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ABOUT US

The Quality of Government (QoG) Institute was founded in 2004 by Professor Bo Rothstein and Professor Sören Holmberg. It is an independent research institute within the Department of Political Science at the University of Gothenburg. We are about 30 researchers who conduct and promote research on the causes, consequences and nature of Good Governance and the Quality of Government (QoG) – that is, trustworthy, reliable, impartial, uncorrupted and competent government institutions.

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

2022 was a difficult year for the QoG community for several reasons. To mention just a couple, in August we sadly lost our dear colleague – Martin Sjöstedt – to cancer, while the war in Ukraine, which shocked people around the globe, touched us directly as one of our members – Marina Povitkina – is a Ukrainian citizen. These two events affected many of us profoundly, nevertheless, we never lost our thirst for high quality research on the causes and consequences of trustworthy, reliable, impartial, uncorrupted and competent government institutions. As exemplified by Marina Povitkina herself, her collaborative research with Bo Rothstein and other colleagues on the link between institutional and interpersonal trust, previously published as a QoG working paper, was accepted in one of the top journals of the profession. Another two dozen plus publications, authored by QoG researchers, found homes in such important outlets as Journal of Peace Research, Comparative Political Studies, Annual Review of Political Science, World Development, Journal of Institutional Economics, Nature Climate Change and others. I am particularly happy to note that it was a productive year for our PhD students – Jana Schwenk, Gefjon Off, and Stephen Dawson – who published single- and co-authored pieces. Stephen also defended his doctoral dissertation in 2022. As the annual report details all the publications, including articles, books, book chapters, working papers and reports, I'd like to highlight two – very different in topic, but equally engaging – books, by Anders Sundell on state-building in medieval and early modern Europe, and by Aksel Sundström on youth representation in parliaments and cabinets.

In 2022, the QoG Institute made a concerted attempt at promoting public awareness and understanding of the issues related to the quality of government. We launched The QoG Podcast in which Victor Lapuente converses with some of the A-listers of economics and political science on issues such as, for example, challenges to liberal democracy and liberalism, and even love and economic development. The QoG Podcast has become a reality thanks to the financial support provided by the Carl Bennet AB. Other QoG researchers have discussed the findings, insights and policy implications of their studies in blogs, podcasts, newspaper articles and other media. Gefjon Off's presentation of research on modern sexism among young men, which she conducted with Amy Alexander and Nicholas Charron, has been viewed on TikTok 5,500 times. QoG researchers also made sure that corruption was mentioned in the IPCC report: Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change. Contribution of Working Group III to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change", which is the UN main document on climate change.

Our Data Team continued to provide thousands of users around the world with data on quality of government, which is now collected in ten different datasets. In the years to come, one can expect even more data from us, as Aksel Sundström has received research funds to compile a new dataset on quality of government at the municipal level in Europe.

In 2022, QoG associates raised more than 34 million SEK in research funding, including for evaluation of SIDA's anti-corruption effort (Marina Nistotskaya, PI), a new dataset on local QoG (Aksel Sundström, PI), extending the World Values Survey to South Africa (Amy Alexander, PI), roll-call votes in the Swedish parliament (Carl Dahlström, PI), political causes of wind power deployment, and on household emergency preparedness (both Niklas Harring, PI).

During the year, we held two internal conferences and presented our research at numerous international conferences, hosted exciting visiting scholars and went to interesting places ourselves, taught courses and trained young people in how to conduct cutting edge research through our highly respected internship program, and did much more than that. You can read more about the activities that the QoG Institute and its researchers were involved in in the pages of this report.

Marina Nistotskaya
Associate professor
Director of the Quality of Government Institute

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The main objective of our research is to address the theoretical and empirical problem of how high quality government institutions can be created and maintained, as well as the effects of good government on public policy and socio-economic conditions in areas such as health, the environment, social policy, and poverty. In order to do this, we conduct research on the nature of good governance and the quality of government (QoG) – that is, trustworthy, reliable, impartial, uncorrupted and competent government institutions.

Professor Bo Rothstein and Professor Sören Holmberg founded the Institute in 2004. We are an independent research institute within the Department of Political Science at the University of Gothenburg. We investigate and generate knowledge on corruption and the quality of government in dialogue with a variety of societal actors, in both the public and the private sector. Our ambition is to close the gap between broader audiences and the research of QoG.

THE QOG DATA

As a key resource for researchers and practitioners, QoG Data offers ten datasets, several data visualization tools, as well as tips and advice on how to use our data. Our goal is to enable researchers, academics, and students to access high quality information about the Quality of Government and related areas. Our datasets are presented as both cross-sectional and time-series and in the most common data file formats.

OUR DATABASES

→ **Compilation datasets**
Standard Dataset
Basic Dataset
OECD Dataset
EU Regional Dataset
QoG Environmental Indicators Dataset

→ **Original datasets**
QoG Expert Survey
European Quality of Government Index
Swedish Agency Database
Swedish Municipalities Dataset
PERCEIVE Survey data

The QoG team and organization. 34 researchers and administrative staff are currently engaged in different projects organized or funded by the QoG Institute.
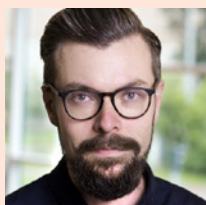
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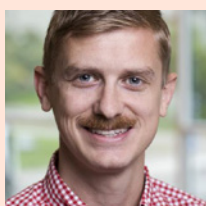Data manager,
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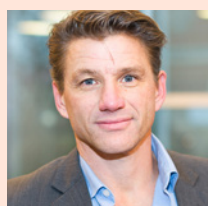**Axelsson, Sofia**
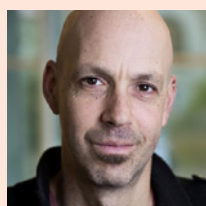Deputy chief analyst

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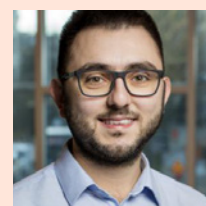
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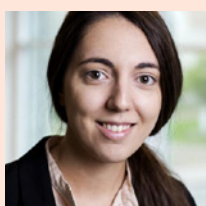
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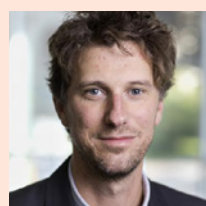
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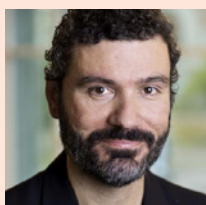
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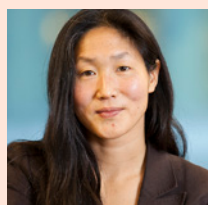
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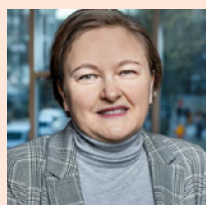
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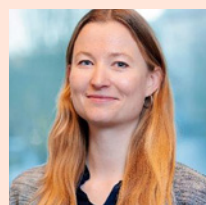
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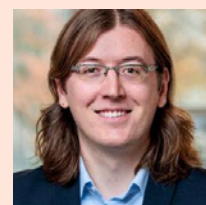
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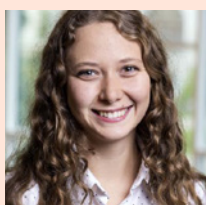
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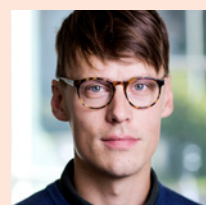
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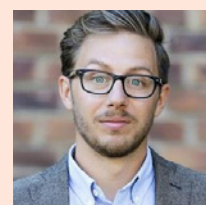
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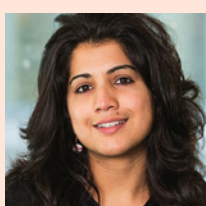
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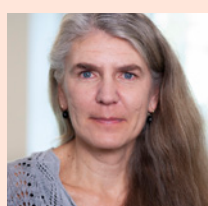
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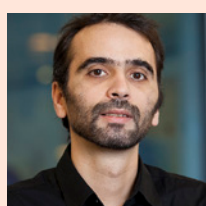
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RESEARCH GRANTS 2022

In 2022, QoG associates raised more than 34 million SEK in research funding, enabling many new interesting research projects to be conducted in the years to come.
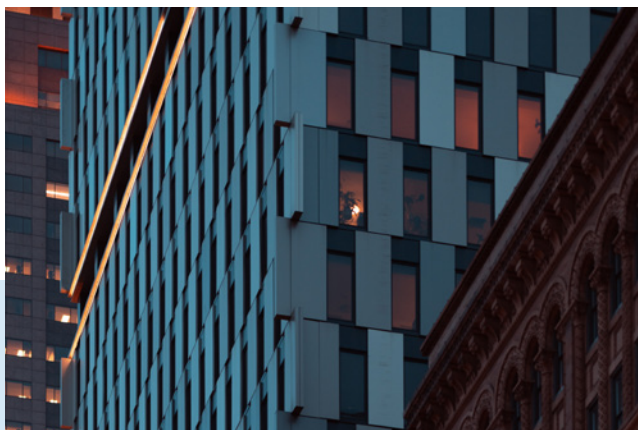
EVALUATION OF SIDA'S EFFORT TO REDUCE CORRUPTION IN PARTNER COUNTRIES

Funder: The Expert Group for Aid Studies (EBA)
Project size: 2 million SEK
Participants: Marina Nistotskaya (PI), Anna Persson, Marcia Grimes, Adea Gafuri, Bo Rothstein and Michelle D'Arcy (Trinity College Dublin)

Sweden is one of the largest development aid donors in the world. Every year, Sweden dedicates financial resources to the tune of 1% of its GDP to the aim of ensuring that people living in poverty and oppression have the ability to improve their living conditions. Unfortunately, countries where many people live in poverty and oppression are also those which face high levels of corruption, which is a formidable obstacle to human welfare and well-being. During the last decade, Swedish efforts to combat corruption in partner countries have evolved both in scope and sophistication, as evidenced, for example, by an increase in the resources allocated to direct and indirect anti-corruption interventions and by the adoption of a more holistic approach to the pursuit of anti-corruption goals (Sida 2020a). Yet, our knowledge as regards the efficiency of these efforts remains limited. This evaluation seeks to answer the question: "How successful are Swedish efforts to combat corruption as a hindrance to development in partner countries?"

Read more about this project at: https://www.gu.se/en/research/evaluation-of-sidas-efforts-to-reduce-corruption-in-partner-countries

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THE IMPORTANCE OF PHYSICAL AND SOCIO-POLITICAL FACTORS FOR WIND POWER DEPLOYMENT

Funder: The Swedish Energy Agency
Project size: 15 million SEK
Participants: Niklas Harring (PI), Fredrik Hedenus (Chalmers University of Technology), Simon Matti (Luleå University of Technology)

The technical potential for solar and wind is large enough to supply mankind with renewable energy. However, the potential for renewable energy cannot be reduced to a purely technical issue. The ambition with this project is to identify and quantify socio-political and institutional factors that constrain this potential. We will investigate how the deployment density of wind power in Sweden, and other parts of Europe, can be explained by physical factors (e.g. weather conditions), socio-political factors (e.g. public attitudes) and institutional factors (e.g. the quality of political institutions).

Read more about this project at: https://liu.se/en/research/graduate-school-in-energy-systems/the-importance-of-physical-and-socio-political-factors-for-wind-power-deployment

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A COMPLETE DATASET OF ROLL-CALL VOTES IN THE SWEDISH PARLIAMENT, 1925–2022

Funder: Riksbankens Jubileumsfond
Project size: 1,5 million SEK
Participants: Jan Teorell (PI) (Stockholm University), Carl Dahlström, Mikael Holmgren

The purpose of the project is to make all roll-call votes in the Swedish Parliament from 1925 to 1993 accessible to researchers and to the public. Today, roll-call votes are available via the parliament's website for all yearly sessions since 1993/94. Roll-call votes before 1993 are kept in formats that makes systematic analysis impossible. During the bicameral parliament (until 1970), we will register roll-call votes at individual level in both the lower and upper house. From 1971, we will do the same in the unicameral parliament. We will also collect individual information about sex, year of birth and partisanship of the members of parliament, as well as specific information for each vote. As for the roll-call votes, we will use the Parliaments Library's digital archive, where votes are stored in four different formats and use computer-assisted MM and OCR techniques to compile the information. Data about the members of the Riksdag will come from bibliographic dictionaries and from the Riksdag's database "Rixlex". When this project is completed, researchers, journalists and the general public will get answers to questions about Swedish political history that previously have not been possible to answer. For example, it will be possible to study the government's agenda-setting power in the legislative process under different political conditions. Moreover, we will get better answers to questions about party discipline, ideological ideal positions, and polarization.

Read more about this project at: https://www.gu.se/en/research/a-complete-dataset-of-roll-call-votes-in-the-swedish-parliament-1925-2022

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TRACKING THE PULSE OF THE PEOPLE: THE WORLD VALUES SURVEY SOUTH AFRICA

Funder: Riksbankens Jubileumsfond
Project size: 2,88 million SEK
Participants: Amy Alexander (PI), Cindy Steenekamp (Stellenbosch University)

At no point in recent history have citizens from across the world been faced with so many severe challenges. The number of democracies worldwide has started to decline, and poor governance, corruption, and a political elite that are seemingly out of touch with the citizens they are supposed to serve have resulted in widespread distrust of governments and political leaders. Rising populist and nationalist sentiments have divided nations, while protests in support of minorities (Black Lives Matter) and women(#MeToo) have proliferated across the world. The global coronavirus pandemic has strained even the most sophisticated national healthcare systems, while many national economies have been plunged into turmoil, resulting in rising unemployment, inequality, and insecurity.

Mapping and understanding the basic values and beliefs of people has never been as important. By investigating the political, economic, religious and social orientations of societies of diverse cultural traditions, researchers and policymakers are uniquely positioned to analyse social change with increasing effectiveness. This project will generate new survey data for South Africa that will be incorporated into the World Values Survey global dataset. The data will be available for widespread use by academics and practitioners and serve as the foundation for research collaboration between both established and emerging academics throughout the world.

Read more about this project at: https://www.gu.se/en/research/tracking-the-pulse-of-the-people-the-world-values-survey-in-south-africa

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THE LOCAL QUALITY OF GOVERNMENT (LO-QOG) DATASET: A HUB FOR LOCAL SOCIETAL INDICATORS ACROSS EUROPE

Funder: Riksbankens Jubileumsfond
Project size: 8,1 million SEK
Participants: Aksel Sundström (PI), Marina Nistotskaya

The objective of the Local Quality of Government dataset (Lo-QoG) is to establish a platform of indicators on local governance and its societal correlates in Europe to be disseminated online to the public. A range of societal phenomena are best studied on the local level, where there is variation that is not reflected in national averages. Yet, comparisons across such units are difficult because of lacking data infrastructure: local-level figures are not harmonized the same way as country-level data. This severely limits researchers in answering relevant research questions. Lo-QoG will remedy parts of this problem. It uses the established structure of Local Administrative Units (LAUs) across Europe, that tend to correspond to the municipalities in each country. Introducing such a hub will allow researchers to much better understand a range of societal phenomena that is best captured locally. The data will be compilation statistics, mainly collected from national authorities and harmonized by this project. Lo-QoG will be crucial for corruption scholars because we have access to a novel set of measures that capture corruption risks on the LAU-level – focusing on misuse of bidding in public procurement. The ambition of Lo-QoG is to become the leading platform on indicators that relates to local governance and its societal correlates, broadly defined. The infrastructure is run by the QoG Institute, which is highly experienced in managing authoritative global databases.

Read more about this project at: https://www.gu.se/en/research/the-local-quality-of-government-lo-qog-dataset-a-hub-for-local-societal-indicators-across-europe

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HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: WHAT DRIVES PEOPLE TO (NOT) PREPARE FOR FUTURE SOCIETAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRISES?

Funder: The Swedish Energy Agency
Project size: 15 million SEK
Participants: Niklas Harring (PI), Fredrik Hedenus (Chalmers University of Technology), Simon Matti (Luleå University of Technology)

Extreme weather events, floods, and wildfires are more common and severe than in past years (IPCC, 2022), and citizens' emergency preparedness is essential for societies to coop with such future crises (MSB, 2010). Yet, many citizens are not prepared for these emergencies. The project will seek to answer questions such as: Which *psychological barriers* hinder citizens from undertaking emergency preparedness? What factors can explain *citizens' acceptance* of policies aimed to stimulate emergency preparedness.

Read more about this project at: https://www.gu.se/en/research/household-emergency-preparedness-what-drives-people-to-not-prepare-for-future-societal-and-environmental-crises

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All our ongoing projects are listed on our website at: https://www.gu.se/en/quality-government/our-research/research-projects

PUBLI-CATIONS

2022 was a very productive year in terms of peer-reviewed publications. QoG researchers published 27 peer-reviewed articles in renowned journals. Another 8 working papers were made available on our website and three QoG related books were published. Stephen Dawson also defended his thesis on "Perceptions of political competition and the integrity of elections."

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

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Andersen, David and Agnes Cornell (2022). "Voting for bureaucracy? Contestation, suffrage and meritocracy." European Journal of Political Research.

Bauhr, Monika and Nicholas Charron (2022). "All hands on deck' or separate lifeboats? Public support for European economic solidarity during the Covid-19 pandemic." Journal of European Public Policy.

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Charron, Nicholas, Victor Lapuente and Andrés Rodríguez-Pose (2022). "Uncooperative Society, Uncooperative Politics or Both? Trust, Polarisation, Populism and COVID-19 Deaths across European regions." European Journal of Political Research.

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Cornell, Agnes and Marcia Grimes. "Brokering Bureaucrats: How Bureaucrats and Civil Society Facilitate Clientelism Where Parties are Weak." Comparative Political Studies.

Cornell, Agnes and Ted Svensson (2022). "Colonial origins of modern bureaucracy? India and the professionalization of the British civil service." Governance.

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2022:7 Magnus Åsblad: Danger all Along. How foreign military threats and domestic power-sharing shape autocratic state-building.

2022:6 Simon Gren and Elena Leuschner. School's out! Information Cues and Retrospective Voting in the Case of School Closures in Sweden.

2022:5 Kristen Kao: Legal Pluralism and Fragmented Sovereignty in Iraq.

2022:4 Mikael Persson and Anders Sundell: Responsiveness and Models of Representation.

2022:3 Daniel Stockemer and Aksel Sundström: Introducing the Worldwide Age Representation in Parliaments (WARP) Dataset.

2022:2 Dorđe Milosav and Marina Nistotskaya: Blockchain Technology: A Trust or Control Machine? Theory and Experimental Evidence.

2022:1 Jonas Andersson Schwarz: The hitchhiker's guide to web-mediated text. Method handbook for quantification of online linguistic data in a country-specific context. Official research report, Linguistic Explorations of Societies (Work Package 1).

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DISSERTATIONS

Stephen Dawson (2022) [Perceptions of political competition and the integrity of elections.](#) Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg.

Abstract:
Political competition is generally regarded as one of the hallmarks of a well-functioning democracy. Competitive elections hold politicians to account, thereby increasing government performance to the benefit of citizens. However, the uncertainty generated by close elections can also create perverse incentives for political actors to undermine the integrity of the contest to improve their chances of victory. Yet we still know relatively little about when and in what ways close elections can be detrimental to democracy. This dissertation suggests that the relationship between electoral integrity and political competition is best understood from the perspective that there are two primary dimensions of this competition: the intensity of electoral competitiveness and the credibility of the information that portrays it. While political elites may be incentivised to manipulate elections in different ways to improve or consolidate their chances of victory, voters may also consider portrayals of competition along these two dimensions when deciding whether and for whom to vote. Four research articles study different aspects of this relationship across a range of institutional contexts and using several methodological approaches. First, a cross-national study of presidential elections across two levels of democracy finds that electoral fraud increases with electoral competition in democratic contexts. Second, a study on the 2016 municipal elections in South Africa reveals a strategic political economy of targeted vote-buying. Third, a qualitative comparison of falling participation levels in Central Asia and the Caucasus reconsiders the cyclical nature of the relationship between political competition and electoral integrity. Fourth, a survey experiment in Turkey attempts to gauge whether the perceived credibility of opinion polls can have adverse consequences for voting behaviour. The findings of this dissertation suggest that political competition – and importantly how it is perceived – can have significant consequences for the conduct of elections. It is therefore of great importance to pay close attention to how information relating to competition is interacted with by political actors during elections.

OUR ACTIVITIES IN 2022

In 2022, we were able to resume our regular activities, such as our much-appreciated visiting scholar program, lunch seminar series, internal conferences, and internship program. We also co-organized a full day of seminars on the topic of "Democracy in Europé: Threats and Opportunities", together with the Institute of European Democrats, and hosted the 2021 Best Paper Award winner Diego Romero.

OUR ACTIVITIES IN 2022

During the year, we hosted 15 visiting scholars that all presented their research at a lunch seminar. We were also honoured to host the winner of the annual QoG Best Paper Award 2021, Diego Romero from the University of Pennsylvania's DevLab@Penn.

After a two-year paus, the QoG Institute also participated again with an exhibition booth, and a much appreciated reception, at The American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition, APSA, in Montréal, Canada, together with the V-Dem Institute, Governance and Local Development – GLD, and the department of Political Science at the University of Gothenburg.

In September, we also co-organized a full day of seminars on the topic of "Democracy in Europé: Threats and Opportunities", together with the Institute of European Democrats, a political foundation formally affiliated to the European Democratic Party (EDP).

Two internal conferences were held during the year, of which one in hybrid format and one in on-site format. Our internal conferences allow participating scholars to present papers and new ideas in a familiar yet highly professional and critical environment. Many of the papers presented at previous internal conferences have later become QoG working papers or published in peer-reviewed journals. In 2022, a total of 26 papers were presented and discussed.

Next to these activities, QoG scholars continued to present their research at various international conferences, such as the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition (APSA) and the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) and engaged in a number of activities directed towards the academic world as well as the public and policymakers.

IED Seminar at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, 22 September 2022.

QOG VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The QoG Visiting Scholar Program is a vital part of our Institute. It provides intellectual impetus for the Institute and we aim at inviting cutting-edge scholars, as well as prosperous doctoral students, who do research on the topics related to the QoG research agenda. During 2022, we hosted 11 visiting scholars of which most stayed for about one week.

VISITING SCHOLARS IN 2022

Brian Palmer-Rubin, Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science, Marquette University.

Diego Romero, Postdoctoral research associate at the University of Pennsylvania's DevLab@Penn.

Eric Chang, Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science, Michigan State University.

Ian Cawood, Associate Professor in British Political & Religious History, University of Stirling.

M. Jae Moon, Underwood Distinguished Professor and Director, Department of Public Policy and Management and Institute for Future Government, Yonsei University.

Marko Klašnja, Assistant Professor at the School of Foreign Service and Government Department, Georgetown University.

Matia Vannoni, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Economy, King's College London.

Miroslav Nemčok, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Oslo, Department of Political Science.

Oriol Sabaté Domingo, Beatriu de Pinós Fellow, Universitat de Barcelona.

Sofia Vera, Visiting Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science, University of Kansas.

→ **Check out our website for more information on previous visiting scholars:** https://www.gu.se/en/quality-government/our-activities/qog-visiting-scholar-program
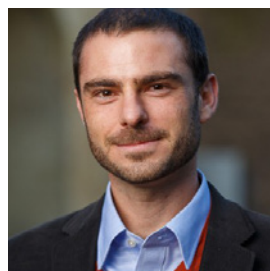
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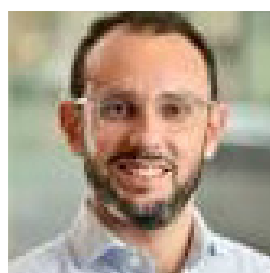
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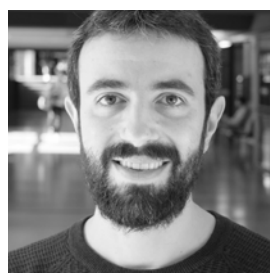
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LUNCH SEMINARS

The QoG Lunch Seminar Series is another vital part of our Institute. We aim at inviting cutting-edge scholars who conduct studies on issues related to the research carried out at the QoG Institute, as well as experts from NGOs and other organizations. In 2022, our lunch seminar series continued to attract renowned and promising scholars from a range of countries. In total, we organized 15 lunch seminars.

Brian Palmer-Rubin, Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science, Marquette University: *"Evading the Patronage Trap: Interest Representation in Mexico".*

Carina Gunnarson, Associate Professor and researcher at the Institute for Future Studies and at Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI): *"Den sårbara staten. Observationer från Södertälje."*

Christian von Haldenwang, Senior Researcher, German Development Institute. Title: *"Tax expenditures and development."*

Diego Romero, postdoctoral research associate at the University of Pennsylvania's DevLab@Penn and QoG Best Paper Award winner. Title: *"Unpacking Bribery: Petty Corruption and Favor Exchanges."*

Eric Chang, Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science, Michigan State University: *"Democratization and Political Corruption in East Asian Democracies."*

Giulia Andrighetto, Senior researcher at Mälardalen University, and at the Institute of Cognitive Sciences and Technologies of the National Research Council of Italy in Rome: *"Norm change and cooperation under collective risk in a long-term experiment."*

Harald Espeli, Senior Researcher in economic and political history at the Department of Law and Governance at Norwegian Business School. Title: *"From financial fraud to a Weberian bureaucracy? The development of the Norwegian state administration in the 19th century with a few Scandinavian comparisons."*

Ian Cawood, Associate Professor in British Political & Religious History, University of Stirling. Title: *"Towards a transnational history of corruption and public service in nineteenth century Europe."*

M. Jae Moon, Underwood Distinguished Professor and Director, Department of Public Policy and Management and Institute for Future Government, Yonsei University: *"Reshaping Public Governance in the Post Pandemic Era: Policy Challenges and Institutional Responses in the Pandemic."*

Marko Klašnja, Assistant Professor at the School of Foreign Service and Government Department, Georgetown University: *"Anti-Corruption, Partisan Bias, and the Public Opinion Constraints on Democratic Good Governance."*
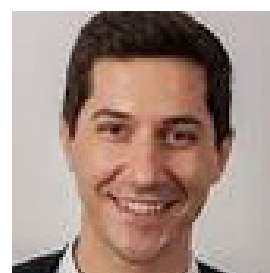
Matia Vannoni, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Economy, King's College London. Title: *"A Costly Commitment: Populism, Economic Performance, and the Quality of Bureaucracy."*

Miroslav Nemčok, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Oslo, Department of Political Science. Title: *"Support for Redistribution vs. Political trust: How Material Circumstances Make These Two Types of Welfare State Support Mutually Exclusive."*

Oriol Sabaté Domingo, Beatriu de Pinós Fellow, Universitat de Barcelona: *"Investing in Fiscal Capacity: Legislative Debates, Military Pressures and Taxation in the United Kingdom (1803–1945)."*

Sofia Vera, Visiting Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science, University of Kansas: *"How do citizens evaluate bureaucratic corruption?"*

→ **Check our our website for more information on previous lunch seminars:** https://www.gu.se/en/quality-government/our-activities/qog-lunch-seminars

QOG BEST PAPER AWARD

The QoG Best Paper Award is an annual prize awarded to a paper on a Quality of Government related topic, demonstrating outstanding research based on its theoretical and empirical contributions. The award includes a visit to the QoG Institute for a week as a guest scholar to present the paper or related research. In 2022, we were honored to host 2021 year´s award winner, **Diego Romero**, postdoctoral research associate at the University of Pennsylvania's DevLab@Penn, who was awarded the price for his paper *" Unpacking Bribery: Petty Corruption and Favor Exchanges".*

Motivation: The paper offers a novel theoretical account of bribe-paying which prompts a partial reassessment of how we think about petty corruption. The paper argues theoretically and demonstrates empirically that citizens who pay bribes tend to have personal connections to officials and police than do those who have not paid bribes. Eliciting bribes has previously been construed primarily as a predatory transaction initiated by officials with discretionary power over access to and efficiency in government programs, permits and entitlements.

The empirical analyses demonstrate the plausibility of this theoretical account. Using data from an original survey in Guatemala, the paper shows that individuals with kinship or friendship connections to public officials are more likely to report having paid a bribe. While research on clientelism has acknowledged the importance of social networks and organizations in patron-client transactions, this paper brings our attention to the fact that such linkages matter for bribe-paying as well. The findings suggest that paying bribes to receive privileged access or expediency is not an option equally available to all citizens inclined to use such tactics but is instead an expression of favouritism itself.

The Committee Members
Stephen Dawson (PhD)
Marcia Grimes (Associate Professor)
Lena Wängnerud (Professor)
Georgios Xezonakis (Associate Professor)

$\rightarrow$ **Previous award-winning papers: https://www.gu.se/en/ quality-government/our-activities/the-qog-best-paper- award**

SEMINAR ON "DEMOCRACY IN EUROPE: THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES"

On **September 22**, the QoG Institute organized a whole-day seminar together with the Institute of European Democrats (IED), a political foundation formally affiliated to the European Democratic Party (EDP), on the topic **"Democracy in Europe: Threats and Opportunities"**. The event was live-streamed on the website of the IED.

This seminar identified threats to European democracy and established the opportunities unique to Europe to strengthen qualities of democracy that make it meaningful. The seminar aimed to provide a detailed look at how to accomplish this from both an academic and a practitioner's viewpoint, effectively bridging the gap between theory and practice.

The seminar proceeded in three parts. First, speakers from the QoG Institute shared their expertise on how policies are implemented, how they affect citizens, and why some public administrations are more capable of delivering policies with efficiency and low levels of corruption. The most recent rendition of the European Quality of Government index and its implications on European cohesion and community, was presented, speaking from both an academic and practitioner perspective. Second, the Varieties of Democracy Institute shared their empirical knowledge on the state of democracy in the world and in Europe, showcasing their innovative approach to measurement standards. This was accompanied by speakers who introduced ways to improve democracy, both as academics and as citizens. By way of concluding the seminar, IED presented Collaborative Governance as a contemporary method of strengthening the deliberative qualities of democracy through engagement between both policy makers and policy implementers, and civil society.

Read the summary and conclusions of the event

IED Seminar at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, 22 September 2022.

SPEAKERS

Andrzej Potcki (IED)
Ardita Driza Maurer (Independent legal consultant)
David Perez-Dionis (Government of Canary Islands)
Debora Spini (Syracuse University in Florence and New York University in Florence)
Gerrit Van Otterlo (IED)
Jon Muñoa (Government of Gipuzkoa)
Marco Perduca (former senator, Italy)
Marina Nistotskaya (The QoG Institute)
Mikel Burzako (IED)
Monika Bauhr (The QoG Institute)
Staffan Lindberg (The V-Dem Institute)
Sylvain Waserman (Assemblée nationale)
Victor Lapuente (The QoG Institute)
Xabier Barandiaran (University of Deusto)
Zoltán Keresztény (IED)

THE QOG PODCAST. MAKING SENSE OF POLITICS AND GOVERN-MENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD

n 2022, the QoG Institute launched The QoG Podcast: Making sense of politics and governments all over the world. Hosting this show is Victor Lapuente, who is a Senior Lecturer and Professor at the Department of Political Science and a Research Fellow at the QoG Institute. In the podcast, Professor Lapuente discusses issues of political science in conversations with well-known experts to try to make sense of politics and governments all over the world.

Link to the podcast:
https://shows.acast.com/the-qog-podcast

EPISODES 2022

Season 1, Ep. 1
Sheri Berman: The Challenges of Liberal Democracies

Season 1, Ep. 2
James Robinson: The Balance Between State and Society

Season 1, Ep. 3
Deirdre McCloskey: Economic Development and Love

Season 1, Ep. 4
Tomila Lankina: The Estate Origins of Democracy in Russia

Season 1, Ep. 5
Francis Fukuyama: The Main Challenges of Current Liberalism

Season 1, Ep. 6
Giovanni Capoccia: Democracies Response to Extremism in European and US Politics

Season 1, Ep. 7
Cathrine de Vries: Key Challenges Facing today's Europe

Season 1, Ep. 8
Matia Vannoni: Regulations in Contemporary Democracy and its Consequences

LAUNCH OF DEMSCORE

Demscore is an innovative e-infrastructure providing free access to harmonized data from several of the world's largest databases on #Democracy, #Environment, #Migration, #SocialPolicy, #Conflict, and #Representation. It is a collaboration between some of Sweden's largest universities. On June 15th, a virtual beta-launch of Demscore was organized, where the partnering modules presented and discussed the possibilities of the new data infrastructure for future research, policy-making and educational purposes. Demscore is funded by the Swedish Research Council, University of Gothenburg, Stockholm University, Uppsala University and Umeå University.

PARTNERS

V-Dem – the Varieties of Democracy
QoG – the Quality of Government Institute
UCDP/ViEWS – Uppsala Conflict Data Program/ViEWS
COMPLAB – Comparative Policy Laboratory
REPDEM – Representative Democracy in Europe and its Neighbours
H-DATA – Historical Data Archive

→ **Read more about the Demscore project:**
www.demscore.se

EXTERNAL EVENTS

THE QOG INSTITUTE AT APSA 2022

The American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition is a world-leading political science conference, addressing the latest scholarship in political science. In 2022, the 118th APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition was organized between 15–18 September in Montréal, Canada, on the theme "Rethink, Restructure, and Reconnect: Towards A Post-Pandemic Political Science.".

Several QoG scholars presented their work at the conference. In addition, the QoG Institute, together with the V-Dem Institute, Governance and Local Development – GLD, and the department of Political Science at the University of Gothenburg, managed an exhibition booth and hosted a reception to promote the wide array of research, policy outreach and datasets produced by the institutes and the department at large, and to connect with scholars from all around the world.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

As usual, QoG researchers presented their work at a number of academic conferences and workshops. Below we list a selection of conference and workshop presentations by QoG researchers in 2022.

Bauhr, Monika. "Women representation and Corruption2. Does Legitimacy Make a Difference? Workshop, the Institute of Public Administration and Politics, University of Reykjavik, May.

Bauhr, Monika, Nicholas Charron and Lena Wängnerud. "Will an increase in women's representation improve public service provision? Explaining shifts in bribery rates across European countries." Council of European Studies, June.

Bauhr, Monika, Anna Petherick and Bolaji Owasanoye. "Sexual Corruption." Chandler sessions on Corruption and Integrity, University of Oxford, July.

Bauhr, Monika and Ruth Carlitz. "Social Bargaining and Effective Access to Public services." Journal of Public Policy (JPP) Political Economy of Development Workshop, September.

Bauhr, Monika, Nicholas Charron and Lena Wängnerud. "Will an increase in Women's representation improve public service

provision? Explaining shifts in bribery rates across European regions.".

Bauhr, Monika, Nicholas Charron and Lena Wängnerud. Cultures of Trust and Institutions of Freedom workshop, Research Institute of industrial Economics, IFN, September.

Bauhr, Monika and Nicholas Charron. "Europe Around the Corner. How Border Proximity and quality of government explains European Identity." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting and Exhibition (APSA), September.

Bauhr, Monika, Nicholas Charron and Lena Wängnerud. "Will an increase in Women's representation improve public service provision? Explaining shifts in bribery rates across European region." Public services in Comparative and Historical Perspective workshop, Gothenburg, October.

Boräng, Frida. "A Comparative Political History of the Progressive Dilemma." Migration and the Welfare State in Historical and Comparative Perspective, Lund, May.

Boräng, Frida. "Competing for Development. How project design in community driven development can undermine local collective action." Fifth Annual Governance and Local Development Conference, May.

Broms, Rasmus, Carl Dahlström and Marina Nistotskaya. "Structural Properties of Nursing Homes and COVID-19 Risks: Evidence from Sweden." The American Political Science Association Annual Meeting and Exhibition (APSA), September.

Broms, Rasmus, Carl Dahlström and Marina Nistotskaya. "Structural Characteristics of Nursing Homes for Elderly and COVID-19 Risks: Evidence from Sweden." The Council of European Studies (CES), July.

Dahlström, Carl. "Setting the Agenda in the Swedish Riksdag." The Annual conference of the Swedish Political Science Association (SWEPSA). September.

Grimes, Marcia, Frida Boräng and Helene Ahlborg. "State Predictability and Local Public Goods Provision." Fifth Annual Governance and Local Development Conference, May.

Lapuente, Victor, Kohei Suzuki, and Sofia Axelsson. "Pre-Analysis Plan: Why are some public managers more committed to professional norms than others? An experimental survey proposal at municipal level." The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), April.

Nistotskaya, Marina. "Blockchain Technology: a Trust or Control Machine? Theory and Experimental Evidence." Conference of the Future Finance and Economics Association Crypto Assets and Digital Asset Investment, Rennes, April.

Kalvani, Palina and Marina Nistotskaya. "On Merits of Meritocratic Bureaucracy: Competence and Credible Commitment.", The Annual conference of the Swedish Political Science Association (SWEPSA). September.

Persson, Anna. "Taxation, State Capacity, and Accountable Rule." European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Joint Sessions: Edinburgh, April.

Persson, Anna and Elise Tengs. "Who Pays for Distributive Politics? Reassessing the Patronage State in Sub-Saharan Africa." European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Joint Sessions: Edinburgh, April.

Povitkina, Marina. "Political consequences of natural disasters - Accidental democratization?" American Political Science Association Annual Meeting and Exhibition (APSA), September.

Wängnerud, Lena. "Female political leaders and the rhetoric of honesty." Convegno internazionale LEgalità e PArtecipazione Tendenze, sfide e prospettive, University of Perugia, June.

Schwenk, Jana. "Dimensions of Economic Voting – Preliminary Evidence and an Experimental Design." European Conference on Politics and Gender (ECPG), July.

Schwenk, Jana. "Polishing their image or throwing dirt on their name? The effect of primaries on the perception of female candidates as corrupt." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting and Exhibition (APSA), September.

INVITED TALKS

In addition to academic conferences and workshops, QoG researchers were also invited to talk at various universities. Below, we list a selection of invited talks held by QoG researchers during 2022.

Charron, Nicholas and Andreas Bågenholm. "Political Corruption and Voting in Romanian Municipal Elections: Why Perceptions of Collective Action Matter". Minda de Gunzburg, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, September.

Cornell, Agnes. "Brokering bureaucrats: How bureaucrats and civil society facilitate clientelism where parties are weak." Colloquium on Management and Public Administration, University of Konstanz, April.

Dahlström, Carl. Keynote speaker at the London Public Policy Conference (co-organized by the London School of Economics and Political Science, King's College London and University College London), London.

Dahlström, Carl. "COVID-19 mortality and the structural characteristics of long-term care facilities: Evidence from Sweden". University of Island, Department of Political Science.

Dahlström, Carl. "COVID-19 Mortality and the Structural Characteristics of Long-Term Care Facilities: Evidence from Sweden". Örebro University.

Grimes, Marcia. Panelist at the Sustainability Days: Challenges, School of Business, Economics, and Law, University of Gothenburg, September.

Lapuente, Victor. Keynote speaker at Conference of Health Economists, Economy and Health Research Centre (CRES), Mallorca, September.

Persson, Anna. "The Power of Ideational Reach: A New Approach to State Capacity." Conference on Power and politics – Perspectives on Taxation and State Building in Africa, Bergen, September.

Persson, Anna. "Företag och korruption." Sustainability Days: Challenges, School of Business, Economics, and Law, University of Gothenburg, September.

Persson, Anna. Lecture on "Vad gör en forskare i Statsvetenskap?" Vasaskolan, Göteborg.

Wängnerud, Lena. "Why are some democracies less corrupt than others? Understanding the link between women´s representation and corruption." Department of Political Science, University of Perugia, March.

Wängnerud, Lena. "Hoten mot demokratin. Kön, maktmissbruk och korruption." Senioruniversitetet, Uppsala, March.

Wängnerud, Lena. "Why are some democracies less corrupt than others? Understanding the link between women´s representation and corruption." Faculty of Law, University of Seville, May.

POLICY EVENTS AND TALKS

As usual, QoG researchers engaged in a number of activities directed towards the general public and policy makers. Below we list a selection of policy-oriented events where QoG researchers presented in 2022.

Bauhr, Monika. "Korruption och kvinnlig representation." Jämställdhetsenhetens strategimöte: Arbetsmarknadsdepartementet, Regeringskansliet, April.

Bauhr, Monika. "Quality of Government in Europe. Recent results from the European Quality of Government Index (EQI)." The Institute of European Democrats (IED) seminar on democracy in Europe, threats and opportunities, Gothenburg, September.

Bauhr, Monika. "Quality of Government in Europe." European Commission, DG Economic and Financial affairs (ECFIN) Research Networks Seminar, October.

Charron, Nicholas, Monika Bauhr, Victor Lapuente, et al. "European Quality of Government Index, 4th round: an in-depth analysis of four regions." DG Regional and Urban Policy (REGIO), March.

Cornell, Agnes. "Bistånd och demokrati – Vad säger forskningen?" Lecture at Gothenburg UN-association, April.

Grimes, Marcia. "Democracy and security in Ukraine: Unpacking local resilience and prospects for reconstruction." Workshop co-organized with Oksana Huss, Oleksandra Keudel and the Swedish International Center for Local Democracy, May.

Lapuente, Victor. Presentation on Quality of Government on Parliamentary Democracies, Spain's Royal House.

Lapuente, Victor. "How to improve Quality of Government. The academic view." The Institute of European Democrats (IED) seminar on democracy in Europe, threats and opportunities, Gothenburg, September.

Lapuente, Victor. Presentation of the European Quality of Government Index (EQI), Catalan Parliament, October.

Nistotskaya, Marina. "What helps firms grow in regions?" policy panel, OECD-EU, February.

Nistotskaya, Marina. "Introduction to Quality of Government. The research at the Quality of Government Institute." The Institute of European Democrats (IED) seminar on democracy in Europe, threats and opportunities, Gothenburg, September.

Persson, Anna. "Civil Servants, Social Norms, and Corruption." The Practitioners' Gathering "Civil Servants, Social Norms, and Corruption: What do we know and what do we do? Corruption, Justice and Legitimacy Programme (CJL), May.

Persson, Anna. "Collective Action Theory Applied to Anti-Corruption Practice." The International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA), July.

Persson, Anna. "Korruption som samhällsproblem." Swedish National Audit Office, October.

Povitkina, Marina. "Demokratiet på prøve: Hva krever det av Ukraina og Europa å stå imot Russland?" Krig i Europa, University of Oslo, October.

Rothstein, Bo. Lecture for the Government's Fiscal Policy Council, Finanspolitiska rådet. January.

Rothstein, Bo. Lecture at yearly conference for professionals and politicians at Region Halland, September.

Rothstein, Bo. Lecture at the Government's Unit for Ethics in Health Care, Statens Medicins-Etisk Råd. October.

Rothstein, Bo. Consulting for the government's Authoritiy for Economic Growth, Myndigheten för tillväxtanalys. November.

Rothstein, Bo. Lecture at course for high-level civil service managers in Sweden, November.

OTHER SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

Alexander, Amy. Representative of the Quality of Government Institute in designing a course on anti-corruption that can be adopted by MBA programs throughout Europe to be incorporated into their curriculum. The course is developed within the framework of an Erasmus+ grant that was awarded funding from September 2019 – August 31st 2022. Upon completion of the grant on August 31st 2022, the course will be published and made available to MBA instructors throughout Europe to adopt for the purposes of teaching students about corruption.

Bauhr, Monika. Member of the Chandler sessions on corruption and integrity, Oxford University.

Dahlström, Carl. External examiner (Joonas Taras, PhD degree), University of Oxford.

Dahlström, Carl. External reviewer for promotion to Professor, Linnæus University (Per Strömblad).

Dahlström, Carl. Member of the Humanities and Social Sciences review panel, Swedish Research Council.

Dahlström, Carl. Member of the SNS Center for Business and Policy Studies Board of Trustees.

Persson, Anna. Course development and responsible teacher for the course "Corruption in Academic Research." Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA).

Persson, Anna. Elected board member at Transparency International Sverige.

Persson, Anna. Member of Reviewer Panel, Norwegian Research Council's Reviewer Panel on Social Sciences.

Povitkina, Marina & Varraich, Aiysha. Part of the organizational team of the 6th Interdisciplinary Corruption Research Forum, Bologna, June.

Sundström, Aksel. Member of Politics & Gender Editorial Board.

Sundström, Aksel. Member of Public Administration Editorial Board.

QOG DATA

The QoG Data Team had another successful year in 2022, marked by the release of updates to our Compilation Datasets and the addition of new data sources to our collection.
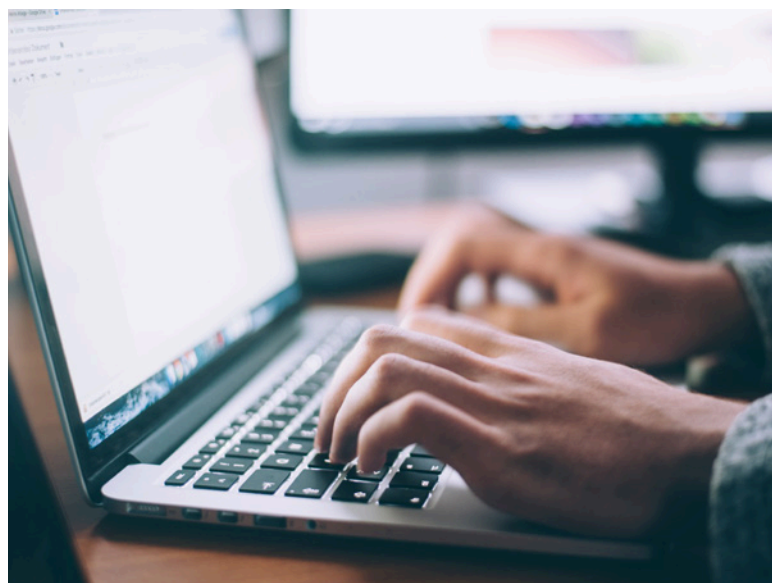
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Remittances Data (World Bank, 2021a). This dataset provides a snapshot of the latest statistics on remittance flows for 214 countries and territories.

- Hanson and Sigman's State Capacity Index (Hanson and Sigman, 2021). It presents a new measurement of state capacity based on extractive capacity, coercive capacity, and administrative capacity.
- Growth Projections and Complexity Rankings (Growth Lab at Harvard University, 2019). The dataset includes economic growth forecasts for the upcoming decade and rankings of countries by their current economic complexity.
- COVID-19 Data Repository (Ensheng, Du, and Gardner, 2020). The repository contains data on confirmed COVID-19 cases, deaths, recoveries, and tests at the national level.
- Bjørnskov-Rode regime data (Bjørnskov and Rode, 2020). It updates Cheibub, Gandhi, and Vreeland's DD dataset and expands it to recent years

The dissemination of our work has been significantly extended through two different infrastructural projects. First, the QoG Data Finder, which we launched in 2021, now includes variable-level download functions, along with its citation guidelines and codebooks. The users of the Data Finder can now search for specific variables, check their availability across years and countries and download the selected variables. As we can also monitor the most-searched concepts under QoG Data Finder, we are working hard to extend our collection of variables in line with our users' needs. Second, the beta version of DEMSCORE infrastructure, which brings the leading Swedish data providers on social sciences together, was introduced in June 2022. This new platform enables its visitors to harmonize selected variables from DEMSCORE-participant institutions, including QoG Data, in a format and output unit of their choice.

In 2022, we continued to engage with the research community through various outreach efforts. We attended APSA 2022 in Montreal to promote our freely available resources to the political science community and get feedback from our existing users. Our booth at the exhibition hall, co-hosted with GLD and V-Dem, was well-received, and we were able to reach new people who want to use our data collection and visualization tools for different purposes. A month later, in October 2022, we were invited to and attended the Berggruen Conference at UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, where we met other data providers across the globe and discussed how governance indicators could be further developed.

QoG Data offers open-access datasets, so users can learn, research and understand better the concepts relating to Quality of Government.

During the autumn semester, the QoG Data team also had the chance to interact with students more than before. We welcomed our first data intern at QoG Institute, Yente Meijers, a second-year master's student in the Social Scientific Data Analysis program at Lund University. Throughout her internship, she contributed to our data update for the incoming Compilation Datasets and developed a new visualization tool plotting the Basic Dataset variables in a 3D plot; this visualization tool is available on our website. From now on, every Autumn semester we will welcome a Data Intern; allowing us to share our data expertise with data-oriented students in social sciences and receiving new insights and creative input from the incoming students.

In addition, we gave a presentation to the students of the Master course 'Introduction to Applied Research Design and Quantitative Research Methods for Social Scientists'. During this presentation, we explored the language associated with statistics and data and demonstrated the different tools available for students on the QoG website. Our hope is that students feel more confident and comfortable using the terms they will encounter in their quantitative methods seminars and that they enhance their research by using the QoG data tools.
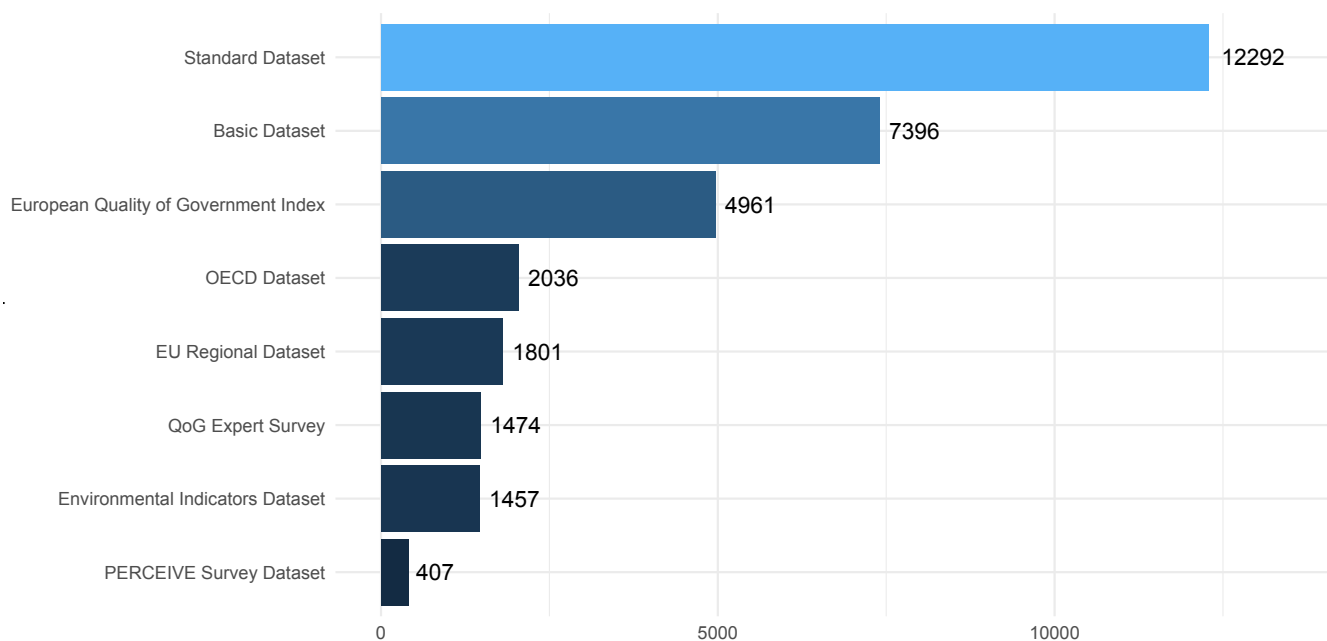
Overall, 2022 was a highly productive and successful year for the QoG Data Team. Looking ahead, we are excited to continue our work in the coming year and are committed to driving forward new and innovative data projects that will benefit the research community. We are grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the advancement of knowledge and look forward to the challenges and opportunities that the future holds.

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VISITS JAN–DEC 2022

Dataset	Visits
Standard Dataset	12292
Basic Dataset	7396
European Quality of Government Index	4961
OECD Dataset	2036
EU Regional Dataset	1801
QoG Expert Survey	1474
Environmental Indicators Dataset	1457
PERCEIVE Survey Dataset	407

COUNTRY VISITS JAN–DEC 2022

No visitor

1–999 visitors

More than 1 000 visitors
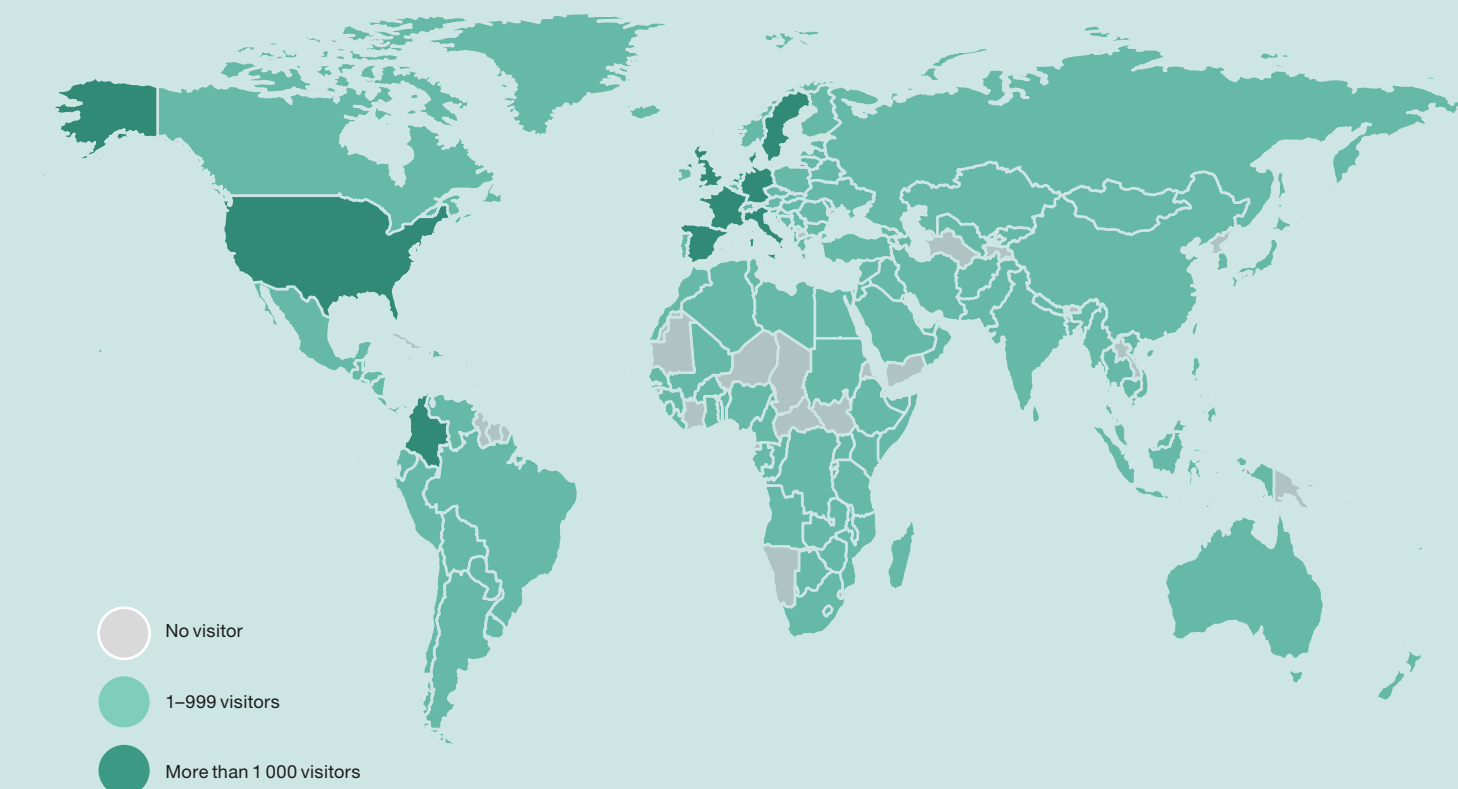
QOG FOR STUDENTS

QOG INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Quality of Government Institute hosts an internship program aimed at students enrolled on a master's program. The internship provides opportunities for students to obtain practical experience in working with various research projects within academia in an international environment and gives the student the opportunity to experience the day-to-day work at the Institute and to participate in seminars and other events organized by the Institute. In 2022, we accommodated six interns for a period of 10–20 weeks:

Ann-Ida Gyllenspetz
Master student in Public Administration
University of Gothenburg

Hayden Buker
Master student in Political Science
University of Gothenburg

Ilya Lavrov
Erasmus Mundus Joint Master in Transition
Innovation and Sustainability Environments

Inken Schütt
Master student at the International Administration
and Global Governance program
University of Gothenburg

Raymond Samo
Master student in Public administration
University of Gothenburg

Yente Meijers
Master student in Political Science
Lunds University

→ **Read more about our internship program
on our website:** https://www.gu.se/en/quality-government/qog-for-students-0/internship-at-the-qog-institute

INTERNSHIP PORTRAIT

Hayden E. Buker, Master student in Political Science, University of Gothenburg. Intern at the QOG Institute for 20 weeks during Autumn 2022.

During the second year of the Master's programme in Political Science, I had the excellent opportunity to do an internship at the Quality of Government Institute. Having been interested in pursuing a PhD following the master's programme, this internship provided an opportunity to experience an academic environment and work with the leading scholars in this field. The internship itself has been a beyond-expectations experience, during which I was given a much clearer idea of what entails an academic career, including expanded career options such as research assistantships and data management.

During my time at QoG I was given many opportunities to work with current research projects that ranged from compiling relevant literature and research, to hands on work creating literature reviews for ongoing projects. Aside from the assigned tasks, as an intern at the QoG institute, there was the possibility to attend seminars and other events that provided the opportunity to both learn about current research being conducted at other universities and institutes, and to actively participate in discussion with prominent scholars in the field of research.

A valuable quality of the QoG institute is its breadth of study. QoG is so much more than studying corruption and as an intern you never feel pigeon-holed into a particular field of study – I have assisted on projects about gendered portrayals in the media, environmental policy acceptance, and international aid efforts. The institute's internal structure further provides a wonderful experience as the working environment is very open and transparent and the input of the interns is always appreciated and valued. It is highly encouraged that the interns do not shy from expressing their thoughts in any open discussion. The institute puts in extra effort to facilitate this environment by organizing a QoG breakfast every second Monday, during which there is equal opportunity to discuss the ongoing projects at the institute, introduce the tasks to which you have been assigned, and receive insight from the other researchers.

Given the very positive time I have had at the institute, my plan is to pursue a research position in the field of corruption research, with additional plans to develop a concise PhD proposal in the future. Any student who is considering an academic career and would like the chance to put their skills into practice should certainly apply for the internship at the Quality of Government institute.

MASTER´S COURSES

Master students at the University of **Gothenburg** have an opportunity to take part in courses that specifically explore different aspects of Quality of Government and the performance of democracies from a "governance" perspective.

THE QUALITY OF GOVERNMENT IN A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

The course addresses problems related to the quality of governance (QoG) and corruption in a comparative perspective. Today, there is consensus among social science researchers about the importance of high-quality government for economic and democratic development as well as for social and environmental sustainability. Government organisations that are trustworthy, reliable, impartial, uncorrupted and competent are currently seen as one of the most important factors of human well-being.

Corruption is seen as having detrimental effects on economic growth, the public goods provision, the democratic processes and trust among citizens. The quality of governance is not a problem for developing countries only but exists also in economically developed democracies where trust in government institutions and the sustainability of welfare programs has been questioned. The central issues that we address in the course are: What is QoG? How can QoG be defined and measured? What explains the great variation between the countries in QoG? What do you get from high QoG and what are the mechanisms that give high/low QoG?

In 2022, 22 students were enrolled on the QoG course.

THE PERFORMANCE OF DEMOCRACIES

This course explores factors that explain cross country variation in democratic performance and their implications. More specifically, it is concerned with how institutional variation among democratic regimes is related to outcomes in general dimensions of performance, such as, human well-being, corruption and sound management of public finances, among others.

It therefore takes a quality of 'governance' perspective, focusing on why and how democracies 'succeed or fail'. You also get to study the implications that follow for citizen attitudes and democratic support.

In 2022, 20 students were enrolled on the PERDEM course.

→ **Read more about the course The Quality of Government in a Comparative Perspective at:** https://www.gu.se/en/study-gothenburg/the-quality-of-government-in-a-comparative-perspective-sk2212

→ **Read more about the course The Performace of Democracies:** https://www.gu.se/en/study-gothenburg/the-performance-of-democracies-sk2211

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