for ninth graders called 'Europaeksperten' (The Europe Expert), made by our PhD fellows. School classes from the Oslo region participated for three weeks leading up to the live finale show at the research fair. The best class won the prize of 25,000 NOK to spend on a study trip in Europe.

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*Political theory, democracy and constitutionalism in the EU and Canada
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Nation-state transformation*



Tatiana Fumasoli

Post-doctoral fellow

Higher education research, management sciences, and organisation theory

From April



Daniel Gaus

Senior researcher

*Reconstructive social theory
Concepts of democracy, legitimacy and the state in western societies*

Until April



Cathrine Holst

Senior researcher

Political theory, philosophy of social science, the role of expertise in the EU, public debate on Europe, gender equality policies, feminist theory and gender studies

On leave from November



Christopher Lord

Research professor

*Democracy, legitimacy and the EU
Political parties in the EU
EU foreign policy
The history of British relations to the European Communities
The political economy of the monetary union*



Asimina Michailidou

Post-doctoral fellow

Public sphere theory

Political and public communication

Globalization and political activism

Online media and impact on EU politics



John Moodie

Post-doctoral fellow

European Research and Technology Policy, and Technocratic Governance

From September



Espen D. H. Olsen

Senior Researcher

EU constitution-making

European citizenship

Citizen deliberation

Political theory

European identity and political community



Johan P. Olsen

Professor emeritus

Organisational decision-making

New institutionalism

Democracy, power and the

Scandinavian model

The changing political organisation of Europe



Marianne Riddervold

Post-doctoral fellow

International relations and

European integration

The foreign and security policy of the EU and the EU as an international actor

From September



Helene Sjørusen

Research professor

The EU as an international actor

EU's foreign and security policy

EU enlargement



Part-time

Åse Gornitzka

Research professor

European education and research policy

The role of expertise in EU policy making

The domestic impact of the EU's soft modes of governance



Agustín José Menéndez

Research professor

Democracy, fundamental rights and legitimacy

EU constitutional theory

The relationship between national and EU law

The EU's social dimension

Profesor Contratado Doctor Permanente I3, University of León



Hans-Jörg Trenz

Research professor

European public sphere and civil society

Cultural and political sociology

Social and political theory

Migration and ethnic minorities

European civilization and identity

EURECO Professor at CEMES at University of Copenhagen



Jarle Trondal

Professor

The EU as a political system

Administrative integration and transformation

The EU/EEA and Norway

The European Commission

EU committee governance

Professor, University of Agder



PhD fellows

Christer Gulbrandsen

'Europeanization in a Global Context: A Study of a National Maritime Safety Agency's Work with Global and European Rules'

Until August



Guri Rosén

'The Role of the European Parliament in the EU's Foreign Policy'

On leave from March



Johanne Døhlie Saltnes

'Political conditionality in the EU cooperation agreements with the ACP states'

From November



Helena Seibicke

'How Influential is the European Women's Lobby on EU Policy-Making?'

On leave from March



Johanna Strikwerda

'Pushing the Boundaries of Intergovernmentalism? The Role of the Commission in the CFSP'



Nina Merethe Vestlund

'Decision-Making in a Compound European Context'



Administration

Geir Ove Kværk

Administrative director



Marit Eldholm

Research advisor

On leave from July



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Communications officer



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Ragnar Lie

Senior advisor
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Solveig M. Holmøyvik

RECON administrative officer

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Guest researchers

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Andreas Grimmel

Project: 'The role of law and the European Court of Justice (ECJ) in the European integration process'

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From September

Benjamin Leruth

Project: 'Consociational Democracy and Nordic Differentiated Integration in the European Union'

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From September

Part-time research assistants

Phillipp Emanuel Friedrich

From October

Hanna Karv

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Linn-Hege Lauvset

From November

Helga Rognstad

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Solveig Strand

Until November

MA students

Spring 2012

Solveig Grønnestad

Topic: 'The role of national parliaments in the European Union and the background for the Early Warning System.' (Supervisor: Ian Cooper)

Hanna Karv

Topic: 'Committed to democracy? A discourse analysis of European Parliament plenary debates' (Supervisor: Chris Lord)

Autumn 2012

Mats Petter Sydengen

Topic: 'Norwegian EU-involvement on Schengen related issue areas' (Supervisor: Morten Egeberg)

Stefan Runfeldt

Topic: 'Changes in the internal organisation of the European Parliament administration' (Supervisor: Åse Gornitzka)

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