

RETHINKING EUROPEAN INTEGRATION – RESEARCH GROUP

Programme – Fall 2017

Author meets Critics – Thursday September 28th 2017

Awkward Europeans? Sweden and Denmark in the European integration process

Malin Stegmann McCallion (Karlstad Universitet) and Anders Wivel (KU)

The presentation AmC is based on Malin Stegmann McCallion and Alex Brianson (Eds.) *Nordic States and European Integration: Awkward Partners in the North?* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2017)

The notion of *awkward partners* has only gained in prominence as BREXIT continues to cast a shadow upon the entire European project. For the same reason, the discussions about a two- or multispeed Europe, with *à la carte* solutions or half memberships, have again returned. Last, in these discussions – and particularly within Britain – the varied, but overall reluctant, Nordic responses to European integration have become hot objects of study.

Synopsis *Nordic States and European Integration*:

This book analyzes Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Iceland as 'awkward Europeans', i.e. states striving to participate in a region but while lacking full belonging in and commitment to the goals of that region. The book traces the historical development of these countries' relationship with EU-Europe, identifies controversial issue areas and discusses how each country has managed EU-integration in order to identify similarities and differences between the Nordic countries and to determine to which extent they may be viewed as 'awkward Europeans'.

Discussants: Catharina Sørensen (Tænketanken Europa) & Hans Mouritzen (DIIS)

Time: 13:00-16:00 (followed by reception)

Place: Study Hub, Humanities Library (Karen Blixens Plads 7, 2300 Copenhagen S. – Ground Floor)

Internal Meeting – Monday 23rd October

The Genealogy of theologico-economic practice and thought in Europe

Stefan Schwarzkopf (CBS)

'European Liberalism and the Theology of Choice'

Mitchell Dean (CBS)

'Three Forms of Political Acclamation'

Troels Krarup (CBS)

'Discourses on Order and the Genealogy of Economic Governance in the European Union'

Time: 11:00-14:00

Place: Læderværelset (Room 12-3-07)

Internal meeting (one-day workshop) – Wednesday November 8th 2017

PanEur1970s project

Elitza Stanoeva (EUI) & Angela Romano (EUI)

PanEur1970s is a five-year project (2015-2020) – based at the European University Institute – to investigate the European Socialist regimes' expectations and predicaments vis-à-vis the opening of a space of pan-European cooperation in the long 1970s. The project intends to provide a historical appraisal of the late Socialist élites' views of their countries' place and prospects in an emerging space of trans-European connections that presented them with new patterns of exchange and potential regional integration while challenging existing configurations of stability, political control and ideological self-legitimization. PanEur1970s is particularly interested in exploring how the elites of the European Socialist regimes conceived and rationalized their increasing economic exchanges with, and deepening financial dependence from, Western

Europe. Link: <https://paneur1970s.eu.eu/project-description/>

Discussants: Poul Villaume (KU) and Marianne Rostgaard (AAU)

Time: 10:00-15:00

Place: Læderværelset (Room 12-3-07)

Internal meeting – Friday November 17th 2017

Helping Hands. Research Network on the Everyday Border Work of European Citizens.

Marie Sandberg and Dorte J. Andersen

As a consequence of people fleeing their home countries, especially Syria, and an increasing territorialisation of the Islamic State, Europe is currently experiencing an almost unprecedented refugee crisis. Among European citizens, reactions to the crisis differ; enhanced violence, discrimination, xenophobia and calls to close the European state borders, are observed along with opposite movements, in which European citizens choose to support the refugees – upon arrival as well as in arriving. The interdisciplinary scope of the research network is to bring together researchers from Migration Studies, Border Studies and European Studies to explore the motives behind and rationales of these aiding initiatives, while focusing on North-West Europe. This will feed into future collaborative project proposals as well as research and educational activities that build on exchange of knowledge between Border, European and Migration Studies, an exchange which is currently not explored to its fullest.

Time: TBA

Place: Læderværelset (Room 12-3-07)

Author meets Critics – Friday November 24th 2017

The Hegemony of Growth. The OECD and the Making of the Economic Growth Paradigm. (CUP, 2016)

Matthias Schmelzer (University of Jena/University of Zürich)

Matthias Schmelzer's latest monograph on the OECD raises questions about the role of international organisations in the ebbs and flows of international trends in political economy. Moreover, it offers a fresh methodological take on how we could or should study IOs, including the EC/EU.

Synopsis of *The Hegemony of Growth*:

In modern society, economic growth is considered to be the primary goal pursued through policy-making. But when and how did this perception become widely adopted among social scientists, politicians, and the general public? Focusing on the OECD, Schmelzer offers the first transnational study to chart the history of growth discourses. He reveals how the pursuit of GDP growth emerged as a societal goal and the ways in which the methods employed to measure, model, and prescribe growth resulted in statistical standards, international policy frameworks, and widely accepted norms. *The Hegemony of Growth* sheds new light on the continuous reshaping of the growth paradigm up to the neoliberal age and adds historical depth to current debates on climate change, inequality, and the limits to growth.

Discussants: Karen Gram-Skjoldager (AU) and Carl-Johan Dalgaard (KU).

Time: 13:00-16:00 (followed by reception)

Place: Study Hub, Humanities Library (Karen Blixens Plads 7, 2300 Copenhagen S. – Ground Floor)

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