MEMORANDUM

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Re: Annual report 2010 for CORA – Centre for Public Regulation and Administration

According to the guidelines, established for the research centres of the faculty, is hereby submitted the annual report 2010 of the activities of the centre.

By way of introduction, please note that CORA aims to study development of fundamental values and principles of law in an age where Europeanization and globalization of society has led to an increase in public regulation and administration of specific spheres of life.

Please note, as well, that the centre was established on September 1, 2010, continuing the former Research Group on Administrative Law. Accordingly, the centre has been active for four months so far, to which must be added a good deal of preparatory work between the approval of the centre on March 15, 2010, and the starting date mentioned above.

Staff information:

Besides the former FFG members (in total 11 people, including three PhD fellows) the staff of the centre has been augmented by several members during the period under review. The total staff by the end of 2010 includes 20 members (including seven PhD fellows and two research assistants). Six of the members of the centre (including four PhD fellows) are attached to a special department of environmental law in the centre.
A PhD fellow has obtained his PhD degree and resigned afterwards (Dimitri Weil). Two other PhD fellows have been appointed as research assistants, one in the employment of CORA (Jannie Dyring). The latter has received an additional three-year post doc research scholarship by The Danish Council for Independent Research. Social Sciences. Furthermore a PhD fellow (Annalisa Savarezi) has obtained a prize from IUCN Academy of Environmental Law for Best Graduate Student Paper, sept. 2010.

There are also two student assistants working on specific projects (Jana Kirijenko and Astrid Kløve Pedersen) and one administrative student assistant (Marie Hove) on the staff of the centre. The centre has been without administrative officer during the whole period, but now an administrative officer is expected to start May 2011 (Melanie Andersen). Instead, the centre has received the necessary secretarial assistance from other sources.

**Funding:**

On start-up the centre received a funding of 200.000 kr., distributed with 150.000 kr. earmarked for wages and salaries and 50.000 kr. earmarked for running. The centre had spent approximately 40 % of the funding at the end of 2010.

Some of the members of the centre are involved in applications for external research funding allocation, among them a main applicant for funding from DANIDA together with staff members of the Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Copenhagen.

**Events:**

During the period under review the centre has arranged events (seminars and open meetings) as listed below. Furthermore, there have been internal meetings on a regular basis, including lunch meetings for the whole centre as well as meetings in the management team of centre.

1. **Workshop, August 31 (9 am – 5 pm), Danish Architecture Centre, Old Dock**

Purpose: A discussion of the research projects and future activities of the centre. External lecture on Good Governance by professor Torben Beck Jørgensen, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen. Furthermore, lecture on internationalization of the Administrative Law by Niels Fenger. (Arr.: the head of CORA; number of participants: 15).
2. Opening seminar, September 10 (3 pm – 5.30 pm), Studiegaarden (the Canteen)

Purpose: The opening of the centre by dean Henrik Dam. Presentation of the centre by head of the centre Carsten Henrichsen. Lecture on current challenges of administrative law by professor Karsten Revsbech (Aarhus School of Business and Social Sciences, University of Aarhus) and professor Lena Marcusson (Uppsala University). (Arr.: the head of CORA; number of participants: about 70).

3. Seminar on The Publicity Commission’s proposal for a new Public Records Act, Studiegaarden (the canteen)

Purpose: Presentation of the bill by ombudsman Hans Gammeltoft-Hansen. Introduction to a debate by head of department Oluf Jørgensen, Danish School of Journalism, Steen Rønsholdt, CORA, and journalist Ulrik Dahlin, the Danish paper Dagbladet Information. (Arr.: the head of CORA; number of participants: about 80).

4. Lecture on Environmental Integration in the EU External Relations: Beyond the Multilateral Dimension, Studiegaarden (meeting room 00-016)

Lecture by Dr. Elisa Morgera, University of Edinburgh, focusing on the evolution of legal and other tools deployed to integrate environmental concerns in the relations of the EU with selected third countries and regions. (Arr.: Anita Rønne, Research Group of Environmental Law; Chairman Peter Pagh; number of participants: 14).

5. Open centre meeting on “The decision concept in administrative law”, Studiegaarden (meeting room 00-016)

Purpose: Presentation and discussion of the specific understanding of the concept which the conduct of the ombudsman's professional activity in relation to the application of party rights of the Danish Public Administration Act is based upon. Lecture by ombudsman Hans Gammeltoft-Hansen. (arr.: The head of CORA; number of participants: 18).

Research activities:

The request for approval of CORA as a centre included several research areas, in total four more precisely defined centre projects, which the centre particularly should put into focus in the next few years. In addition to this, several other individual projects, already up and running or in process on the initiative of individuals or smaller groups in the centre, were listed.
In continuation of this it was further decided on a workshop in August 2010 for the year ahead to focus on particularly two subjects, “the gift-taking of public sector employees” and “the liability for damages of public authorities”, respectively, both with the aim of arranging seminars in the spring of 2011. As planned these seminars will take place and in addition to this, a new workshop will take place in June 2011 and a meeting with the advisory board is scheduled for August 2011.

Furthermore, a survey of the current and planned research projects of the members of the centre has been made. In this connection, a large number of subjects are registered and classified into three groups; general subjects (11 projects), special subjects (six projects) and cross-disciplinary subjects (six projects), respectively. Read more about this on the homepage of the centre.

**Other activities:**

CORA has presented a number of proposals for subjects for Danish/English notice of vacant positions as PhD fellows in spring 2011.

Furthermore, it has been taken into consideration to contribute to proposals for setting up new PhD courses in administrative law and public law.

**Homepage of the centre:**

During the autumn 2010 the homepage has been redesigned in a Danish and (a little shorter) English version: [http://jura.ku.dk/cora/english/](http://jura.ku.dk/cora/english/). The Danish version contains, besides staff information etc., an account of the centre and the management thereof, a list of the research projects of the centre as mentioned above as well as a list of publications relevant to the centre. Additionally, the homepage contains a number of proposals for PhD projects as well as publication of particular good thesis on specially studied subjects in the field of the centre.

The centre is publishing a newsletter, *News from Cora*, about four times a year. Anyone who is interested in subscribing can do so through the mail service of the centre. Two newsletters have been published (August and November) during the period under review.

Yours sincerely

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Head of the centre