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FOREWORD

In 2015, the Quality of Government rounded out its eleventh year with a number of research and policy-related events and interventions, as well as new projects that enrich and expand the scholarship on impartial government institutions. New colleagues have joined the team, while others have moved on to grander endeavors. Perhaps the most noteworthy event of the year was precisely one such case.

Bo Rothstein, founder of the Institute was invited and took a position at the University of Oxford as Professor of Government and Public Policy at Blavatnik School of Government, Nuffield College. Bo will continue to be affiliated with the QoG Institute, as will the other founder Sören Holmberg, both serving as senior advisors, participating in QoG events and internal conferences. To ensure that the QoG Institute will survive and thrive, a collective leadership in the form of the QoG-collegium has been formed, with a rotating chair that serves as head of the Institute. The members of the collegium include myself, currently serving as Head, program manager Andreas Bågenholm, database manager Stefan Dahlberg, and research fellows Monika Bauhr, Carl Dahlström, Victor Lapuente, and Anna Persson. Victor Lapuente has taken over responsibility for the visiting scholar program and lunch seminars, two activities crucial to the dissemination of knowledge regarding on-going QoG-related research, as well as to the strengthening of the international QoG network.

We all share a strong commitment to making sure the Institute continues to be a leading center of research on questions relating to impartiality, and lack thereof, in government institutions.

Since the founding of the QoG Institute 10 years ago, academic and policy communities have shown a growing appreciation both for the crucial role of impartial, non-particularistic institutions in well-functioning societies and markets, but also a greater appreciation for the difficulties in constructing and maintaining such institutions. The research field has moved from identifying and demonstrating the most significant causes and consequences of impartial and high-capacity government institutions, and can now be said to be tackling the more fine grained questions of what types of aberrations from government impartiality affects society to a greater or lesser extent, and in what way.

During the past year, and in conjunction with the beginning of Prof. Rothstein's project, the *Performance of Democracies*, the QoG Institute arranged an international conference that brought together prominent researchers from around the world to explore how institutional factors in fact affect how and how well democracies perform. 2015 also saw the publication of a volume edited by Carl Dahlström and Lena Wängnerud which compiles both our own and others' research that focuses specifically on how institutions constrain elites, and how and under what conditions elites

seek to build effective constraints on their own behavior or, alternatively, fail to do so or undermine institutions once put in place. These and the many other publications and activities of the past year are all summarized in this report.

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In 2015, Bo Rothstein, founder of the institute took a position at the University of Oxford. For the coming two years, Marcia Grimes will serve as head of the institute.



SUMMARY

The 2015 saw the completion of the grant from Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (RJ), which has been the backbone of the QoG Institute's financial resources. An important event in rounding out this grant was a workshop held Stockholm in June, where QoG scholars presented the main findings of the first ten years of the program to a large audience of academics and practioners.

These results were also summarized in an RJ report by Bo Rothstein entitled "De samhälleliga institutionernas kvalitet. Slutrapport från ett forskningsprogram" ("The Quality of Government Institute. Report for the first ten years of a Research Programme", available in both English and Swedish on QoG's webpage).

With the ongoing ANTICORRP and PERDEM projects, together with a number of smaller externally funded projects, QoG research and activities are secured for several more years. As mentioned in the foreword, one of the founders of the QoG Institute, Bo Rothstein, left the University of Gothenburg for a position at Blavatnik School of

Governance, Oxford University. There is naturally no easy way to replace Bo, who has been the engine of the Institute and, to continue the motor metaphor, provided new fuel whenever it was needed. Bo will still be closely affiliated with the Institute, serving as a senior advisor and through the PERDEM project, which he still leads. On behalf of the whole Institute I would like to thank Bo for his phenomenal efforts and wish him good luck in Oxford.

ANTICORRP



The QoG Institute is leading a comprehensive research project which goes under the acronym ANTICORRP (Anti-Corruption Policies Revisited: Global Trends and European Responses to the Challenge of Corruption). The project is funded by the European Commission's Seventh Framework Programme and consists in total of 21 research groups in 16 European countries. The QoG Institute is the single largest research group in the project and is also responsible for project management and administrative coordination. The Anticorrp project is co-funded by the Seventh Framework programme for Research and technological Development of the European Union. Read more on www.anticorrp.eu

RESEARCH

2015 was a productive year in terms of QoG research. No less than 28 peer reviewed articles, two books, three reports and 16 Working Papers were published during the year. In addition, Aksel Sundström and Anders Sundell defended their PhD theses (see publication lists for details). QoG scholars were also very active presenting their research at various international conferences and Amy Alexander, together with Farida Jalalzai won the Northeast Political Science Association's Women's Caucus Paper Prize, with the paper "The Symbolic Effects of Female Heads of States and Government".

In May, the QoG-institute hosted an international conference which brought together 23 renown Swedish and international scholars, together with 13 QoG researchers, to discuss the inner workings of democratic systems and to advance our understanding of how the structure and workings of the state affect the performance of democracies. In total 24 papers were discussed and five posters presented. The aim is to organize this type of conference on a regular basis, every two or three years. The ANTICORRP project continued to produce

results during the year, some of which were disseminated at an event in Brussels in June. At an ANTICORRP conference focusing on the History of Corruption in Amsterdam, QoG scholars also discussed findings relating to the historical trajectory of corruption mitigation in Sweden as compared to other countries (see www.anticorrrp.eu for details).

QoG also held two internal conferences during the year; in Malaga in January where 25 researchers presented 19 papers, and in Falkenberg in August, where 15 papers from 19 scholars were discussed. Some of these papers have already been accepted for publication in international peer reviewed journals.

NEW RECRUITMENTS

2015 was mainly a year of consolidation after last year's many recruitments. Anna Khomenko replaced Felix Hartmann as database administrator, as Felix started the PhD programme at the Department of Political Science. The Institute has over the last couple of years received an increasing amount of requests from students who want to do their internship at QoG. As this benefits the Institute as much as the students, the aim is to accommodate two interns every semester. During last year two interns spent ten weeks each at the Institute, assisting both the administration and the researchers with various tasks.

NEW GRANTS

QoG affiliated scholars Sverker Jagers, Martin

Sjöstedt and Aksel Sundström received a six million SEK grant for a four-year project on Corruption and Wildlife Management: The Logics of Collective Action in Transnationally Protected Reserves from the Swedish research council.

VISITING SCHOLARS AND LUNCH SEMINARS

The visiting scholar program continues to attract researchers from all over the world. During 2015, 13 scholars spent one or two weeks at the Institute and presented their research at our lunch seminar. In addition, 12 lunch seminars were held, of which the presentation with the Johan Skytte Prize Winner, Professor Francis Fukuyama, attracted the most attention.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The most noteworthy public even was the presentation of research findings from the first decade of the QoG Institute's research work at a seminar in Stockholm, hosted by Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (mentioned above). The Institute also hosted academic delegations from Shanghai and Korea. Jonaz Björk participated in the Gothenburg Science festival, the Gothenburg Book fair and at Skolforum, presenting the "Bringing QoG to the classroom" project, which started in 2014.



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THE QUALITY OF GOVERNMENT AND PERFORMANCE OF DEMOCRACY CONFERENCE

To mark the end of the RJ grant and the start of the new PERDEM project, the QoG Institute organized an international conference during three days in the end of May, in which we brought together a number of prominent scholars in the field, from Sweden and abroad.

The central aim of the conference was to explore what explains the huge variation in performance between democratic countries.

The background of the conference theme was the notion that during the past century, several waves of democracy have swept over the globe, bringing representative democracy to places where it seemed inconceivable fifty, or even twenty years

before. However, as is well-known, there have been a number of recent backlashes to this global process. Not only has the “Arab Spring” stalled but in many developing countries, the current authoritarian Chinese system of governance is receiving increased interest and support. There are certainly many reasons for this backlash, but one seems to be the issue of how democracies perform when it comes to providing human well-being, political legitimacy and economic prosperity. While the process of democratization has given rise to a huge amount of studies under the rubric of democratization research, one problem is hardly ever raised in this approach, namely what does the introduction of democracy do for the day to day lives of “ordinary people”?

Papers were invited that addressed the question of why many democracies do not perform better, and to explain the huge variation among democracies in producing valued outcomes.

In total, 24 papers were presented that approached this issue from various angles. In addition, five QoG researchers presented research posters. The conference consisted of panels each with three papers, and the conference was open to all students and faculty of the University of Gothenburg.

The conference was a great success and the aim is to organize this type of conference on a regular basis, every two or three years.



Leslie Schwindt-Bayer, Associate Professor of political science, Rice University.



Adam Dean, Assistant Professor of political science, Middlebury College.



Georgine Waylen, Professor of Politics, University of Manchester.

PARTICIPANTS AND PAPER TITLES

During 2015, the QoG institute held 2 internal conferences, of which one took place in Malaga, Spain, and one in Falkenberg, Sweden. 25 researchers participated in Malaga with a total of 19 papers and 19 researchers participated in the conference in Falkenberg with a total 15 papers. The internal conferences form an excellent opportunity to discuss and give feed-back on ongoing research. Some of the papers presented during these conferences have already been accepted for publication in international peer-reviewed journals and many have been posted as working papers on our website.

Hans Ekbrand & Björn Halleröd, University of Gothenburg. *Good Governance: What We Think It is and What We Really Measure*

Pippa Norris, Harvard University and Sydney University. *The Quality of Governance and Why Elections Fail*

Michael Coppedge & Staffan I. Lindberg, University of Gothenburg. *Human Development and Dimensions of Democracy and Governance (with Fernando Bizzarro Neto University of Notre Dame)*

Frida Boräng & Marcia Grimes, University of Gothenburg & **Agnes Cornell**, Aarhus University. *Bureaucratic politicization and politicized knowledge: Implications for the functioning of democracy (with Christian Schuster, London School of Economics and Political Science)*

Hanna Bäck & Jan Teorell, Lund University. *Careers, connections, and corruption risks in Europe*

Alberto Simpser, ITAM-CIE, Mexico. *The Intergenerational Persistence of Attitudes toward Corruption*

Michelle D'Arcy, Trinity College Dublin & **Marina Nistotskaya**, University of Gothenburg. *State Capacity before Democracy: a Theory and Empirical Tests of How Institutional Sequencing Matters for Human Development*

Edgar Kiser, University of Washington/Seattle and **Margaret Levi**, Stanford University. *Goods: How the United States Went from Leader to Laggard*

Rasmus Broms, University of Gothenburg. *Taxation and Government Quality in Democracies and Autocracies*

Monika Bauhr, University of Gothenburg. *Will Democratic Accountability Help? The Intricacies of Collective Action*

Laurel Weldon, Purdue University. *Informal Institutions, Civil Society and Democratic Government Action*

Herbert Kitschelt, Duke University. *The Interface between Citizen-politician Linkages and Social Policy in Developing Democracies.*

Vivien Schmidt, Boston University. *Building Political Legitimacy in the EU 'by stealth' during the Eurzone crisis: EU Institutional Actors' Differential Pathways to Legitimation*

Joakim Palme, Uppsala University. *Welfare States Institutions and Outcomes: the Global Financial Crisis as a Stress Test in the European Laboratory*

Adam Dean, Middlebury College. *Elections, Free Trade, and Free Labor? Labor Repression and Trade Liberalization in Developing Countries*

Amy C. Alexander, University of Gothenburg. *Revisiting the Historic Roots of Corruption: The Role of Gender Equality and Implications for Democratic Performance*

Leslie Schwindt-Bayer, Rice University. *Women's Representation, Democratic Accountability, and Corruption*

Georgina Waylen, University of Manchester. *Gender, Institutions and the Quality of Democracy*

Sören Holmberg & Bo Rothstein, University of Gothenburg. *Good Societies Need Good Leaders on a Leash*

Johannes Lindvall, Lund University. *Democracy and Reform Capacity*

Carl-Henric Knutsen, University of Oslo. *Party Institutionalization and Economic Growth*

Evan S. Lieberman, MIT. *The Long Route of Accountability in the Attitudes and Voting Patterns of South Africans in Response to Local*

Paul Heywood, University of Nottingham. *Corruption Scandals and the Quality of Integrity Management*

George Tsebelis, University of Michigan. *The Time Inconsistency of Long Constitutions: Evidence from the World*

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

Besides the academic conferences organized by the QoG institute, QoG researchers participated in a number of other academic conferences in 2015. Below is a selection of academic conferences attended in 2015.

2nd World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research Conference (WINIR), Rio de Janeiro, September, 2015.

Accountability and Welfare State Reforms Conference, the Department of Administration and Organization Theory, University of Bergen, February, 2015.

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA), San Francisco, September, 2015.

Annual Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research in Montreal, Quebec, August, 2015.

Annual Conference of the Public Choice Society, San Antonio, March, 2015.

Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Vienna, June, 2015.

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, April, 2015.

Annual Meeting of the Swedish Political Science Association (SWEPSA), Stockholm, October 2015.

Danish Political Science Association Annual Meeting (DPSA), Koldingfjord, October, 2015.

Decentralization in Kenya: LSE-Oxford University Workshop, Oxford, February, 2015.

European Conference on Politics and Gender, June, 2015

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Warsaw, March –April, 2015

Foreign Aid and Government Legitimacy, Georgetown University, April, 2015

History of Corruption, Anticorrp conference, Amsterdam, September, 2015.

International Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project Conference & Practitioners' Conference, Kungälv, May 2015.

State Bureaucracy and Democratic Development, Aarhus University, Aarhus, October, 2015

The OXPO and LIEPP Workshop, October, 2015, Sciences Po, Paris.

The Forum for South Asia Studies Conference, Uppsala University, May, 2015.

The Pacific Sociological Association's Annual Meeting, April, 2015.

World Social Science Forum's Annual Meeting, September, 2015.



SELECTED SEMINARS AND INVITED TALKS

Besides participating in academic conferences, QoG researchers gave talks at a number of talks and seminars and other events during 2015. Below, we have listed a selection of them.

“The Hertie School’s Public Management & Governance Research Colloquium”, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, March, 2015.

Svenska Biståndsformer: Development Dissertation Briefs- Seminar. Expert Group for Aid Studies (EBA). Stockholm, January, 2015.

“Democracy – A Citizen Perspective”. Åbo Academy, May 2015, Åby.

“Transparency in Local Democracy and Tools to Avoid Corruption”. Swedish International Center for Local Democracy, Gothenburg, June, 2015.

“Measuring Women’s Political Empowerment”. Thyssen Foundation Workshop: Measuring Women’s Political Empowerment Across the Globe: Strategies, Challenges and Future Research. June, Cologne, 2015.

Round Table on Corruption and Gender. The Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, October, 2015.

Seminar arranged by Finland’s Prime Minister’s Office on Social and Institutional Trust, Helsinki, October, 2015.

“Gender-responsive policy making”. Leuphana University, Germany, October, 2015.

“The leap of faith: the historical and institutional roots of tax compliance”. European University Institute, October, 2015.

Southeast European Leadership for Development and Integrity (SELDI) conference, Podgorica, Montenegro, October, 2015.

“Social Policy and Clientelism”. Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne, November, 2015.

“Bureaucratic Structure and Entrepreneurship: Evidence from Russia’s Regions”. Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University, November, 2015.

School of Global Studies, Gothenburg, November 2015.

Local Government and Democracy Seminar, Kommunforskning i Väst, Gothenburg, December, 2015.



LUNCH SEMINARS AND VISITING SCHOLARS

The QoG Institute's visiting scholar program continues to attract prominent scholars from both Sweden and abroad. The aim of the program is to provide intellectual impetus for the Institute by inviting leading scholars in the field to spend one or two weeks at the Institute. We also organize bi-weekly lunch seminars to which we invite speakers from the international research community and experts from NGOs. In 2015, we hosted 14 guest scholars and an additional 10 lunch seminar guests.

JANUARY

- Leonid Polishchuk – Uppsala University

FEBRUARY

- Yonhyok Choe – Södertörns högskola and University of Gothenburg

MARCH

- Donatella Casade – University of Siena (visiting scholar)
- Nan Zhang – European University Institute, Florence (visiting scholar)
- David Eric Lewis – Vanderbilt University (visiting scholar)

APRIL

- Oguzhan Dincer – Illinois State University (visiting scholar)
- Kent Weaver – Georgetown University
- Håkan Thörn – University of Gothenburg

MAY

- Petra Schleiter – University of Oxford (visiting scholar)
- Adrienne Lebas – American University (visiting scholar)
- Kelly McMann – Case Western Reserve University

JUNE

- Leslie Schwindt Bayer – Rice University, Houston (visiting scholar)
- Simone Dietrich – University of Missouri
- Anna Ahlers – University of Oslo (visiting scholar)
- Salvador Parrado – Distance Learning University (UNED), Madrid (visiting scholar)
- T.K Ahn – Seoul National University

SEPTEMBER

- Nigel Krishna Iyer – Fellow at University of Leicester and Septia group

OCTOBER

- Bianca Vaz Mondo – Hertie School of Governance
- Francis Fukuyama- Stanford University
- Adam Graycar – Flinders University (visiting scholar)
- Melanie Hughes – University of Pittsburgh (visiting scholar)

NOVEMBER

- Roberto Foa – Harvard University Department of Government

DECEMBER

- Sarah Chayes – Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- Staffan Darnolf – International Foundation for Electoral Systems (visiting scholar)
- Tiffany Barnes – University of Kentucky (visiting scholar)

DATASETS



During 2015, the datasets QoG Standard, QoG Basic, QoG OECD and QoG Expert Survey were updated and launched in January 2016.

During 2015, there were no less than 21000 page visits for the database pages.

For the Basic, Standard and OECD datasets, 21 new data sources have been included, such as for example Archigos, a Data Base on Leaders, Boix-Miller-Rosato Dichotomous Coding of Democracy, Characteristics of National Constitutions, Governance Report Indicators, National Average Happiness, World Religion Dataset, Rule of Law Index, Shadow Economies, State Antiquity Index, Sustainable Governance Indicators, and Varieties of Democracy Dataset, among others.

For the Basic, Standard and OECD datasets, a few changes to the thematic categories has been made. Three new categories: Religion, History and Labour Market, have been included and the two categories Private Economy and Personal Economy are now combined into one category called Private Economy.

The number of variables included in the QoG Standard dataset from old data sources has increased, with the total

number of variables today at 2564.

The Time-Series datasets now includes data from 1946 until 2015 and the cross-section year in the Cross-Section datasets has been moved to 2012 (or the closest year available).

Moreover, QoG Data Team is working continuously on improving the consistency and compatibility of statistical data related to QoG, and improving the coverage and data quality, as well as on promoting of QoG data internationally.

Another important addition is the new and updated version of the Expert Survey was released and the data covers 159 countries and is based on a web survey of 1294 experts.

During the year, the data administrator Felix Hartmann left his position for starting a PhD and Anna Khomenko was hired as new data administrator.

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COMMUNICATION

THE WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The QoG Institute's website in its current design and functionality was launched in February 2012. The website resides within the University of Gothenburg's web portal and is available in both English and Swedish. Since November 2013, a limited version of the website is also available in Chinese. The website is aimed at all our main target groups and contains for instance all our publications and working papers, a media archive and not least our award-winning databases.

In 2014, we created a new platform on the website targeting school teachers, where we posted ready-to-use educational material for teachers and schools on a number of QoG related themes, with graphs and assignments to play around with, as well as an adapted version of our visualization tool. In 2015, we also posted four filmed lectures, where researchers present some of their work in an accessible way.

Our website is our most important communication channel and all information on the QoG pages is updated continuously. In 2015, we had almost 30 000 visitors, among which almost 21 000 visited the data pages. The total number of page views was 180 460 and viewers were from all parts of the world.

In 2015, we also started a Twitter account and at the time of writing, our follower audience on Twitter is 942. We also launched a new Facebook page during 2015, where we post new publications as well as snapshots from lectures and events.

NEWSLETTER

The QoG Institute has an electronic newsletter called QoG NEWS which, at the time of writing, has about 180 460 subscribers. It is distributed via e-mail every four to six weeks. Subscribers include academics and students from all parts of the world as well as journalists and public officials from Sweden and abroad. In the newsletter we communicate information about new publications and working papers, upcoming public lectures and other types of events.

PUBLIC EVENTS

An important part of the QoG institute's work is to engage with the public, through participating in public events. The biggest event in 2015 in this regard, was a seminar in Stockholm, organized together with Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, where QOG researchers presented the central research results from the first ten years of the Institute's research to politicians, journalists, academics, public officials, and policy-makers.

Since the "Bringing QOG Research to the Classroom" project started, we have become more visible to the public. In 2015, a number of meetings were arranged with teachers and the project was presented to the Swedish National Agency for Education. We also presented the project at the Göteborg Book Fair and participated in Vetenskapsfestivalen and at Skolforum, the largest Swedish educational fair.



In 2014, we launched the so-called “Poznan declaration”, an initiative aimed at mainstreaming ethics and anti-corruption throughout higher education. The Poznan Declaration has helped to increase the visibility of the QoG Institute in academia and among international organizations, but is also an important achievement of the QoG project in terms of its societal impact.

In 2015, we continued to disseminate the Declaration, through presenting it at a number of forums listed below:

- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA): “Making Development Work: The Quality of Government Approach”, Stockholm, December, 2015.
- Expert Group for Aid Studies (EBA) seminar: “Time to reconsider the development agenda and focus on the enemy number one”, Stockholm, December, 2015.
- Finska Vetenskaps-Societetens och Riksarkivets symposium, Ekonomi, Etik och Hälsa: ”Poznandeklarationen - ett argument för etik och antikorruption inom högre utbildning”, Helsinki, November, 2015.
- UNESCO International Institute for Education Planning (IIEP), Policy Forum on Planning Higher-Education Integrity: “An argument for mainstreaming anti-corruption in Higher Education”, Paris, March, 2015.
- UNODC Anti-Corruption Academic Initiative (ACAD) General Meeting, “New developments in anti-corruption education”, Doha, February, 2015.
- The 3rd Joint Nordic Conference on Development Research: “Concentration, Cash and Corruption - what can policy makers learn from development research?”, Gothenburg, November, 2015.

Besides the dissemination of the Poznan Declaration, researchers have given talks at a number of events organized by policy-makers, such as the Expert group for Aid Studies (EBA) in Stockholm, the Delegation for Migration Studies (DELMi),

in Gothenburg, and the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, and the Swedish International Center for Local Democracy in Gothenburg.

QoG also hosted a number of in-house events, including a visit by a delegation from the Shanghai Administration Institute (SAI).

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BRINGING QoG RESEARCH TO THE CLASSROOM



During 2015, Swedish students got the opportunity to work with the QoG data at the science festival in Gothenburg.

The project *Bringing QoG research to the classroom* started during spring 2014. In the initial year of the project, a platform through which we reach out to schools, was created and we started to present QoG research to teachers at a few locations in Sweden. At this point, all materials on the platform are in Swedish.

During 2015, we continued to develop the platform and made more resources available. We started by making the QoG

Basic Dataset accessible for teachers and during the year we developed three new themes consisting of different related variables. The themes are: Access to water, Democracy & wealth and Education. We also produced four filmed lectures to present our research to a broader lay audience. Other resources made available during 2015 include a teacher's guide to the resources and links for further readings.

We organized eleven meetings with teachers around the country, from Lund in the south to Luleå in the north, during which we introduced the resources and encouraged the participants to use the material as well as to give feedback on the practical use of the material in the classroom. A total of about 150 teachers participated in these meetings.

The usual setup of the meetings with teachers was to involve two researchers who presented the QoG institute and talked about their own research, followed by an introduction by Jonaz Björk, the project coordinator, to the

resources available and the pedagogical thoughts behind it.

We also arranged two larger conferences with a more comprehensive program where several researchers participated and discussed many different perspectives of quality of government. One of the conferences was broadcasted digitally to reach more teachers that could not attend physically.

Bo Rothstein, Sören Holmberg, Marcia Grimes, Stefan Dahlberg, Amy Alexander, Mathias Färdigh, Marina Povitkina and Aiysha Varraich all participated in least on one of these outreach events.

Besides the meetings with and conferences for teachers, we have presented and discussed the project with the Swedish National Agency for Education. We also presented the project at the Göteborg Book Fair and at Skolforum, the largest Swedish educational fair. This resulted in that the project was mentioned twice in Skolvärlden, the news-site for the teachers' union, Lärarnas Riksförbund. We also participated in Vetenskapsfestivalen and contributed to a science project at Kattegattgymnasiet in Halmstad.

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PUBLICATIONS



MULTIPLE DILEMMAS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Niklas Haring

QUALITY OF GOVERNMENT

BO ROTHSTEIN

Chicago

MAGIC WAND OR PANDORA'S BOX?

Jenny de Fine Licht

Nicholas Chavron, Victor Lapuente och Bo Rothstein *Korruption i Europa*

2011:5

WHAT'S THE USE OF A FREE MEDIA?

Mathias A. Färdigh

Maria Gustavson

AUDITING THE AFRICAN STATE

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