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Introduction

Founded in 2007, the Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES) supports and coordinates research, teaching, and other forms of scholarship related to a range of issues, topics, activities, and events that have some significant link to a variety of areas commonly referred to as “The Middle East.” Research on the Middle East has existed in Lund since the university’s founding in 1666, however the Middle East in The Contemporary World (MECW) research environment was established in the autumn of 2009 by a Strategic Research Area grant from the Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet). The aim of MECW is to coordinate, redirect, and expand research related to The Middle East at Lund University.

Since the 2011 Annual Report, there have been several major developments at CMES. Toward the end of 2012, a board, which was elected according to Lund University regulations, replaced the preliminary or start-up board of directors. The Hydrosolidarity Project—a multi-disciplinary, border crossing research project—became fully operational. We transitioned from a weekly to bi-monthly seminar series based upon presentations by renowned scholars from outside of Lund University to a series featuring the academic work of MECW scholars. The Women for Sustainable Growth Domain was reorganized as a Non-Profit Association. As was the case in 2010 and 2011, in 2012 CMES underwent an extensive annual evaluation of the MECW strategic research environment. This CMES/MECW Annual Report for 2012 derives in large part from this extensive evaluation; some of the sections below are excerpted from the official evaluation answers submitted by CMES. As reflected in this Annual Report, 2012 turned out to be as incredibly active a year for CMES and MECW as was 2011.

This Annual Report for 2012, completed in August of 2013, has four parts and an appendix. Part I, “General Overview”, summarizes MECW’s major priorities, activities, results, challenges, initiatives as well as the societal needs addressed. Part II, “CMES/MECW Educational Program”, includes a discussion of the educational program that is a part of the MECW strategic research environment. Part III, “Overviews of the Five Research Domains,” contains synopses of the on-going activities in each of the five research domains. Part IV, “CMES Seminars, Guest Lecturers, Speakers, and Film Screenings”, provides information on the various events hosted by CMES/MECW featuring renowned guest lecturers and speakers as well as screenings of award winning films. The appendix of this annual report contains “Specific Activities of the MECW Domains.” This listing of specific activities documents publications, national/international collaborations, media & public engagements, innovative activities, and many other activities that have made 2012 such an incredible year.

The CMES/MECW budget for 2010 was approximately 13 million SEK and by the end of the 2010 calendar year, there was a surplus of funds. In planning the budget for 2011, CMES/MECW was strongly encouraged to increase expenditures. Hence, the CMES/MECW budget for 2011 ended with an operating deficit of 3.4 million SEK. Given this deficit from 2011, at the start of the 2012 calendar year, the operating budget was 18 million SEK. Crucial to the development and continued success of CMES/MECW will be the evaluation of 2013 and that CMES/MECW receive new funding for the 2014 calendar year.

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1 In the 2011 Annual Report the operating budget amount reported was 9.5 million SEK. The amount of 18 million SEK reported in this 2012 Annual Report includes the CMES budget.
“Glimpse of Syria’s Qubayr Massacre,” “Iran Says Nuclear talks to resume,” “Egypt Judicial Council to oversee referendum”: these are just a few of the international headlines reported by Al Jazeera during 2012. If you pick up any newspaper with international stories, The Middle East will appear in stories ranging from events that are mundane, to those that are exciting and inspirational, to events that are tragic.

As was the case in 2011, 2012 was a year of historically significant events for many regions of The Middle East. Similar to 2011, 2012 was a memorable and productive year for the Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES). For example, “uprisings”, “social movements”, “civil war”, “civil protests,” gave the commonly known “Arab Spring” continued significance within and beyond the Middle East. Administrative staff, students, scholars, project assistants, researchers, teachers, and others who are central to the work of the Center (CMES) engaged in a variety of activities from organizing and attending conferences on the Arab Spring, to attending important lectures and presentations by renowned scholars (for example, Deniz Kandiyoti, John Esposito, Naomi Sakr, Ayhan Aktar, and Mattias Gardell just to name a few), to beginning cross-disciplinary work on Hydrosolidarity, a research project funded by the Pufendorf Institute of Lund University. And these are just a few highlights of the information to come as you continue to read this 2012 Annual Report.

It is with pleasure that I, along with the Co-Director & Co-Coordinator, and Research Domain Leaders, share with you the second Annual Report for the Middle East in the Contemporary World (MECW) Strategic Research Area. This report is part of a process of development in which CMES/MECW summarizes and publicizes significant results of the annual evaluations of the MECW Strategic Research Area. I regard the annual report as part of an on-going effort to make the activities of CMES/MECW more transparent and visible.

Persons too numerous to name made the success of 2012 possible. These persons include our CMES/MECW board of directors, and especially its chairman, Göran Bexell, has given us invaluable support and suggestions about how to develop. Vice-Chancellor Per Eriksson and Pro Vice-Chancellor Eva Wiberg have given significant support and I appreciate their engagement in our activities. Assistant Vice Chancellor Sven Strömqvist has continued to provide instrumental support and advice. As was the case in 2011, I remain inspired by and grateful to the administrative staff, senior researchers, scholars, affiliates, and students of CMES/MECW who have made 2012 a productive year.

Sincerely,
Leif Stenberg
Director, CMES and Coordinator, MECW
Letter from the Co-Coordinator of MECW & the Co-Director of CMES

CMES/MECW continues to be a dynamic space for crucial teaching, research, and analyses of topics related to the MENA region and MENA Diasporas. As Co-Director and Co-Coordinator, we never cease to be amazed and humbled by the abundance of scholarly activities that are locally, nationally, and globally relevant to those who comprise the CMES/MECW work environment. And, we are happy to help direct and manage the talented administrative staff, scholars, and Master’s students who call CMES/MECW their academic home.

As was the case in 2011, 2012 was a particularly eventful year. We have had the pleasure of working with, directing and coordinating the activities of an engaging group of colleagues who, as documented in this Annual Report, have continued to secured grants, published books and articles, and who remain in demand by national and international media.

We share Leif’s sentiments regarding the accomplishments of 2012 and hope you will enjoy reading details provided below. We also join Leif in thanking the chancellors, board members, administrative staff, senior researchers, scholars, affiliates, and students who contributed to the successes of 2012.

Lory Dance
Co-Coordinator, MECW

Dan-Erik Andersson
Co-Director, CMES
A Letter from the MECW Domain Leaders

During the 2012 calendar year, the MECW domains became more dynamic and fluid than in 2010 and 2011. As domain leaders we have been busy with working within the organization format of five research domains (see list below) while also thinking about how to reorganize the domains to better capture emergent research activities. For example, we have been considering how to thread topics related to gender throughout all domains. We are also exploring how to combine in a more synergistic way, the activities of scholars working on topics related to migration within the MENA region and within Sweden/Scandinavia. However, these considerations are works-in-progress and as was the case in 2010 and 2011, the MECW domains are:

- Contemporary Interpretations of Islam and Muslim Cultures
- Hydropolitics, Security, and International Law
- Migration and Spatial Mobility
- The Middle East in Sweden
- Women for Sustainable Growth

Similar to 2011, during 2012 we have produced scholarly publications, attended local, national, and international conferences, organized local, national, and international symposia and conferences, provided media interviews, continued on-going collaborations and established new collaborations with local, national, and international institutions, and so on. For more specific details, please see “Specific Activities of the MECW Research Domains” in the appendix of this annual report.

We join the executive team in thanking all those who helped to make 2012 a productive year. In particular, we would like to offer a special thanks to each and every member of our respective domains for their achievements during the 2012 calendar year. May 2013 bring more of the same as well as new and engaging opportunities!

Reza Arjmand and Leif Stenberg, Co-Domain Coordinator
Contemporary Interpretations of Islam and Muslim Cultures

Ronny Berndtsson, Domain Coordinator
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Migration and Spatial Mobility

Lory Dance, Domain Coordinator
The Middle East in Sweden

Dalia Abdelhady (until June 2012), Domain Coordinator
Women for Sustainable Growth
PART I: General Overview

MAIN PRIORITIES
During 2012 MECW has been working according to the following priorities:

Consolidation
In 2012 CMES at Lund University has improved the infrastructural consolidation of the MECW strategic research area. Therefore, CMES has given special attention to the following: 1) The integration between research projects and the international Masters program in Middle Eastern Studies; 2) Maintaining high research standards and outcomes through research projects that emphasize disciplinary border crossing; 3) Consolidation of the research staff; 4) Reorganization and streamlining of administrative staff; 5) Creation of a core faculty that has CMES/MECW as their academic home; 6) Election of a new board because 2012 was the final year of the preliminary or start-up board.

Renewal and strategic planning
Now that the CMES/MECW has been in place for three years, an overarching priority developed during the fall of 2012 was to renew our strategic approaches to coordinating research, teaching, and other forms of scholarship on The Middle East. Hence, 1) a major priority has been to strengthen our research perspective based upon a multi-disciplinary and border-crossing approach. 2) Another priority has been to rethink our current research domains and how research was presented in the application for the strategic research area that was submitted to The Swedish Research Council in 2009. For example, a renewed priority that we have already acted upon is the addition of Turkey as a specific area of focus.

National/international visibility & outreach
Moving well beyond our 2011 priority of increased visibility via publications and conferences alone, in 2012 CMES/MECW prioritized a larger array of activities to enhance visibility, these activities still include conferences (national and international) but also include 1) seminars and workshops, 2) outreach to governmental, non-governmental/civil society, and community-based entities, 3) expanding collaborations with strategic alliance partners, and 4) continued appearances in national and international media. Last year, publications were also a means of achieving increased visibility, but this year the dissemination of research findings, including publications, is a new priority listed below.

Research & scientific projects
A priority during 2012 has been not merely to apply for additional funding from a variety of sources, but to create and facilitate projects that join scholars from different disciplines and from different MECW research domains around a central research topic like “Hydrosolidarity.”

Dissemination of knowledge
An obvious priority within the strategic research area has been to disseminate research findings and other forms of knowledge through a variety of outlets including publications, conferences & seminars, and the successes of the CMES/MECW Masters program.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES
During 2012 MECW has been operating through the following activities:

Consolidation
To integrate research projects and the Masters program researchers have involved Masters students working as interns on research projects. To maintain high research standards and outcomes through disciplinary border crossing, during the fall
of 2012 we initiated a weekly research seminar in Middle Eastern Studies in which scholars who are affiliated with CMES/MECW present their work in a critical, but collegial ambiance. To consolidate the research staff we have slowed the hiring process and encouraged the current staff to focus upon finalizing current projects and to collaborate with MECW colleagues on new projects. To reorganize the administrative staff we have used Lund University workshops, planning meetings and consultants to streamline administrative work and refine positions in regard to communication, the economy, and the more general support of research and education. To create a core faculty with research homes at CMES/MECW, during 2012 we prepared calls for tenure track positions. This will ensure the more long-term research goals of CMES/MECW. In addition, during 2012 we transferred one position from the Faculty of Humanities to CMES/MECW. To elect a new board we have created a committee that has applied the Lund University guidelines for board selection.

Renewal and strategic planning
To strengthen our multidisciplinary and border-crossing approach, and to rethink the current organization of our research domains, scholars from different domains have actively collaborated via joint conference presentations, grant applications, a weekly research seminar featuring the work of CMES/MECW scholars, and the organization of several faculty and staff meetings. A series of seminars on Turkey called the “The Modern Turkey Seminars” has been organized by Guest Professor Umut Ozkirimli who was hired as of January 1, 2012, as part of a rethinking and renewal of research strategies.

National/international visibility & outreach
Scholars from MECW have participated in a number of conferences, workshops and seminars. In addition to attending world-renowned conferences like the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting (MESA), CMES/MECW jointly organized a large conference on the “Arab Spring”. Within the framework of CMES/MECW we have also organized several smaller workshops and lectures on a variety of issues related to the Middle East. To enhance CMES/MECW outreach capabilities, we have professionalized the communication strategy of CMES/MECW, we have developed a short course on the Middle East to be sold to governmental organizations, civil society organizations, and businesses, and we have developed a symposium series titled “Streetposia” that targets youths from marginalized suburban communities in Malmö (and Stockholm). In addition to outreach activities from CMES/MECW to organizations beyond the walls of Lund University, during the fall of 2012 we hosted the first annual “Middle East at Lund U.” meet-&-greet gathering to connect with colleagues within the walls of Lund University, colleagues who are not affiliated with CMES/MECW but who engage in work related to the Middle East. In regard to strategic alliance partners, we have continued meaningful interactions with more partners in the Middle East and in regard to media, we have continually responded to requests from newspaper, radio, television, and internet-based media as well as further developed our home page and enhanced our participation in Facebook and other social media.

Research & scientific projects
Scholars have designed research projects that cross-disciplinary borders and persistently applied for grants from the Swedish Research Council, the Swedish Tercentenary Foundation, internal grants available at Lund University and smaller funding institutions. In the fall of 2012 CMES/MECW also applied for a “Humanities in the European Research Area” (HERA) grant from the European Science Foundation. The application was submitted in collaboration with Malmö University College, the Jagellonian University of Krakow, Copenhagen University and Freie Universität Berlin. To facilitate cross-disciplinary grant proposals, during the fall of 2012, CMES/MECW organized meetings and internal workshops to discuss possible projects as well as strategies on how to develop successful applications. In addition to designing grants that are innovative and cross-disciplinary, MECW scholars continue to publish research findings with leading academic journals and book publishers.

Dissemination of knowledge
To disseminate knowledge, CMES/MECW scholars continue to participate in numerous international conferences, workshops, and seminars like those mentioned above (see “National/international visibility & outreach”), as well as give lectures
as invited speakers at universities in Europe, North America, and the Middle East. Scholars also continue to publish highly regarded refereed journal articles, books, edited volumes, book chapters, and theses. CMES remains the home to the journal Middle East Critique and many issues of this journal present examples of innovative research. Another indicator of the dissemination of knowledge comes in the form of training new scholars. Students from the first cohort to enter the Masters program during the fall semester of 2010, graduated in June of 2012.

MAJOR RESULTS
During 2012 MECW have produced the following results:

Consolidation
In regard to the integration of the CMES/MECW research activities and the Masters program, there have been more Master students involved in research projects at CMES/MECW. For example, three students have taken part in ongoing Discourse Analysis research projects in the Middle East in Sweden research domain. The link between research and the Masters program has been more refined and developed. As a result of the weekly research seminar in Middle Eastern Studies and the consolidation of research staff, CMES/MECW scholars have received peer-reviewed feedback from their colleagues. Due to the reorganization and streamlining of administrative staff, a new and improved administration has come into place to a large extent. Most administrative positions have been clearly defined and distinctive roles and tasks have been set up to support research and education. Consolidation has also meant that we have set up more regular schedules for staff and faculty meetings. This work will continue during 2013, but major restructuring occurred in 2012. In addition to the in-house reorganization of our immediate administration, a new board will be elected. Unlike the preliminary board, the new board will resemble those of most Lund University departments. Hence, CMES and the MECW strategic research area have become better integrated into the infrastructure of Lund University. Last but not least, the results listed in this paragraph enable the institutionalization of CMES/MECW.

Renewal and strategic planning
The aforementioned renewal and strategic planning activities have had several results. The strengthening of our multi-disciplinary and border-crossing approach has resulted in new grants like the Hydrosolidarity project from the Pufendorf Institute at Lund University. The creation of a new weekly seminar series has meant that the previous seminar series of the spring 2012 semester based upon invited guests was entirely reorganized and replaced by seminar presentations by CMES/MECW scholars. This weekly seminar series has allowed CMES/MECW scholars to learn from each other and improve the quality of research. The new seminar has also become an informal platform for ongoing discussions about how to create new projects. The Modern Turkey Seminars have become a well-attended, staple feature of CMES/MECW.

Another aspect of the work towards renewal this year was how CMES/MECW has become the hub for the Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies. Furthermore, in the early fall of 2012, CMES/MECW supported a course in Middle Eastern Studies for PhD students at the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul.

National/international visibility & outreach
As a result of conference, seminar, and workshop activities, CMES/MECW at Lund University is becoming increasingly well known within national and international arenas and was, therefore, able to organize a seminal conference called “Arab Uprisings: Contesting Narratives, Locating Power.” This conference, which brought together academics, activists, and artists, was attended by leading scholars like Derek Gregory (Professor of Political Geography at the University of British Columbia), influential activists like Nabeel Rajab (a Bahrayni human rights activist), and famous artists/activists like Moe Hamzeh (lead singer of the Lebanese rock band, The Kordz). As a result of improved outreach, educational courses, and the Streetposia symposium series, the public, governmental organizations, civil society organizations, and businesses have access to increased knowledge about topics related to the Middle East. Due to meaningful interactions with strategic alliance partners, we have deepened our relations with organizations and institutions like Soran University in Iraq, The American
University in Beirut, Sabanci University in Turkey, and Ben-Gurion University in Israel. In addition, we have developed close relations with two of the more important international web pages on the contemporary Middle East – “Jadaliyya” and “Your Middle East”. Our work with strategic alliance partners is not limited to institutions in the Middle East. During the fall of 2012 we established a scholarly exchange link with the University of Nebraska in the U.S. and through the Hydrosolidarity project described directly below, we established viable collaborations with Oxford University in England.

Research & scientific projects
A result of cross-disciplinary grant applications is that scholars active at CMES/MECW received a grant for a project titled “Hydrosolidarity”. This project involves scholars from a range of disciplines to explore the relationships among water insecurity and social problems. In addition to being multidisciplinary this project blends the borders between disciplines. For example, scholars in ethics, engineering, and sociology collaborate across disciplinary borders to solve problems of water scarcity and water insecurity. This Hydrosolidarity project has had multiple consequences, including 1) CMES/MECW has formed a strategic alliance with the Oxford University research cluster “Transformations: Economy, Society, and Place”, which focuses upon the impact of water insecurity within a variety of social, environmental, and development arenas; and, 2) Given its thematic and multidisciplinary features, the Hydrosolidarity project has become a model for future research projects. CMES/MECW has also received a Lund University internal grant that allows the MECW strategic research area to further develop communication capacities. As a result of interactions between academics, activists, and artists at the Arab Uprisings conference (mentioned directly above in “National/international visibility & outreach”), CMES/MECW was approached by private funders to create a scholarship that would fund a summer internship for college-aged students involved in activist work. The outcome of the Humanities in the European Research Area (HERA) application to the European Science Foundation will be known in 2013. Among the several publications compiled in the appendix, are scientific results, from the edited book *Syria Under Bashar Al-Asad*. These results challenge the traditional view of repressive regimes as successfully silencing all forms of dissent. There are also findings from books, journal articles, and theses regarding effective scientific approaches for removing contaminants from water systems and using GIS technologies to reveal vulnerabilities to drainage systems in Middle Eastern locations.

Dissemination of knowledge
Knowledge/information dissemination has occurred via refereed journal articles (for example, “And People’s Concerns Were Genuine: Why Didn’t We Listen More?”: Nationalism, Multiculturalism and Recognition in Europe by Umut Ozkirimli, published in the Journal of Contemporary European Studies); books (for example, Kürt Gençlerinin Aidiyet Politikaları by Barzoo Eliassi published in Turkey [http://www.avestakitap.com/yazar.php?id=325](http://www.avestakitap.com/yazar.php?id=325)); edited volumes (for example, Navigating Contemporary Iran: Challenging Economic, Social, and Political Perceptions edited by Eric Hooglund and Leif Stenberg, published by Routledge); PhD theses (for example, Marginal and virtual water for sustainable water resources management in Syria, published by K Mourad); and MA theses (for example, “Here Live The Others”: The Suburb of Angered in a Media Perspective by Richard Öhman). See Appendix: Specific Activities of the MECW Domains for a more detailed listing of publication examples. In regard to knowledge dissemination via the training of new scholars, during the fall of 2012 the Masters Program enrolled a larger cohort of students than enrolled in 2010 or 2011.

MAJOR CHALLENGES FACED BY MECW
MECW scholars work within five research domains: 1) Contemporary Interpretations of Islam and Muslim Cultures; 2) Hydropolitics, Security, and International Law; 3) Migration and Spatial Mobility; 4) The Middle East in Sweden; and, 5) Women for Sustainable Growth. Pressure on MECW scholars has increased since 2011. Due to activities and events organized by CMES/MECW and requests from society at large, CMES remains a household name in the Swedish media. However, this pressure has also become a dilemma since it is time consuming to participate in media, lecture to the public, attend seminars and be available for questions from the public.

In regard to the Hydropolitics, Security and International Law research domain of MECW, a major challenge has been to
perform advanced research and find a common research language across traditional research discipline borders. Another challenge, for Hydropolitics and other research domains, is to find suitable journals for successful border-crossing research results. It has also been a challenge to locate potential and suitable funders and to formulate applications for continuing research funding.

Both the Migration and Spatial Mobility and the Middle East in Sweden research domains have been affected by new waves of immigration within nations in the Middle East and from the Middle East to Sweden due to civil unrest in Syria. And the Contemporary Interpretations of Islam and Muslim Cultures domain has to take into consideration changes related to Islamist tendencies, movements, groups, and so on within the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. All MECW domains are affected by the increasing number of scholars in the MENA region who have been placed at risk due to civil unrest and the silencing of dissent.

Women for Sustainable Growth, a domain primarily organized around non-research activities, is difficult to maintain within the research-heavy context of CMES/MECW.

Another challenge faced by the Migration and Spatial Mobility research domain could be categorized under the label of “LU outreach problems”. In other words, it is not easy to get in contact with researchers (and teachers) at a university as big as Lund.

MAJOR INITIATIVES TAKEN BY MECW TO MEET CHALLENGES

An initiative taken in regard to CMES/MECW scholars being in high demand is that scholars have been forced to be more selective in responding to media requests as well as lecture and seminar invitations.

Initiatives taken by the Hydropolitics research domain to overcome traditional limiting structures have been to regularly meet in cross-disciplinary seminars and discussions. Scholars in this domain have approached two high-quality journals to discuss possible publications and succeeded to convince the Hydrological Sciences Journal to publish a special issue on Hydrology and Peace in the Middle East, and also a special issue on Rainwater Harvesting in the Middle East in the journal Middle East Critique.

The changes in migration patterns linked to civil unrest in Syria have occurred relatively quickly so the Migration and Spatial Mobility and the Middle East in Sweden domains’ responses remain works-in-progress. Initial plans during 2012 were to map migratory patterns. These plans continue and will now take into account the impact of civil unrest in Syria. In taking into consideration changes related to Islamist tendencies within the MENA region, the Contemporary Interpretations of Islam and Muslim Cultures domain has researched the role of Islam in authoritarian states and what regulates the production of Islam in general. In regard to the growing numbers of scholars placed at risk in the MENA region, CMES/MECW has been actively involved in efforts to include Swedish universities in the international network of universities and colleges involved with the Scholars At Risk organization.

The “Women for Sustainable Growth (WSG)” initiative, which was temporarily reconfigured as a domain at the start of 2012, was designed to have a short-term relationship with CMES/MECW. CMES/MECW acted as an incubator to give this initiative an opportunity to stand on its own. By the start of the fall 2012 semester, WSG, or the new acronym “W4SG,” had become a Non-Profit Association.

To resolve the “LU outreach” problems mentioned above, the Migration and Spatial Mobility research domain has involved the International Relations Office of Lund University. In short, scholars in this domain have linked MECW to the work of this office (e.g. scholarship programs and EU programs, and then especially Erasmus Mundus Action 2 programs in Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Egypt, Jordan, Palestine, Israel and the GULF countries). As a result, MECW has become more visible within Lund University and the scope of MECW has been increased.
CHALLENGES REGARDING KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER AND RESEARCH UTILIZATION

In 2011 the focus was more upon the failure of non-academics, like politicians and other governmental representatives, to use knowledge produced by academics. In 2012 we observed that the problem of knowledge utilization was broader and not just due to the failure of non-academics to use knowledge produced by academics. Academics and other types of scholars rarely build bridges to non-academic agencies, institutions, organizations, communities, and professions. Hence a major challenge to knowledge transfer and the utilization of research is the lack of bridges to non-academic entities. And when knowledge transfer does occur, the transfer tends to be slow and inefficient.

Furthermore, as observed by British theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking, “The greatest enemy to knowledge is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge.” When it comes to popular representations of topics related to the Middle East North Africa (MENA) region, the illusion of knowledge is fuelled by a variety of media including unreliable Internet sources and Hollywood misrepresentations. As a result, general societal discussions regarding the ongoing Arab Spring are often obscured by fictions/illusions posing as facts. Therefore, in 2012 it was clearer than it was in 2011 that CMES/MECW not only faces the challenge of addressing societal gaps in information about the Middle East. In addition to gaps in information, the illusion of knowledge also poses a tremendous obstacle to more reliable forms of knowledge transfer and utilizations.

INITIATIVES REGARDING KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER AND RESEARCH UTILIZATION

In 2011 our primary means of spreading knowledge regarding the Middle East was through lectures, seminars, and workshops. In 2012 we were more actively engaged in building bridges. Bridge building is also a means of replacing the illusion of knowledge with more factual and empirical information. CMES/MECW has a variety of ongoing activities. The Arab Uprisings conference, which was organized largely by the Contemporary Interpretations of Islam and Muslim Cultures domain of MECW with the support of the other domains, built bridges for information and knowledge exchange among academics, activists, and artists. This conference featured a unique but needed blend of research-based and grassroots knowledge about topics related to the MENA region in general and the Arab Spring in particular. Through the Streetposia symposium series, which was organized by the Middle East in Sweden domain, CMES/MECW has built bridges to NGOs and other organizations working within marginalized urban communities. The Migration and Spatial Mobility domain has improved intra-university bridge building among MECW and programs within Lund University.

To speed up knowledge transfer that tends to be slow and inefficient or, in other words, to make the knowledge transfer quicker and more efficient, the Hydropolitics, Security and International Law research domain has built close collaboration with members of NGOs and other organizations. Examples include collaboration with the SIWI (Stockholm International Water Institute) and collaboration with former officials at SIDA (Swedish International Development Agency).

SOCIETAL NEEDS ADDRESSED BY MECW

Even more so than in 2011, the research domains of CMES/MECW continue to address a variety of societal problems including problems arising from and related to the Arab Spring, anti-Middle Eastern forms of prejudice, and challenges faced by migrant populations. With the transformation of the Women for Sustainable Growth domain into a Non-Profit Association, in 2012 CMES/MECW began to link issues related to gender inequities across the four remaining domains. Below are some specific needs addressed in 2012.

Contemporary Interpretations of Islam and Muslim Cultures

Civil unrest in several countries in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region continue to provide a critical need for in-depth understandings about how repressive regimes impose hierarchical control as well as how citizens within these regimes subsist and comply with domination as well as indirectly contest, actively resist and oppose domination. There is also the need for multifaceted scholarly investigations of societal trends related to or affected by Islamist and anti-Islamist views, tendencies and practices. Moreover, in regard to interpretations of Islam, the “production of Islam” can be viewed as an important societal issue. For example, in regard to civil unrest and civil war, what roles will interpretations of Islam play?
Under what societal conditions will conflicts, civil war and unrest end in a process of Islamization. And if so, what kind of Islam will be the result of the Islamization process: Liberal or Radical Islam?

Hydropolitics, Security, and International Law
Several major industrial and societal problems are addressed within the Hydropolitics domain. One essential research question is how to improve the efficiency of water management in the Middle East. This is clearly a cross-disciplinary research problem that involves input from many traditional mono-disciplinary research areas. Another research problem being addressed in a spinoff project on Hydrosolidarity is how to improve the communication and understanding of the need to find global as well as local solutions to the water scarcity problems in most Middle Eastern countries. Potential results here might have immense industrial as well as societal impact. An essential question regards a sense of belonging. A sense of belonging may be related to solving water infrastructure in urban slums because water “ownership” issues affect belonging. A sense of belonging also relates to the implementation of water infrastructure. Solving these issues would have immense societal effects and spinoffs related to improving water security in water scarce countries.

Migration and Spatial Mobility
Most, if not all, countries in the MENA region, especially Iraq and Egypt are under transition. Business and other industries are supposed to be booming in the coming years. There is a crucial and necessary interest from strategic partners (for example, Kuwait, Iraq, and Egypt) to cooperate with industrialized countries like Sweden but this is a need that is difficult or impossible to meet. In these cases it is impossible for scholars linked to the Migration and Spatial Mobility domain, as well as those linked to MECW in general to establish partnerships that involve “profit making” because Lund University is not a commercial entity and cannot be involved in “profit making.” Nonetheless, this is a need around which scholars in Migration and Spatial Mobility must navigate and attempt to address in indirect and tangential ways that are not linked to profit making. Scholars in this domain have established non-profit partnerships.

Middle East in Sweden
At-risk youths must deal with “the streets” or the corners, sidewalks, and other social hang-outs in low-income urban communities that have been negatively impacted by a variety of social ills. There is a socio-structural marginalization that scholars study, write, and teach about. The streets in question are not those of cities in the Global South or so-called “Third World” but the streets of leading Western democracies. There are young people in Stockholm and Malmö as well as Washington, D.C. who endure a variety of social ills on a regular basis yet write and perform poetry. Because spoken-word poetry is so interactive, the experience of a powerful poem with a heartfelt message can help us rethink our views and connect more emotionally with an issue, idea, or cause. By bringing scholars and students together with these artists for workshops, seminars, panels, and performances, CMES/MECW seek to both widen and deepen the discourse about the struggles faced by marginalized youths living in these leading Western cities.
PART II: CMES/MECW Educational Program

Based on the experiences of the first one and half academic years of the CMES MA-program in Middle Eastern studies in 2010 - 2011, the efforts of 2012 have been focused on further strengthening the integration of education to research and innovation (understood as elaborating new ways of bridging the gap between academic knowledge and the general public as concerns the Middle Eastern). During 2012, the CMES has identified three main strategies to achieve this: (1) strengthening research focus in traditional course work; (2) linking MA studies to MECW projects; and (3) establishing innovative outreach practices, linking academic training and practical/professional experience, as well as training students in the dissemination of research to the general public:

1. Strengthening of research focus in traditional course work

For the spring of 2012, the list of the second semester elective courses was reduced from 11 to 7 in an effort of strengthening the interconnection of MECW research and education. The 7 remaining courses were revised, with the aim of sharpening the research focus in teaching, readings as well as assignments. Another important change was the introduction of one mandatory research theories course to the first semester and the revision of methods course of the second. According to testimonials of students, teachers as well as administrators, such changes have facilitated the transition from the first to the second year of studies and the process of defining the research focus for the MA thesis work.

In the fall of 2012, both course content and structure for the first semester of the program was altered. Instead of one introductory 15 credit course, one 7.5 credit course on methods and one 7.5 historical course, the CMES now offers three 10 credit courses. The first focuses contemporary debates on the Middle East in research and public discourse; the second focuses key-theories in Middle Eastern studies; and the last provides a history of the modern Middle East. Thus students are introduced to both research and public opinions about the Middle East from the very outset of the program, and the first two courses provide a critical context for studying historical aspects of the present Middle East.

2. Linking MA-studies to MECW projects

In June 2012 the first batch of students graduated from the MA-program. Even though the quality of the MA theses so far has been most satisfactory, not least indicated by the fact that four students already have been admitted to PhD studies and several other to awarding professional positions, the aspired integration of thesis projects into MECW needs further strengthening. In order to meet this challenge, the collaboration of students and MECW advisers has been expanded and initiated at an earlier point from 2012. In addition, the CMES has developed plans to attach (a selection of) MA-thesis projects to MECW research projects, as formal CMES internships. Aside from such specific research internships, the regular internship program of the CMES has been further developed during 2012.

3. Establishing innovative outreach practices

The CMES has a strong commitment to outreach, not least responding to the increased demand for expert knowledge about the Middle East among the general public. The MA-program reflects this commitment in its overall emphasis of the interconnection of theoretical, analytical and practically applied components. Even so, the innovative outreach practices of CMES education remains in an explorative phase. During 2012, efforts have been invested in developing the third semester Field Course, where students have the opportunity to put their knowledge about the Middle East into practice in the region. Internship experiences have been evaluated and insights have been integrated into the information and planning process for later batches of students.

Furthermore, during 2012 the MA program has strengthened the training of students in writing popular texts and making
public presentations. The CMES regularly invites journalists, activists and professionals with Middle Eastern experiences as guest lectures, providing valuable insights in putting theoretical insights into practice. We have also taken steps to revitalize the successful project of converting excellent MA theses into popularized CMES reports, intended for public circulation, and are exploring several other ways of making valuable knowledge generated by the MA students publically accessible.

Finally, the project of CMES commissioned education launched in 2012 provides a promising venue for rising levels of knowledge about the Middle East and multicultural society among Swedish public institutions as well as private business.
PART III: Overviews of the five research domains

Contemporary Interpretations of Islam and Muslim Cultures
Hydropolitics, Security, and International Law
Migration and Spatial Mobility
The Middle East in Sweden
Women for Sustainable Growth (Until June 2012)

CONTEMPORARY INTERPRETATIONS OF ISLAM AND MUSLIM CULTURES

Members: Reza Arjmand (Co-Domain Leader and Senior Researcher), Stefano Bigliardi (Researcher, Ph.D.) Eric Hooglund (Senior Researcher), Torsten Janson (Senior Researcher), Ingmar Karlsson (Ambassador), Mark Levine (Senior Researcher), Christa Salamandra (Senior Researcher until August 2012), Leif Stenberg (Co-Domain Leader and Senior Researcher).

Overview: The diversity and complexity of Islam and Muslim cultures remained the focal points of this domain. As was the case in 2011, in 2012 scholars in this domain worked diligently to keep pace with dynamics that generate competing and contentious interpretations of topics and events that fall under the rubrics of “Islam” and “Muslim cultures”. Areas falling under the rubric “Muslim culture(s)” include nations like Iran, Turkey, and Syria that are vastly different from one another in regard to languages and mainstream cultures as well as emerging nations like the newly independent Kurdistan region of Northern Iraq. Scholars in this domain have projects in all of these geographical locations.

HYDROPOLITICS, SECURITY, AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

Members: Karin Aggestam (Project Leader and Senior Researcher), Mohammad Aljaradin (Doctoral Candidate), Ronny Berndtsson (Domain Leader and Senior Researcher), Hossein Hashemi (Doctoral Candidate), Sihem Jebari (Senior Researcher), Khaldoon Mourad (Doctoral Candidate), Tarek Selim (Doctoral Candidate), Anna Sundell (Doctoral Candidate), and Joshka Wessels (Senior Researcher).

Overview: In addition to assessments and analyses of the geographical features of waterways, scholars in this domain continue to be faced with the tremendous task of following events, discourses, developments and policies involving the usage of waterways and water resources within and among nations in the Middle East. To that end, as was the case in 2011, in 2012 this domain maintained three overarching aims: (1) To address the gaps in contemporary research on hydropolitics in the Middle East by focusing upon how local, national, transboundary, and global perspectives about water impact national policies and practices of water management; (2) to offer theoretical challenges to the established divisions between conflicts and collaborations regarding water by introducing the local level as a crucial component in national and international water management; and, (3) to empirically investigate how local communities are affected by water scarcity and national water management policies. In short, the ongoing work falling under these three aims focuses upon economic, social, cultural and/or political dynamics of cooperation and conflicts over water scarcity.

MIGRATION AND SPATIAL MOBILITY

Members: Dalia Abdelhady (Co-Domain Leader and Senior Researcher as of August 2012), Abdulhadi Khalaf (Co-Domain Leader and Senior Researcher until June 2012), Petter Pileşjo (Co-Domain Leaders and Senior Researcher), Lina Eklund (Doctoral Candidate), Eda Farsakoglu (Doctoral Candidate), Olof Heilo (Post-Doctoral Researcher), Charlotta Zetterwall (Doctoral Candidate)

Overview: In 2012, as was the case in 2011, the increased movement/ emigration/immigration of peoples within and
beyond the Middle East remained an ongoing process that scholars of this domain endeavored to assess and document. In just the last 35 years several noteworthy conflicts (for example the 1979 Revolution in Iran and the U.S. led invasions of Iraq in 1990 and 2003, civil and political unrest in Syria since March of 2011) have created refugee populations within and beyond the Middle East. Natural resource and labor market inequities within and across the region also influence migration and mobility patterns. Therefore research on migration and spatial mobility is of increasing importance for understanding regions, nations, and territories falling under the geographical rubric known as “The Middle East”.

THE MIDDLE EAST IN SWEDEN

Members: Anders Ackfeldt (Doctoral Candidate), Dan-Erik Andersson (Senior Research), Lory Dance (Domain Leader and Senior Researcher), Barzoo Eliassi (Post-Doctoral Researcher), Torun Elsrud (Affiliated Senior Researcher), Ulrik Mårtensson (Researcher), Osama Shomar (Summer Intern), Richard Öhman (MA Candidate).

Overview: Scholars of this domain continued to track new challenges, accomplishments, and societal dynamics affecting Middle Eastern immigrants in Sweden. This means keeping pace with such ongoing issues such as national belonging and/or exclusion, Swedish media representations of persons of Middle Eastern descent, hybrid and hyphenated national identities, integrated and assimilated immigrant communities along side of growing concerns about the degree to which immigrants are segregated from the Swedish mainstream.

WOMEN FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Members: Dalia Abdelhady (Domain Leader and Senior Researcher until June 2012), Erin Frazier (Intern through March 2012), Selma Hedlund (Intern), Lars-Erik Olofsson (Project Manager), Jaleh Taheri (Executive Project Manager, through March 2012)

Overview: As was the case in 2011, in 2012 this domain strived to build knowledge regarding the contributions of women in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Members of this domain had the unique challenge of bridging public, private, and non-governmental organizations to the academy in a joint effort to explore, analyze, and facilitate gender-based entrepreneurial initiatives. More so than the other four domains, Women for Sustainable Growth (WSG) worked extensively with non-academics. This focus upon non-academics remained the biggest challenge for the WSG domain members.

CHALLENGES FACED BY MECW RESEARCH DOMAINS

As listed directly above, scholars work within five research domains: 1) Contemporary Interpretations of Islam and Muslim Cultures; 2) Hydropolitics, Security, and International Law; 3) Migration and Spatial Mobility; 4) The Middle East in Sweden; and, 5) Women for Sustainable Growth. Pressure on MECW scholars has increased since 2011. Due to activities and events organized by CMES/MECW and requests from society at large, in 2012 CMES remained a household name in the Swedish media. However, this pressure also became a dilemma since it was time consuming to participate in media, lecture to the public, attend seminars and be available for questions from the public.

In regard to the Hydropolitics, Security and International Law research domain of MECW, a major challenge has been to perform advanced research and find a common research language across traditional research discipline borders. Another challenge, for Hydropolitics and other research domains, was to find suitable journals for successful border-crossing research results. It has also been a challenge to locate potential and suitable funders and to formulate applications for continuing research funding.

Both the Migration and Spatial Mobility and the Middle East in Sweden research domains have been affected by new waves of immigration within nations in the Middle East and from the Middle East to Sweden due to civil unrest in Syria. And the Contemporary Interpretations of Islam and Muslim Cultures domain had to take into consideration changes related to Islamist tendencies, movements, groups, and so on within the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. All MECW
domains have been affected by the increasing number of scholars in the MENA region who have been placed at risk due to civil unrest and the silencing of dissent.

Women for Sustainable Growth, a domain primarily organized around non-research activities, was difficult to maintain within the research-heavy context of CMES/MECW.

Another challenge faced by the Migration and Spatial Mobility research domain could be categorized under the label of “LU outreach problems”. In other words, it has not been easy to get in contact with researchers (and teachers) at a university as vast as Lund.

**INITIATIVES ADDRESSING CHALLENGES FACED BY MECW RESEARCH DOMAINS**

An initiative taken in regard to CMES/MECW scholars being in high demand was that scholars were forced to be more selective in responding to media requests as well as lecture and seminar invitations.

Initiatives taken by the Hydropolitics research domain to overcome traditional limiting structures was to regularly meet in cross-disciplinary seminars and discussions. Scholars in this domain have approached two high-quality journals to discuss possible publications and succeeded to convince the Hydrological Sciences Journal to publish a special issue on Hydrology and Peace in the Middle East, and also a special issue on Rainwater Harvesting in the Middle East in the journal *Middle East Critique*.

The changes in migration patterns linked to civil unrest in Syria have occurred relatively quickly so the Migration and Spatial Mobility and the Middle East in Sweden domains’ responses have remained works-in-progress. Initial plans during 2012 were to map migratory patterns. These plans have continued and will now take into account the impact of civil unrest in Syria. In taking into consideration changes related to Islamist tendencies within the MENA region, the Contemporary Interpretations of Islam and Muslim Cultures domain has researched the role of Islam in authoritarian states and what regulates the production of Islam in general. In regard to the growing numbers of scholars placed at risk in the MENA region, CMES/MECW was actively involved in efforts to include Swedish universities in the international network of universities and colleges involved with the Scholars At Risk organization.

The “Women for Sustainable Growth (WSG)” initiative, which was temporarily reconfigured as a domain at the start of 2012, was designed to have a short-term relationship with CMES/MECW. CMES/MECW acted as an incubator to give this initiative an opportunity to stand on its own. By the start of the fall 2012 semester, WSG, or the new acronym “W4SG,” had become a Non-Profit Association.

To resolve the “LU outreach” problems mentioned above, the Migration and Spatial Mobility research domain involved the International Relations Office of Lund University. In short, scholars in this domain have linked MECW to the work of this office (e.g. scholarship programs and EU programs, and then especially Erasmus Mundus Action 2 programs in Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Egypt, Jordan, Palestine, Israel and the GULF countries). As a result, MECW has become more visible within Lund University and the scope of MECW has been increased.
PART IV: Guest Lecturers, Speakers and Film Screenings

2012 was a year full of guest lecturers and speakers who were informative and engaging. It was also a year of enlightening films.

GUEST SPEAKERS
Modern Turkey Seminar Series
Ayhan Aktar- Marmara University “The Transformation of Istanbul 1860-2010” 15 March 2012
Ruth Mandel- University of Chicago “Cosmopolitan Anxieties: Turkish Challenges to Citizenship and Belonging in Germany” 29 March 2012
Andrea Karlsson-Lund University “Liberal Intellectuals and the Transformation of Law and the Public Sphere in Contemporary Turkey” 19 April 2012
Marlies Casier- University of Ghent “Contesting the ‘Truth’ of Turkey’s Human Rights Situation: State- Association Interactions and the Kurdish National Movement in Turkey” 1 November 2012
Åsa Elden- Swedish Research Institute, Istanbul “Experiences of Violence Recaptured: Media Logics and Gendered Violence in Today’s Turkey” 15 November, 2012

LECTURES
Naomi Sakr- University of Westminster Co-organized with the Association of Foreign Affairs “Possibilities for Public Service Broadcasting in Arab Countries after the Events of 2011” 9 February 2012
Volker Perthes- Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik “Political and Geopolitical Dynamics in the Middle East and North Africa: The Arab Revolts in Year Two, and the Role of Europe” 23 February 2012
Hatsuki Aishima- National Museum of Ethnology “Listen Between the Lines: Orality and Textuality of Modern Islamic Thought” 1 March 2012
Taner Edis- Truman State University “The Science And Religion Debate in Modern Islam” 8 March 2012
Andrea Teti- University of Aberdeen “(Post) Democratization and the Arab Spring: The Politics of Democracy Promotion in
the Middle East” 16 March 2012

Fariba Adelkhah- Sciences-Po Co-organized with The Association of Foreign Affairs “Religious Dependency in Afghanistan: Shia Madrasas as a Religious Mode of Social Assertion?” 22 March 2012

Mustafa Azkia- University of Tehran “Rural Development in Iran” 27 March 2012

Marilyn Booth- University of Edinburgh “The Islamic Politics of John Stuart Mill: Street Literature, Translation and Gender Activism in Egypt” 5 April 2012

Frances Hasso- Duke University “Assessing the Gendered and Sexual Dimensions of the Egyptian Revolution” 3 May 2012


John Esposito- Georgetown University “Ingmar Karlsson Lecture” Co-organized with the Association of Foreign Affairs 21 May 2012

Panel Discussion with Mattias Gardell, Aje Carlbom and Barzoo Eliassi “Den Svenska Mångkulturella Modellen?” 8 November 2012

BROWN BAG LUNCH SEMINARS AT CMES
Participants for 2012
Cecilia Udden 2 February 2012
Jaleh Taheri 7 February 2012
Tim Foxley 21 February 2012
Darcy Thompson 3 April 2012
Christa Salamandra 24 April 2012
Lina Eklund 15 May 2012

FILM SCREENINGS
Focus Syria
The Leopard 16 March 2012
Film Essay on the Euphrates Dam 13 April 2012
A Flood in Baath Country 13 April 2012

Documentaries
Michael Singh, Director and Producer, Valentino's Ghost: The Politics Behind the Images (a documentary). Documentary Screening and Q&A with Michael Singh: 26 November 2012 at Inkonst (29 Bergsgatan) in Malmö and 27 November 2012 at Lund University (SoL Building).
Appendix - Specific Activities of the MECW research domains

CONTEMPORARY INTERPRETATIONS OF ISLAM AND MUSLIM CULTURES

Publications

Books/Monographs

Edited Volumes


Articles


Salamandra, C. 2012. The Muhannad Effect: Media Panic, Melodrama, and the Arab Female Gaze Anthropological Quarterly Vol. 85, No 1


Book chapters


Stenberg, Leif 2012, ”’Nedsändelserna’, al-Ma’thurat, - en handledning i konsten att vara en from muslim”, i Otterbeck,
Jonas & Leif Stenberg (red.) Islamologi – Studiet av en religion, Stockholm: Carlssons

Newspaper Articles
Levine, M. 2012. Weekly column on Al Jazeera English Website.


Conferences and conferences engagements
Conferences Participation/ Presentations
Arjmand, Reza. 2012. Movie Screening, “This is not A Film” in Malmö Film Festival project chairing presenting in a panel, October 2, 2012.

Arjmand, Reza. 2012. March 2. Speech in “Zero Silence” a conference for web activism in the Middle East and North Africa (Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen, Algeria, Jordan Lebanon and Syria), March 2, 2012

Arjmand, Reza. 2012. The Arab Spring — on film and via Twitter. The Arab Spring Conference in Malmö


Bigliardi, Stefano. 2012. One in Many, Many in One. How Integration Emerged in the Contemporary Debate on Islam and Science (Lecture with Leif Stenberg), University of Constance, Germany, February 8, 2012.


Karlsson, Ingmar. 2012. Allmänna försvarsföreningen i Växjö (Mellanöstern) April 17, 2012


Stenberg, Leif. 2012. Conference organized by Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University, on the Arab Spring, April 25-27, 2012


Stenberg, Leif. 2012. Conference Middle East Studies Association (MESA) in Denver, USA, November 14-20, 2012

Stenberg, Leif. 2012. Workshop on hip hop and Islam at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, introducing the Center and the Strategic Research Area, October 26, 2012.


**Grant Activity**

**Grants Funded**

Arjmand, R. 2012. Gendered Public Space in Iran. A joint project with School of Architecture Lund University and Department of sustainable Design, Lund University

Arjmand, R. 2012. February. Grant application for collaboration between Columbia University and Lund University (Received)

Arjmand, R. 2012. April. Grant application for guest researcher in American University of Beirut (Action 2). (Received)

Bigliardi, S. 2012. Erik och Gurli Hultengrens Fond 16500 SEK, which will entirely cover the expenditures for the conference in Australia.


**University Teaching & Guest Lecture Activity**


Arjmand, R. 2012. Theories and concepts in Middle Eastern Studies, Fall 2012

Arjmand, R. 2012. Public Seminar on “Women only Parks in Iran” at CMES, November 9, 2012

Bigliardi, S. 2012. Lecture given to the CMES students on his ongoing research, March 6 and 9, 2012.

Bigliardi, S. 2012. He has given the internal seminar: “Islam and Science: We have a New Generation –What Now, What Next, Where to?” October 2012

Hooglund, E. 2012 Politics and International Relations in the Middle East, Spring 2012

Janson, T. 2012. Course leader for MA Thesis Course (30 credits), MA in Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University, Spring semester 2012

Janson, T. 2012. Course leader for Individual Field Course (15 credits), MA in Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University, Fall semester 2012

Janson, T. 2012. Course leader and co-instructor for Islam: Religion, Culture and Politics in the Middle East (7,5 credits), MA in Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University, Spring semester 2012
Janson, T. 2012. Lecture and seminar on Islamism and Islamophobia for teacher’s students (secondary school social sciences/religion), Malmö University Teacher’s education, 13/4, 2012

Janson, T. 2012. Lecture and seminar on Islamism and Islamophobia for teacher’s students (primary school), Malmö University Teacher’s education, 29/5, 2012

Janson, T. 2012. Lecture and seminar on Islamism and Islamophobia for teacher’s students, (social sciences, final year), Malmö University Teacher’s education, 19/9, 2012

Janson, T. 2012. Lecture and seminar on Islamism and Islamophobia for teacher’s students (international students), Malmö University Teacher’s education, 6/11, 2012

Levine, M. 2012. Social Movements, Protest and Public Sphere in the Middle East, Spring 2012


Stenberg, L. 2012. Official visit to the Center for Middle Eastern Studies by Professor Nimrod Hurvitz, Ben Gurion University, Israel, March 28, 2012.


Stenberg, L. 2012.3 Lectures at Umeå University, one for students on the new edited volume about the field of Islamology, one a research seminar about a text on religion and politics in Syria and one was the annual Lagerqvist lecture 2012 about Syria’s Arab Spring, September 25-26, 2012.


Stenberg, L. 2012.Conference at Gothenburg University on developments in higher education and focus on gender, presentation of a paper about my project transnational mobility in the United Arab Emirates within the larger project, April 11-13, 2012.


**Innovative Activities**


Stenberg, L. 2012. Representatives of the web site “Your Middle East” visited the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, to discuss cooperation, August 31, 2012.

**Media Related Appearances**

**Television Interviews**


Stenberg, L. 2012. Swedish National TV, SVT 1, on the relationship between Syria and Iran, February 14, 2012.


Karlsson, I. 2012. 26.4 SVTs morgonprogram (Syrien)


Radio Interviews

Arjmand, R. 2012. SR Studio1: An analysis on the current situation in the Middle East, March 6, 2012


Programme: ENCOUNTER – Religious Diversity, Truth and Authenticity; Producer: Margaret Coffey. Saturday, August 4, 5.05 pm (http://www.abc.net.au/radiational/programs/encounter/religious-diversity2c-truth-and-authenticity/4166376 )


Stenberg, L. 2012. Swedish National radio P 1 about the meeting of Syrian opposition in Doha, Qatar, November 5, 2012.


Newspaper/Magazine Interviews
Arjmand, R. 2012. BBC Persian, analysis on higher education reform in Iran, April 3, 2012


Stenberg, L. 2012. Interview, students from Department of Journalism about current developments in the Middle East, February 16, 2012.

Stenberg, L. 2012. Interview Students on the program for Journalism, Södertörn högskola, about uprisings in the Middle East, November 29, 2012.

**National and International Collaboration**

Stenberg, L. 2012. Visit to the embassy of Turkey in Stockholm discussing the possibility of assistance in regard to Turkish teaching at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University, April 11, 2012.


Stenberg, L. 2012. Dr. Christian von Scheve, Free University of Berlin, visited the Center for Middle Eastern Studies to discuss collaboration on a joint application for a EU HERA grant, September 12, 2012.


Stenberg, L. 2012. Representing the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at a reception at the Turkish Embassy,
Other activities


Arjmand, R. 2012. Faculty opponent for dissertation on “Norwegian-Iranian Relationship” in Centre for Middle Eastern Studies, Oslo University.


Stefano Bigliardi has been invited to serve as a guest editor for a special issue of “Social Epistemology” on Islam and science.

Stefano Bigliardi has been invited to contribute with a paper on Zaki Kirmani and Sir Seyyed Ahmed Khan to a volume on science and religion: east and west, which will be part of a new series in Science and Technology Studies, edited by Prof. Sundar Sarukkai ( Manipal, India). The volumes commissioned by Routledge and will appear in a new series for science and technology studies.

Stefano Bigliardi has been invited to lecture at the Punjabi University of Patiala (March 4-8, 2013) and at the Aligarh Muslim University (March 17, 2013).


HYDROPOLITICS, SECURITY, AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

Publications

Refereed journal articles


Bouksila, F., A. Bahri, R. Berndtsson, M. Persson, J. Rozema, and S. van der Zeeef, (2012), Assessment of soil salinization


Hashemi, H., R. Berndtsson, M. Kompani-Zare, and M. Persson, Natural vs. artificial groundwater recharge, quantification through inverse modeling, Hydrol. Earth Syst. Sci. Discuss., 9, 9767-9807.


Mourad, A.K., Alshehabi, O. and Berndtsson, R., (2012), Assessment of future Syrian water resources supply and demand by WEAP model (subm.).


Conference papers published in refereed or peer-reviewed conference proceedings

Wessels, J.I. (2012) Qanat rehabilitation as a viable tool for collective action for social development and conflict resolution in rural communities in arid areas for the International Conference on Traditional Knowledge for Water Resources Manage-
Books/Monographs

Book Chapters


Doctoral Theses


Master’s Theses

Reports


Research Activities (for which funding has already been received)


Wessels, J., (2012), Fieldwork Occupied Palestine – November 2012

Conferences

Conference Participation/Presentations, Public Lectures and/or Speaking Engagements


Wessels, J.I. (2012) The Jordan River Basin Game: Steps towards sustainable river management in an insecure and conflictuous basin, paper to be presented at Session 5 at the International Conference Tapping The Turn, Water’s social dimensions, Canberra University, 15-16 November, 2012, Canberra, Australia


Wessels, J.I. (2012) Organised and moderated a panel discussion on the Arab Spring “Arab spring, citizen journalism and filmmaking”, 23 November, Lumiere Cinema, Maastricht, the Netherlands


Wessels, J.I. (2012) screening of her film “Valley of Hope and Despair”, 1st September, Faculty of Political Sciences, Lund University, Lund

Wessels, J.I. (2012) organizer community tour of her film “Valley of Hope and Despair” in Occupied Westbank, 13-21 September, Palestinian Authority

Conferences/Workshops/Symposia Etc., Organized


Grant Activity
Berndtsson, R., and R. Pilco (2012), Water and sustainable development of the Altiplano, Bolivia, Sandwich program submitted to SIDA.


**Grants funding received by domain members and/or affiliates**

Berndtsson, R., (2012) Travel scholarship University of Toronto, Canada, (Lisshed Foundation), 23,000 SEK.


Berndtsson, R. and D. Andersson, Hydrosolidarity in the Nile Basin, 1,850,000 SEK from the Pufendorf Institute.

Berndtsson, R., Capacity building in water resources and water quality management. Cooperation with Tanjungpura University, Indonesia, 300,000 SEK from SIDA.

MECW project co-funding with MERGE, BECC, and eSSENCE@LU to develop data bases for environmental and climatic data, 350,000 SEK.

**University Teaching & Guest Lecture Activity**

**University-based Guest Lectures offered by domain members and/or affiliates**

Berndtsson, R. (2012), Two guest lectures on future water problems and environmental education at Lund University, Tanjungpura University, Indonesia, November.


Wessels, J.I. (2012), UNESCO-Institute for Water Education (IHE)/ICQHS (Yazd, Iran), Short Course Water, History & Environment.

**University-based Seminars/Courses offered by domain members and/or affiliates**

Berndtsson, R., (2012), Principle lecturer and course responsible for 7.5 credit master course Environment and sustainable development in the Middle East given at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University.

Berndtsson, R., (2012), Principle lecturer and course responsible for 7.5 credit course on fluid mechanics for environment engineers given at Faculty of Engineering, Lund University.
Jebari, S. (2012). Experience in communicating main research findings at regional level. Invited to give lectures in the framework of ICARDA (International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas) training course on water resources on « Planning, design and management of mountains lakes » from July 9th to 12th in Beirut. The three given lecturers covered hydrological aspects of small catchments and vulnerability of hill lakes in semi-arid areas to erosion. The training was delivered for the national partners from Lebanon – Green Plan (GP) and Lebanese Agricultural Research Institute (LARI) – of the IFAD-funded “Improved water management for sustainable mountain agriculture: Jordan, Lebanon and Morocco” project. There were a total of 17 trainees who attended 3 days of lecturing and interactive learning and 1 day of field visits to selected sites for hill lakes and existing structures in the mountains of Lebanon. http://icardanews.wordpress.com/2012/08/16/high-level-learning-for-water-management/


Wessels, J.I. (2012), Global Development and Gender (GDG), Graduate School, Faculty of Social Sciences, Lund University: Master thesis supervision.


Innovative Activities

Collaborative activities with private-for-profit firms/corporations/businesses/NGOs
Wessels, J.I. (2012), Cooperation with the Union for the Mediterranean & UNESCO-IHE in providing feedback, space and development of designing a cooperative water management boardgame called “Hydromonopoly” to be used within the context of the Jordan River Basin.

Collaborative activities with governmental organizations/offices/departments
Jebari S. (2012). Sharing views and experiences on water challenges in new democracies with decision makers. The meetings are including European Union delegation, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department of Arab world cooperation. Discussions are focusing on ways of improving shared water resources nationally and internationally based on adapted technical political and socio-economical tools.


Wessels, J.I. (2012), Fieldwork activities with Joint Services Council of the West Bethlehem Villages, Palestinian Authority.

Collaborative activities with community-based organizations


Wessels, J.I. (2012), Collaboration with the Palestinian Association for Mobile Cinema in screening film “Valley of Hope and Despair”.


Wessels, J.I. (2012), Global Development and Gender (GDG), Graduate School, Faculty of Social Sciences, Lund University: Master thesis supervision.


**Media Related Appearances**

*Radio interviews of domain members and/or affiliates*


*Newspaper interviews of domain members and/or affiliates*

Hoybye, J., R. Berndtsson, and K.M. Persson, Metropolis, Pontaniak, Indonesia, New paper article about collaboration between Lund University and Tanjungpura University on Water and Environmental Management (2012.11.22).

Sydsvenskan (2012.10.30), Pufendorfinstitutet: Fristad för stora tankar på tvärs.

**National & International Collaborations**

- Completed Collaborative activities with individuals/institutions
- Ongoing Collaborative activities with individuals/institutions

Wessels, J.I., (2012), Research collaboration with Dr. Mark Zeitoun (University of East Anglia, UK) & Dr. Michael Mason (London School of Economics, UK) on Hydropolitics Research in the Jordan River Basin, exchange of knowledge, support for assistant researchers (Ms. Muna Dajani) in the field.

- Research visits by researchers/scholars who are domain members and who spent more than 2 weeks working at another university, college, organization, industrial environment, etc. during the calendar year.

Jebari, S. (2012). Visit to the University of Virginia from 27th April to 19th May through Arab-American frontiers fellowship. This award provided by the National Academies was used to write the following common project proposal: “Impact of climate change on water resources availability in the MENA region: Case Study of Mejerda River Basin.”

**Other Activities**

Berndtsson, R., (2012), Associate Editor of Stochastic Environmental Research and Risk Assessment, SERRA.


Berndtsson, R., (2012), Assignment for scientific committee on doctoral dissertation (Z. Yang, Uppsala University, Uppsala, December 14 “Multiphase contamination in fractures: fluid displacement and interphase mass transfer”).


Jebari S. (2012). Participation to the training programme entitled “Understanding climate science and managing uncerta-

Jebari S. (2012). Readership course at LTH, Lund University, Autumn session.

Jebari S. (2012). Introduction of Hydrological Predictions for the Environment model (HYPE). This course was organized by SMHI, Norrkoping - October 16th.


Newspaper articles and popular science


Wessels, J.I. (2012) “Applying video in development research” contribution to ”No farewell Remembrances of Ton Dietz at the UvA” Booklet University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Migration and Spatial Mobility

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS PUBLISHED/SUBMITTED/WRITTEN

Journal Articles


Books/Monographs

Books/Chapters

Doctoral Theses

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (FOR WHICH FUNDING HAS ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED)

Pilot Research Project
Abdelhady D. Second generation Turks in Berlin

UNPUBLISHED PUBLICATIONS
Eklund L, Seaquist J: Drought in Iraq - Implications for Environment, Agriculture and Rural Migration in Duhok Governorate (Submitted to Population and Environment Journal)

Eklund L, Migration Patterns in Duhok Governorate, Iraq: Consequences for Development, Environment and Sustainability (not submitted)


Heilo O, Divine Intervention: Travel Report from East Jerusalem and the West Bank 2012 (not submitted)

Khidher S A, Pilesjö P: The Effect of the North Atlantic Oscillation on Iraq climate (manuscript, not submitted)
FIELDWORK
Farsakoglu E, 19 May-15 September 2012: 4 months of ethnographic fieldwork in three different “satellite” cities, namely Denizli, Isparta, and Kayseri as well as in Ankara and in Istanbul to finish the major fieldwork. Outcome – ethnographic data as well as in-depth interviews with more than 36 sexual refugees, with their family members, partners and friends, and with the representatives of local organizations and interviews with experts from UNHCR

Farsakoglu E, 25 October- 6November: Follow-up visits to “refugee” cities, collection of ethnographic material, and follow-up interviews with old informants along with the new informants

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS


Farsakoglu E, “Rainbow Lives in Limbo: Re-thinking the Gendered and Sexualized Belonging in the Case of Iranian LGBTQ Transit Refugees in Turkey.” International Association for the Study of Forced Migration, IASFM14: Contested Spaces and
Cartographic Challenges, Kalkota, India, January 6-9, 2013.


Heilo O, at the 50th anniversary of the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul: panel debate of younger scholars on future prospects for the Swedish Research Institute, June 1, 2012.


Pilesjö P attended Erasmus Mundus Action 2 selection meeting for exchange between Europe and Iran, Iraq and Yemen, February 2012.


Pilesjö P attended Erasmus Mundus Action 2 selection meeting for lot 4 GULF countries, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman; January 30 -31, 2012.

Pilesjö P attended Erasmus Mundus Action 2 SALAM Iran, Iraq, Yemen kick-off meeting in Warsaw, November 2012.

**GRANT ACTIVITY**

**Grant proposals submitted**

Abdelhady D. Riksbankens Jubukeumsfond: Women Entrepreneurs in the Middle East

Abdelhady D. Crafoord Foundation: The Impact of Globalization on Women in the Arab Gulf Countries

Abdelhady D. Vetenskapsrådet: Women and Social Change in the Gulf Corporation Council

**Grants Received**

Farsakoglu E, November 2012: Rese- och forskningsbidrag Samhällsvetenskapliga fakulteten (SEK 12000)

Farsakoglu E, November 2012: International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) Travel Bursary for Conference Participation, (CAD$ 500)

Farsakoglu E, May 2012: Bergen Summer Research School (BSRS) Full-Grant for Conference Participation for PhD students
(Fee, accommodation, flight tickets, social activities), ($1,500)

**UNIVERSITY TEACHING & GUEST LECTURE ACTIVITY**

Abdelhady D, Women and Social Change in the Middle East – MA course

Abdelhady D, Guest lecturer in Migration and Multiculturalism in the Middle East

Abdelhady D, Guest lecturer at Lund University Internet Institute on Women and the Arab Uprisings

Eklund L, Geografisk Informationsteknik (exercise supervisor), GIS-Centre/Department of Physical Geography, Lund University

Eklund L, Geografiska informationssystem, introduktion (module 2), GIS-Centre/Department of Physical Geography, Lund University

Eklund L, Geografiska informationssystem, avancerad (module 7), GIS-Centre/Department of Physical Geography, Lund University

Eklund L, Geografiska informationssystem, fortsättning (final project supervisor), GIS-Centre/Department of Physical Geography, Lund University

Farsakoglu E, “Queer Cases: Some Tensions in Stories of Seeking and Granting Asylum Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.” ASYLUMCAFE, Trampolin House, Copenhagen, Denmark, October 11, 2012.


Heilo O, Formation of Middle East Modernities: Geographical Introduction to the Region, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University

Heilo O, Formation of Middle East Modernities: Putting the Middle in the East, Center of Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University

Heilo O, Formation of Middle East Modernities: The Beginnings of European Dominance, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University

Heilo O, Formation of Middle East Modernities: Internal Crisis and Response, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University

Heilo O, Formation of Middle East Modernities: The Peak of European Dominance, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University

Heilo O, Formation of Middle East Modernities: Nation-Building, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University

Heilo O, Formation of Middle East Modernities: Cold Wars and Hot Topics, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University
Heilo O, Formation of Middle East Modernities: History Dead or Alive? (concluding seminar) Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University

Pilesjö P, 10% teaching in Physical Geography, including Middle Eastern application during all 2012, Lund University

**INNOVATIVE ACTIVITIES**

Abdelhady D. Fikra, a think-tank and research consultancy based in Qatar (MOU in process).

**Media Related Appearances**

*Television Interviews*


*Radio Interviews*


*Newspaper/Magazine Interviews*

Abdelhady D. Kvinnorna suddades bort, Sydsvenskan, 2 October, 2012

**National & International Collaborations**

*Ongoing Collaborative activities with individuals/institutions*

Abdelhady D. May Al Dabbagh, the Dubai School of Government, UAE

Abdelhady D. Amy Lutz, Syracuse University, USA

Abdelhady D. Yael Brinbaum, National Institute for Demographic Studies (INED), France

Eklund L, established collaboration with International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Erbil, Iraq

Eklund L, established collaboration with UNOCHA in Erbil, Iraq

Eklund L, established collaboration with Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN), Columbia University, New York

Heilo O, established member of Istanbulinstitutets Forskarkollegium, Stockholm

Heilo O, established collaboration with the Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies, Oslo / Tampere / Lund

Heilo O, established collaboration with the Department of Archaeology, History, Cultural Studies and Religion (AHKR), University of Bergen

Heilo O, established member of the Forschungsschwerpunkt Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft aus historisch-kulturwissenschaftlicher Perspektive (economy and society from the perspective of historical and cultural sciences), University of Vienna

Heilo O, representing the CMES, NSM and SRII at official visits to the Diyanet (Ministry of Religious affairs) and Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul, Turkey
Pilesjö P signed an MoU with Kuwait Universal Institute for Private Education - Kuwait

Visiting Researchers/Scholars who are not domain members but participated in MECW environment for a duration of more than 2 weeks during the calendar year
Sarah Grey, Visiting Researcher

Other Activities
Eklund L, participation in Satellite Based Remote Sensing course, Lund University

Eklund L, participation in Arctic Environments PhD course with excursion to Svalbard 7 ECTS, Lund University

Eklund L, participation in Earth Observation and Climate Change PhD course, 5 ECTS, Copenhagen University

Eklund L, participation in Sustainable Landscapes PhD course, 7.5 ECTS, University of Gothenburg


Farsakoglu E, REMESO – Norrköping University, PhD Course, 7.5 credits, International Migration, Ethnicity and Gender: Intersectional Perspectives on Labour, Power, and Citizenship

Heilo O, planning further activities of the Nordic Byzantine Network (NBN), Uppsala

Heilo O, examination of master thesis at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University

Heilo O, participation in the 2nd Finnish Colloquium of Middle East and North Africa Studies (“The Middle East and North Africa at Crossroads – Changes in the Past, Present and Future”), Tampere, Finland

Heilo O, begun work at the Institut für Byzantinistik und Neogräzistik, Vienna, for the project Ideologies under scrutiny: A study on differentiated perceptions of Roman imperial ideals in Byzantine society (7th-12th centuries), with two analyses of Late Ancient Greek historiography

Pilesjö P continued and strengthened the cooperation with partner universities in Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Egypt, Kuwait, Oman, UAE, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and Bahrain, all within the framework of Erasmus Mundus Action 2.
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PUBLICATIONS

Articles

Andersson, Dan-Erik, “Grekskt drama i perspektiv.” Ur Uppdrag Mission, nr 1, årgång 166, (2012)


Eliassi, Barzoo (forthcoming) Mellan tillhörighet och exkludering: identitetsformerande och motstånd bland unga kurder i Sverige. Locus


Books


Edited Volumes

Book chapters

Eliassi, Barzoo. (Submitted to an edited Italian volume). La lotta per l’appartenenza tra i giovani curdi in Svezia. (Struggle for belonging among Kurdish youth in Sweden).


**Master’s Theses**


**Reports**


**Newspaper Articles/On-Line Journals/Academic Blogs**


**CONFERENCES AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

**Conference Participation/Presentations**

Andersson, Dan-Erik and Lory Dance. “Western Discourses on Civil Society and the Perspectives of Middle Eastern Immigrants: A Participatory Action Approach,” (Transnational Communities and Local Integration Strategies), Immigration and Civil Society, 16th Nordic Migration Research Conference & 9th ETMU Days, University of Turku, Finland (August 14th).

Andersson, Dan-Erik, “Emerging Diasporas Outside the Middle East.” Presented at: Transformations in the Middle East – Focus on Christian Minorities, Lund, Domkyrkoforum, December 5-7, 2012

Dance, Lory and Dalia Abdelhady. “Women’s Writes: Cross National Perspectives on FeminismS and Empowerment,” International Women’s Day, Malmö University College, Sweden (March 8th)

Dance, Lory. “Att förstå det multirasiala samhället: Kritiska perspektiv på rasiferingsprocesser i Sverige.” Mångkulturellt Centrum in association with Gender Studies at Södertörns Högskola and PeaceWorks. (November 15th-16th)

**Speaking Engagements**

Andersson, Dan-Erik, “Vanor och ovanor i historieskrivningen om männsliga rättigheter.” Föredrag/panelsamtal i samband med Humanist och Teologdagarna, Lunds universitet, 23-24 mars 2012

Andersson, Dan-Erik, “Värdegrundsarbete i företag.” Föreläsning för personalen på Prevas AB. Helsingborg, 30 mars 2012


Dance, Lory, “Where Gender Street and Ethnicity Road Intersect/Meet Class Avenue: Autobiographical and Academic Reflections [on Intersectionality],” Kvinnliga Läkare i Vätterbygd/KLIV, Jönköpings Länsbibliotek, Sweden (May 15th)


Conference/panels/Workshops/Symposia/meetings Organized


Dance, Lory J. STREETPOSIA: Street Savvy Social Justice Symposia Series featuring Ramy Donjewan (Egyptian Hip Hop Artist and Social Justice Activist) Co-Sponsored by CMES/ME-in-S and RGRA in cooperation with People’s Entertainment, Egyptiska Föreningen, and Bricks of Malmö Stad, at Tegelhuset (in Rosengård) and RGRA, Malmö, Sweden (June 8-10).


Dance, Lory J. Organizer. The Middle East at Lund University-Meet & Greet (an opportunity for the CMES/MECW staff and other scholars at Lund University to become better acquainted with one another). Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund, Sweden (Sept. 14).

Eliassi, Barzoo. We Kurds did not come to Sweden to become Swedish but continuing being Kurdish, 2nd Scientific World Kurdish Congress, 11-15 October 2012.


Other panelists were Mattias Gardell and Aje Carlbom. Kulturen i Lund, 8 November 2012.

**Guest Speakers**

Michael Singh, Director and Producer, Valentino’s Ghost: The Politics Behind the Images (a documentary). Documentary Screening and Q&A with Michael Singh: 26 November 2012 at Inkonst (29 Bergsgatan) in Malmö and 27 November 2012 at Lund University (SoL Building).

**GRANT, FELLOWSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP ACTIVITY**

**Grants Submitted**


**Grants Funded**

Andersson, Dan-Erik & Ronny Berndtsson, “Hydrosolidarity – Opportunities and Constraints in Water Management of the Nile Basin.” Project funded at Pufendorf Institute, Lund University, September 1 2012 – April 30 2013. Ten researchers from six different faculties are funded.

**Scholarships Funded**

Dance, Lory J. During the Summer of 2012 in the aftermath of the Arab Uprisings Conference organized by CMES, Dance secured scholarship funding (45,000 SEK) for a summer internship position covering the period of June to October 2012.

**University Teaching & Guest Lecture Activity**

Dance, Lory. Instructor. MOSP70: Middle Eastern Migration, Mobility, and Multiculturalism, Graduate Seminar, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University, Spring 2012.

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS**

**Innovative Activities**

Collaborative activities with private non-profit firms/corporations/businesses/NGOs

Andersson, Dan-Erik, “Istanbul – With a Global Mindset.” Course given at Executive Foundation Lund (EFL) for 15 business people at their Executive MBA, Istanbul November 6-10, 2012

Dance, Lory. During February & March 2012, Dance had several meetings with the NGO Rörelsens Gatans Röst och Ansikte (RGRA) in Malmö to plan a local community outreach project for marginalized youths in Malmö. This project is tentatively called “STREETPOSIAS: Street Savvy Social Justice Symposia Series” Two symposia are planned (one for the Spring and one for Summer/Fall of 2012). During the Spring/Summer of 2012, RGRA and ME-in-S will also apply for grant funding to continue these symposia over a period of three to five years.

Dance, Lory, Osama Shomar, and Jonathan Tucker. Meeting with Spoken-Word poets, artists, and scholars from Revolution Poetry (Stockholm), War Tribunal (Stockholm), Split This Rock (Washington, D.C.), and Södertörn Högskola to discuss Streetposia project. Bagel Street Café in Mariatorget, Stockholm (December 7th)

Dance, Lory and Jonathan Tucker. Establish website for Streetposia project (www.streetposia.com). (December 10th-11th)
Andersson, Dan-Erik. During Jan – April 2012, Andersson had several contacts and conducted several interviews with staff/authorities and regular members of the Swedish Temperance Movement.

**MEDIA RELATED APPEARANCES**

**Television interviews**

**Newspaper/Magazine Interviews.**


**NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS**

**Completed Collaborative activities with individuals/institutions**
Dance, Lory. Serve as Lund University’s (and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies’) Representative in a dinner meeting with Benny Dagan, the Israeli Ambassador to Sweden, Grand Hotel, Lund Sweden (February 1st).

Dance, Lory. Serve as Lund University’s (and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies’) Representative to the meeting of Swedish higher education institutions to discuss the establishment of a Swedish section of Scholars at Risk, Gothenburg University, Gothenburg, Sweden (November 14th).

**Ongoing Collaborative activities with individuals/institutions**
Dance, Lory. The Global Classroom. Video conferenced courses offered between Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Lund University and the Department of Sociology at the University of Nebraska. MOSP20-Multidisciplinary Research Methods in Middle Eastern Studies (titled SOCI 998-Qualitative Methods in Global Contexts at the University of Nebraska) offered Fall 2011. Scheduled again for Spring 2013.

**International Teaching Exchanges**
Dance, Lory. Follow-up to September 2011 meeting of University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) Chairs, Directors, and other faculty in leadership positions with the establishment of the Short Term Visiting Scholar Award to facilitate future collaborations among LU and UNL faculty. Short-Term Visiting Scholar Award announced in December 2012.

**OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS**

**National TV Lectures**
Andersson, Dan-Erik. “Vanor och ovanor i historieskrivningen om mänskliga rättigheter.” Föredrag/panelsamtal i samband med Humanist och Teologdagarna, Lunds universitet, 23-24 mars 2012. Filmed and has been sent five times in National Swedish TV (Kunskapskanalen) http://urplay.se/170052  http://urplay.se/170065
Women for Sustainable Growth

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Conference Participation/Presentations by domain members and/or affiliates

Jan 16-19: World Future Energy Summit participation and Zayed Future Energy Prize development panel in collaboration with Masdar

Sept 24-25: Social Innovation Conference hosted by EUCLID in Copenhagen

Conferences/Workshops/Symposia etc., arranged or organized by domain members and/or affiliates

Feb 2-5: Participatory Leadership Capacity Building Program at LU in coordination with Art of Hosting Meaningful Conversations. 50 participants, half from within LU and half from outside, came to learn practices for building a community

April 12-14: W4SG Board Meeting and Founding NPA Annual Meeting at Lund. W4SG officially became its own legal entity as a non-profit association in Sweden.

Aug 30: Board Meeting Conference Call: Planning meeting for remaining 2012

Oct 1: Board Workshop: the day focused on planning the strategy and development of W4SG now that it is a non-profit association.

Innovative Activities

Collaborative activities with private-for-profit firms/corporations/businesses/NGOs

May 20-25: Women Leadership Exchange Program (WLEP), run in cooperation with MiL Institute and Dubai Women Establishment, is training 19 mid-senior level female managers from Sweden and the UAE. Participants paid 40,000 SEK.

Nov 4: WLEP reunion/update organized in Dubai and Sweden. It was a one-day workshop planned in the middle of the two sessions of WLEP to touch base with participants.

Collaborative activities with governmental organizations/offices/departments

March 13-15: Sustainability in Action Program (SAP) for the Women as Global Leaders Conference at Zayed University. W4SG partnered with ZU to train 75 young women from around the world participatory leadership practices over a period of three days.

National & International Collaborations

MOUs established with Dubai Women Establishment
CMES affiliate scholars in addition to CMES research domains

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Publications

Journal Articles


Conferences, Seminars, and Speaking Engagements

Modern Turkey Seminars


Nira Yuval-Davis, ‘The Politics of Belonging’, joint seminar with the Department of Sociology and Gender Studies.

Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies, PhD seminar in Istanbul, October 2012 (with Olof Heilo, Leif Stenberg, Christa Salamandra).

IPC-CMES workshop on the Turkish Model and the Middle East, Lund, November 2012.

Speaking engagements

PhD Course and Public Lecture, ‘A Road to Nowhere? Nationalism and Multiculturalism in a Diverse World’, Faculty of Humanities, University of Copenhagen, 13-14 December 2012.


Public Seminar, ‘EU and Turkish Perspectives towards Reform’, Olof Palme Center-Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV), CMES, Olof Palme International Center, Stockholm, 14 November 2012.

Public Seminar, ‘A Political Giant Reborn? Turkey’s Foreign Policy in the Wake of the Arab Spring’, The Swedish Institute of International Affairs, Stockholm, 8 November 2012.

Public lecture, Center for European Studies, Lund University, 23 October 2012.


RESET (Dialogues on Civilizations) Istanbul Seminars (Chair and Discussant to a panel with Craig Calhoun and Avishai Margalit), ‘The Promises of Democracy in Troubled Times’, Istanbul Bilgi University, 19-24 May 2012.

Research Seminar, School of Social Sciences, Linnaeus University, Växjö, 25 April 2012.
Seminar, Globalecures, Dipartimento di Culture, Politica e Società, Corso di Laurea in Scienze Internazionali, University of Turin, 12 April 2012.

Book Launch (Chair), ‘Symbols of Nations and Nationalism’ by Gabriella Elgenius, Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN) 12th Annual Conference, London School of Economics, 27 March 2012.

Public Seminar, ‘Nations and Nationalism Revisited’ (with Miroslav Hroch and Montserrat Guibernau), Department of History and Civilization, European University Institute, Florence, 12 March 2012.

Speaking engagements (not mentioned in the 2011 Annual Report)
Public Seminar, ‘Nationalism and Ethnopolitics in Southeastern Europe’, Centre for Modern European Studies (CEMES), University of Copenhagen, 8 December 2011.

Public Seminar, ‘Europe’s Nation-States’ as part of the series ‘European Questions – Turkish Angles’, Forum for European Philosophy and Contemporary Turkish Studies, The European Institute, London School of Economics, 14 November 2011.

International Conference, ‘New Regional Perspectives for the Kurds’, Department of International Relations, Istanbul Bilgi University, 28-29 October 2011.

Seminar, MIM and the Department of Language, Migration and Society, Malmö University, 13 October 2011.

International Conference, ‘The Turkish Phenomenon – The Development of the Society’, The Italian Center for Peace in the Middle East (CIPMO), Milano, 10 October 2011.

International Conference, ‘New Directions in Turkish-Greek Relations in the Middle East and the Balkans’ (on the occasion of the opening of South East European Studies at Oxford, SEESOX, Office at Bahcesehir University), Bahcesehir University, Istanbul, 27-29 September 2011.

Research Activities (for which funding has already been received)
Hydrosolidarity project, funded by the Pufendorf Institute (approx. 2 million SEK, 20% of the salary)

Grant Activity
Grant applications to Crafoord Foundation and STINT (Turkish and Swedish Models Compared, and their Implications for MENA).

Application to Olof Palme Chair, Vetenskapsrådet, May 2012.

University Teaching & Guest Lecture Activity
See above

Media Related Appearances
Television Interviews
Haberturk, Turkey national channel on radical right and Islamophobia in Europe, 24 May 2012.

CCTV, Chinese national TV on Turkey’s Syria policy. 14 October 2012.

Newspaper Interview
Interview in HaberIsvec and Zaman Iskandinavya, 17 May 2012.

**National & International Collaborations**

Memorandum of Agreement with Istanbul Policy Center, Sabanci University, Turkey

Informal collaboration with the Swedish Institute of International Affairs, the Olof Palme International Center, Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV), PRIO Oslo and Cyprus, University of Copenhagen, Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs, University of Oslo, Turkish Embassy in Stockholm, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Svenska Freds.

**Other Activities**

Book series on ‘Islam and Nationalism’, co-editor with Spyros A. Sofos for Palgrave Macmillan.

Rights agreement for Arabic and Albanian translations of Theories of Nationalism: A Critical Introduction.