



# Newsletter

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## Seven Year Review of the Pufendorf Institute for Advanced Studies at Lund University

Alan Irwin, Kate Soper and Richard Taylor were asked to evaluate the Institute and besides being given access to all necessary material they also visited the Institute for a week this past April. Their efforts culminated in [this](#) document. We thank our three evaluators for all their hard work but would also like to thank all theme participants who have helped us through surveys. Comments from the evaluators have shown that the surveys have been invaluable work material in the evaluation of the Institute.

## Surveys and the Evaluation process

Part of the success of the Institute is our ability to develop and adjust to the format and needs of our research groups. Therefore we would like to remind you of the crucial work you do by participating in the surveys that you receive upon completion of the work, one year after completion and two years after completion. The evaluation office at Lund University has met with concerns and questions regarding the safety of anonymity. The integrity of the answers of our respondents is vital for our development. Traditional settings ensure that answers are not linked to a respondent and we have a minimum of ten respondents before we can partake of or present any results. We will also review the questions again to replace any phrasing which might require an answer that is too revealing.

## The Institute, Present and Future

- We are stabilizing future financing with the university
- We have secured a more flexible scheme for visiting research fellowships with a grant from a research foundation
- We are setting earlier call dates for submission which will hopefully allow future groups and guest researchers advanced planning
- We seek to keep previous participants better informed through this newsletter – which will be released 1-2 times per term going forward.
- We will hold a conference sometime late next year on interdisciplinary work and how to succeed.
- We will reserve one theme for researchers in the early stages of their career next year
- We are gathering a group for a new top-down research topic in the early stages
- The board of the institute will receive new members
- Eva Persson is on part-time sick leave and is assisted by Gisela Ferré Aramburu will be the main contact for day-to-day administration

## October Call for Theme proposals and ASG applications

The call for submissions of Theme proposals is now open **from the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, 2016, to the 10<sup>th</sup> of January, 2017** and for ASG applications **from the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, 2016, to the 24<sup>th</sup> of January, 2017**. This is a change from previous years when the call has been open from November to February. Please take note of the new deadline and be sure to advise colleagues who might be interested.

## Sustainable Book Launch

On the 18th of October the 2014 – 2015 Theme “Sustainable Welfare” is holding a book launch at the Pufendorf Institute 16.30 – 18.00. *Sustainability and the Political Economy of Welfare* edited by Theme participants Max Koch and Oksana Mont. The book raises the issue of what is required to make welfare societies ecologically sustainable. More information about the book, its launch and the Theme behind it is available on the Pufendorf web site.

The next newsletter will reach you in December!