Main research results and publications 2016

Members of CECS have contributed with research in a number of fields during 2016. The presentation below only mentions some selected examples of research based publications. This selection indicates the focus on and importance of judges and the judiciary, including the jurisdiction of the EU court and the role of other courts and users of courts. Further, the EU’s common security policy, the social dimension of the EU and its relation to the welfare state and the influence of the Eurozone are topics treated. The publications also deal with issues of public and citizen participation as well as decisions and practices of war. The most important collective endeavor is the anthology listed below, which is an outcome of a collaboration between the EUI in Florence, PluriCourts in Oslo and CECS.

Judges as Guardians of Constitutionalism and Human Rights edited by Martin Scheinin, Helle Krunke and Maria Aksenova (Edward Elgar Publishing) has articles by several members of CECS including Antoni Abat i Ninet, David Jenkins and Helle Krunke. The contributors of the book discuss several points that each represent contemporary challenges to judging such as analysis of judicial balancing of conflicting considerations; the nature of courts’ legitimacy and its alleged dependence on public support; the role of judges in upholding values in times of transition to democracy, surveillance and the fight against terrorism; and the role of international judges in guaranteeing globally recognized fundamental rights and freedoms.

Roberta Mungianu’s published her dissertation Frontex and Non-refoulement. The International Responsibility of the EU with Cambridge University Press.

Antoni Abat i Ninet has dealt with issues of Judicial policing, Administration of Justice and the role of the judiciary in Egypt in several peer-reviewed articles.

Graham Butler has written a large number of peer reviewed articles amongst others on the Jurisdiction of the Court of Justice in the EU’s Common Foreign and Security Policy; on the Legal and Political Implications of BREXIT; on European and international Law Challenges for the EU Naval Mission in the Mediterranean Sea as well as on the Accession of the European Union to the the European Convention on Human Rights.

Hanne Petersen has contributed with an article on “Lange ‘krigsballetter før og nu” comparing the 30 years’ war and 21st century wars.

Helle Krunke has written an article “Hvem beslutter om Danmark kan gå i Krig (with Jens Christian Dalsgaard), and published on Courts as protectors of the people related to constitutional identity, popular legitimacy and human rights; on the direct democracy and citizen participation as well as the evolution of intergenerational solidarity (with Stine Hellqvist Frey).

Ulla Neergaard has among others written on Europe and the Welfare state, the influence of Eurozone Reforms upon the Social Dimension of the EU and the nature of social rights in the EU Charter.
Research collaboration and external funding

Helle Krunke co-organized a EURECO-funded conference in March 2016 on *Tracing the Developments and Origins of Political and Legal Texts in the EU* together with H. Hermansson from the Political Science Department. She was co-editor of an anthology on *Judges as Guardians of Constitutionalism and Human Rights* (see above), and co-hosted an extended seminar together with iCourts on *Constitutional pluralism, the European Way: Dead or alive*. Her co-operation with colleagues from U of Sorbonne through IMODEV continued with two conference papers. She acted as a member of the executive committee of IACL, and was an International Chair at LUISS, Rome, for 2 weeks as part of the International Chair programme. The cooperation with the EUI continued with her conference presentation in Florence on Nordic Exceptionalism.

Roberta Mungianu and Hanne Petersen co-organized a EURECO-funded *Interdisciplinary Colloquium - Global and European Issues of Solidarity* in April 2017 together with Ian Manners from the Political Science Department. Hanne Petersen is visiting professor at Gothenburg University during the period from 2016-18. She had two trips to Beijing, China, and gave presentations at China Women’s University and at a conference at Peking University.

Graham Butler was involved in the EURECO Distinguished Lecture Series where he gave a presentation – among many other presentations.

CECS organized a series of seminars – EUROPE IN CRISIS with CECS, local and international speakers (see under public outreach).

Further a couple of international visitors gave seminars and lectures at CECS:

- Davor Trinl, Law Faculty of Sarajevo: *Limitations of Democratic Capacity of the Constitutional System of Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- Professor Carol C. Gould, Hunter College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York: *Motivating Solidarity with Distant Others: Empathic Politics, Responsibility, and the Problem of Global Justice.*
- Professor Wang Liming, professor of law and Executive Vice President at Renmin University of China: *The Development of the Drafting of China's Civil Code*
- *Democracy and the Role of Parliaments* (Alison Young, University of Oxford & Nicola Lupo, LUISS, Rome) 22.9.16

Both David Trinl and Nicola Lupo spent two weeks as guest researchers at CECS.

CECS members were involved in several other activities, conferences and presentations at conferences. CECS members were also involved in several applications for funding including some, which were successful during a year of very high competition.

Ebrahim Afsah received grants from the Danish-Arab Partnership Programme (1.730.000,DKK) for a project “A New Era of Arab Parliamentarism” conducted jointly with the Cross Cultural Faculty at KU. He received up to 210.000 DKK from a number of sources (Damaskus Legat, Carlsberg Foundation, EURECO) for a 2017 conference on “Implications of the Nuclear Agreement in Iran”. He received a grant (500.000 DKK ) as participant in an inter-disciplinary Nordic research group on “Nordic Civil Wars, Historiography and their Contemporary Relevance”.

Ulla Neergaard was coordinator of the EU financed FP/ research project bEUcitizen.
Research based teaching and public outreach

CECS (H Petersen with others) organized a series of seminars called EUROPE IN CRISIS with CECS, local and international speakers addressed amongst others for students and a general public:

- **Current European Conditions** (Ebrahim Afsah, David Jenkins, Roberta Mungianu) 19.1.16
- **Democracy and the Role of Parliaments** (Alison Young, University of Oxford & Nicola Lupo, LUISS, Rome) 22.9.16
- **A seminar about the perspectives on BREXIT** (Fergus Kerrigan, Helle Krunke, Graham Butler, Ulrik Pram Gad, Ålborg Universitet) 4.10.16 (with Foreningen Argument)
- **One year after Bataclan - The French experience in the world. How do countries and cities cope?** (French ambassador to DK, Francois Zimeray, Anna Mee Allerslev, Mayor for employment and integration, City of Copenhagen, Tarek Ziad Hussein, law student, student assistant at the Danish Institute for Human Rights). 16.11.16 (with Foreningen Argument)
- **Chinese Perspectives on European Crisis and the Common Environmental Crisis.** (Political Counsellor (Deputy Head) Hu Hongbo, Embassy of People’s Republic of China to the Kingdom of Denmark & PhD Fellow Louise Lyngfeldt Gorm Hansen, Asia Research Centre, Department of International Economics and Management, CBS and Sino-Danish Center for Education and Research) 16.12.16

Objectives for the coming year:

CECS is focusing on publication of an anthology from the *International Colloquium – Global and European Issues of Solidarity* with an internationally leading publisher.

Individual members are focusing on continued publication of articles and books with recognized publishers.

Individual members and groups of members are working on external research funding related to cooperative projects amongst others related to issues of solidarity, which will be a focus of research and seminar activities of 2017 (see budget)

CECS also intends to continue cooperation about seminars with student organizations.

CECS’ teaching is research driven.

CECS has both lost and gained members during 2016, and the centre expects to gain further members during 2017 – especially Ph.D. students.