

ANNUAL REPORT 2015 The society of international affairs Gothenburg



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SUMMARY OF THE PAST YEAR

The year 2015 has been a good year for the Society of International Affairs in Gothenburg. We have had a stable economy which gave us the opportunities to arrange many interesting and rewarding events. Even if we have fewer members than past years we can see 2015 as a positive and very successful year. Our members have been able to take part in many kinds of activities and topics.

Lecture

During the year we arranged 19 lectures. The most popular one was held by Mergim Tahiri about the conflict in Israel-Palestine. Most lectures were held in English, to make them available for many exchange students that don't speak Swedish.

Event

Our film club has shown fewer movies and instead tried to focus on a higher quality in the movies shown. We have shown documentaries about more hot topics than previous years. The committee have organized one trip per semester. They went to Athens during May and Tbilisi in December.

Utblick

Our member magazine has, as always, been issued four times during the year. Every issue was distributed in 1000 to 1500 copies. During the year we lessened the amount of copies and instead decided to print in full color and better quality of the paper. Something that will increase the perceived value of the magazine. Every edition has been sent home to our members and also been distributed at campus, libraries, etc. Utblick.org has been updated continuously with new articles. Utblick has also started their own radio channel with the student radio, something that turned out to be a real success.



Public Relations

Public relations have strenuously and actively been working to give our society continuous exposure and promote all our lectures and events. The committee has also themselves arranged lectures in high schools as a part of our project to recruit younger members and light their interest for foreign affairs.

Model United Nations

During their first year, this committee has grown quickly and shown to be an important part of the society's activities. They have arranged nine local simulations and went to two conferences.

Swedish Association of International Affairs

Our society continued to work for SAIA to hire an economist, which was realized during the spring of 2015. SAIA's co-operations made it possible for our members to have the magazine Internationella Studier. SAIA has also made possible the annual convention for foreign politics, this year held in Gothenburg, our attendance at the week in Almedalen and forum weekends.

Miscellaneous assignments

Following the gaining popularity of the MUN committee, Anna Gavrilova was assigned to assist head of committee Kristina Hojckova. The added radio to Utblick, with its increasing popularity required Samuel Horgby to take responsibility for this part of our operations. These two were attending and speaking at our board meetings, but didn't held the right to vote.

This year's board would like to thank all our members, active members, lecturers, collaborators, the university, Göta student union, and all others who helped to make this year possible!

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The year in numbers

Members at the end of the year: 351

Editions of Utblick: 4

Lectures: 19

Movie screenings: 20

Board meetings: 17

Income (SEK) $\approx 244~000$

Result (SEK) ≈ 8000

Board members during the year

President: Sara Varghaei

Vice president: Karin Unde (Spr.), Johan Blomqvist (Aut.)

Secretary: Johan Blomqvist (Spr.), Johan Palmquist (Aut.)

Treasurer: Carl Larsson

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Event: Aisa Coric, Carin Carlund

Utblick: Emil Zawadzki, Frida Nilsson

Model United Nations: Kristina Hojckova

Public Relations: Liza Olsson, Jurate Mazeikate

SAIA Representative: Viktoria Lindén (Spr.), Katinka Ernstsson (Aut.)



Election committee

Adam Josefsson

Anna Eken

Lanja Rashid

Natalie Hafdelin

Activity auditors

Anna-Karin Larsson

Oskar Tinnerholm (formerly Gustafsson)

Economic auditor

Anne Engström

Other positions

MUN: Anna Gavrilova (from April)

Radio Utblick: Samuel Horgby (from September)

LECTURE

In 2015, the lecture committee organized 19 lectures, 17 in the evening and 2 during lunch time. The topics of the lectures ranged geographically, covering issues in the Middle East, East Europe, Caucasus, Africa and Asia. The four most popular lectures were: lecture on Israeli-Palestine conflict by Mergim Tahiri (80 visitors), lecture on ISIS by Abdalhadi Alijla (75 visitors), film screening followed by Q&A session with the director Ruslan Gorovyj on situation in the East of Ukraine (54 visitors) and a lunch lecture about terrorism with Professor Anders Persson (45 visitors). Average attendance is estimated at 25-30 people per lecture. Most of the lectures were held in English as our

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aim was to include a big international audience as possible, but also international lecturers. Two lectures were held in Swedish, one was facilitated by an interpreter.

This year we have also agreed on the lecture by Björn von Sydow, but he had to cancel because of the budget voting in the Parliament, thus a new date in February is being negotiated.

In terms of gender balance among the audience, it was almost equal. However, among speakers there was a prevalence of male speakers (16) over female ones (5). Acknowledging that this situation needs improvement, we also realize that often the committee looks for relevant speaker for the particular topic and often doesn't have many options to choose from based on gender criteria unless the topics and organisations to contact are planned in advance.

In 2015, we collaborated with the International Day at Handels, where we held a lunch lecture with UNDP Sweden Communications Coordinator Tamara Fenjan who talked about building career in international organizations. We also collaborated with the Society of Ukrainians in Gothenburg on the film screening and visit by Ruslan Gorovyj. Moreover, on this particular theme we collaborated with UF Malmö. The latter we see as a starting point to collaborate on other lectures, which will be helpful for large-scale projects both for financial and organizational reasons, but most importantly for the value added for the speakers themselves. We were also invited by the project leader for Global Week where we were supposed to arrange a lecture on the topic on Migration. Unfortunately, we did not manage to find a speaker for that special date.

One of the committee's strongest achievements is the NGO and Development Fair, held on 12 May. It was a team-driven project, initiated within the committee and joined by three of its members and three other UF members. The Fair brought together about 17 exhibitors - NGOs or development organizations, both local Swedish and international, and attracted more than 200 students. The purpose of the Fair was to match the needs of these organizations with the interest of the students who were looking for internships or



volunteering opportunities. We received positive feedback both from the participants and visitors.

As a conclusion from 2015 operations, we have unfortunately experienced decline in visitors, which is a consequence of general decline of members. As a way to overcome this trend, we suggest focusing on "bigger names" for the lecturers in Spring semester, especially, where contacts are already established (Björn von Sydow, Gudrun Schyman etc.). Also, more interactive format - panel debate - may be brought back to the scene since it used to attract more people. Cooperation with other organizations such as for example "Folkuniversitetet" and The City Library should be something to consider, in order to reach a wider audience and gain more members. We also noticed that the Lobby at Sprängkullsgatan 19 is a good place to hold lectures during lunch time, since it enables people to stop by and listen if they are interested. There is also a competition from the organization Brännpunkt Europe, therefore when planning lecture dates and topics, it is worth considering any open communication from them - in order to avoid overlap, which also reduces our numbers of visitors. We have also experienced problems with PR, especially when it comes to putting up posters around Campus, but also concerning the digital promotion with new Facebook-settings and the UFnewsletter, which according to us has been sent out to members with short notice.

In terms of committee organization, we have continued with open committee meetings and Facebook group, but unfortunately had only two active members outside the group of the committee heads.

EVENT

Film club and film festival

During the operational year of 2015 the Event committee has continued with regular documentary screenings every other week. The screenings have taken place in auditorium Dragonen at the University of Gothenburg, mainly on Wednesdays and



Thursdays. We have also arranged two themed events, one on terrorism and the other about the Turkish uprisings in 2013. We have also arranged a film festival on the theme "Peace & Conflict", which focused on the vulnerability of people exposed to conflicts within a state or between states.

In total we have screened 20 documentaries during our operational year, including the themed events and the film festival. Out of these 20, six has been in cooperation with Cinema Politica, a license distributor with whom we have an annual membership. During the year we have experienced that the range of movies available from Cinema Politica is limited since many of them has already been screened, also our license does not cover all the documentaries, which limits the options further. The other 14 documentaries screened during the year have therefor been in collaboration with the producers and creators of each film. In two cases we paid a small sum to get access to the screening rights. The contract with Cinema Politica has been extended to the autumn of 2016, but we recommend the next heads of Event committee to look over the agreement and any potential alternatives. The number of visitors at the screenings normally varied between 20 and 40 visitors, with variations both with lower and higher number of visitors.

Our most popular screenings during the past year has been "Vessel", Gulabi Gang" and "I am Femen". During these screenings the number of visitors where between 40-60 people. At the "I am Femen"-screening we also had an interview through Skype with the lead character Oxana Schanko. In April we arranged the themed night on terrorism, and screened the films "Red Lines" and "Warriors of the North". Both films were highly relevant and resulted in a bigger interest from the public and also very interesting discussions afterwards. In November we arranged the film festival with the theme "Peace & Conflict". The film festival was during two days during a weekend and in total we screened 6 short films and 4 longer documentaries.

The screening of "Volontourism – for better and worse" was visited by the producer Jodie Whife and she held a short presentation of the film and stayed for a Q&A after the



screening. Representatives from the organization "Afrikagrupperna" were also there with a book table.

All our screenings are free and open for all, including the film festival. The films are either in English or subtitled in English which makes the screenings popular among exchange students.

After most of the film screenings there has been the possibility for the visitors to join us for a discussion about the film. The meetings for the active members of the committee has been arranged every other week, and at the meeting we have mainly discussed which films to choose for the film festival and the themed nights. The members have actively helped with getting the rights for different documentaries and we have together brainstormed on the themes and content.

Trips

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During the operational year of 2015 the Event committee organized two trips. During the spring semester we planned for a trip to Athens, Greece, which took place in May. The choice for the fall trip fell on Tbilisi, Georgia, and took place in December.

We were in Athens for a total of five days. 15 people participated and there was a good mix between new and former active members, although the majority were new members. There was a big interest for this trips, probably due do Greece being a highly discussed topic during the spring. The economic situation and the Euro crisis, with a potential "Grexit", was there for the focus of the trip. In Athens we had 8 meetings. We visited the Swedish Embassy in Athens, Transparency International, Amnesty International, EU representatives in the country as well as National and Kapodistrian University of Athens where we discussed the effect of the crisis on the young Greeks together with students at the university. We also were fortunate enough to meet with two of the strongest parties in the country, Nea Democratia and Syriza.

The trip to Tbilisi took place between December 3rd to 11th and the number of participants were 13 people. The trips were planned and organized mainly by the active UTRIKESPOLITISKA FÖRENINGEN WWW.UFGBG.SE BOX 720



members of the committee, that during the semester had helped with the research and suggestions before finally deciding on Tbilisi. Half of the spots, therefor, went to the active members and the other half went to new members. Georgia was chosen as the destination since the group found it interesting from many aspects. Mainly the focus was on how the country, as post-communist, is approaching EU and NATO, how the equality is developing, and to more closely take a look at the progressive fight against corruption. The group arrived to Tbilisi on Thursday night, there was therefor only room for one meeting the day after, which was with the Swedish Embassy in Tbilisi. The weekend was free and the majority of the group explored Caucasus and travelled to Armenia. After the weekend the group met with EUMM, the EU delegation's head of political, press and information, UN Women, Democracy Watch, UNDO, Transparency International and the Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies. We also got a guided tour and a meeting with PSDA in Tbilisi's new public service house.

UTBLICK

During the fiscal year of 2015, four issues of UF Gothenburg's members' magazine Utblick have been printed and published and the webpage has been updated frequently with new articles. In the beginning of the calendar year, Utblick's editors-in-chief initiated cooperation with the student radio K103 that has progressed into an active radio show called Radio Utblick, with ongoing broadcasts and its own editorial staff.

The biggest challenge of the year's process has been to organize an editorial staff of both old and new writers and simultaneously develop the magazine towards a new appearance, increasing its readership and improving its visibility. During the year the magazine has uphold around a number of 10 active members in its editorial staff. One of our goals has been to proceed an open and free working process among the editorial staff by giving our members the opportunity to write as often and as much as they want, as freely as possible (with consideration of the current theme) and giving them the



possibility of either writing in English or Swedish. The emphasis of our work with Utblick has mainly been on the development of our member's creative skills.

Another important objective has been to change the appearance of the magazine, regarding its layout and textual genres, as well as appearance in, for instance, social media and other public areas. In order to develop the looks and shapes of Utblick, we made alterations in the quantity of copies, the amount of pages and colours. The first two issues of 2015 were published during the spring semester, and the last two during autumn. The themes and the titles were decided upon together and democratically through suggestions, discussions and through voting which involved all editorial staff members. The themes arose mainly from ongoing trends of discussions and events in the world during the year. The theme and titles of the issues are as follows: #1. Freedom of Speech #2. Responsibility – growth at what cost #3. Terra Incognita #4. Africa?

In the beginning of the working process of each issue we held editorial meetings either weekly, or every other week. The meetings have mainly been addressed for the common brainstorming of ideas on themes and articles, but during the writing process the amount of meetings declined and the writers were given individual time. At the end of the working process of an issue, we gathered the staff to a joint workshop where we discussed the individual articles in small groups and together gave feedback and comments on the texts. This workshop not only helped the writers to continue and improve their own articles, but also gave them an opportunity to develop their personal relation and conception of the process of writing. After the corrections were made the writers where given individual feedback from the editors-in-chief. A couple of days were then given for the writers to finish their articles and then followed proofreading by the editors-in-chief together with one volunteering proof-reader from the editorial staff. During the first issue, the editors-in-chief proofread alone, and during the second issue one of Utblick's writers, Anja Johansson, helped out. For the last two issues, Utblick's writer Lydia Liljegren assisted the editors with proofreading for the magazine as well as the articles on the webpage. The designer mainly participated at the meetings early on in



the working progress of an issue, and contributed, together with the writers, to ideas and finally decisions of themes, titles and articles. Further on, the designer worked mainly in contact with the editors during the rest of the process. The first issue was designed by Julia Andersson, and the following three by Torbjörn Hedberg.

The first issue was printed in 1500 copies, of which approximately 400-500 copies were sent to the members of UF Gothenburg, whereas the rest of them were distributed by the editorial staff to different public areas throughout Gothenburg. It was printed in two colors. For the following issue, we decreased the amount of copies to 1000 instead of 1500 due to the fact that many copies of earlier issues had not been fully distributed. We also added a third color to this issue. With the publication of the third issue we continued to print 1000 copies, but could, due to an expand in our budget, add a fourth color and finally it had a full color design. Furthermore, we changed the paper, thus our aim of expanding the magazine's appearance was achieved. The fourth issue has not yet been sent to printing, but it will consist of 1000 copies and full color. We will also with great probability keep the latest paper and expand the number of pages from 32 to 40 pages. This due to a bigger interest among members to participate in Utblick.

To three of our workshops, guest speakers were invited; two of them were funded through Folkuniversitetet. The first one was a workshop on how to give constructive feedback. The second one was a workshop on how to write a report. For the third workshop we invited Victoria Veres, former editor-in-chief of Internationella Studier, who talked to us about the editorial work of a more established magazine and what it entails.

In order to enhance our association with UF Gothenburg, we added more space for UF publicity in our printed issues. Especially for the MUN, but also for temporary events in UF such as the film festival which we advertised for in the third issue. Even so, we believe that the association between the two can be further strengthened.

Beyond the printed issues, we've published several articles on the webpage. There we have published articles that are not connected to the theme of the printed issues. It has



been a platform for writers that for example live abroad or travels, and therefore could not participate in the editorial work, to contribute to Utblick. It also provides a great opportunity for any enthusiastic writer to be published online and to write about an almost freely chosen subject, regarding international or national affairs. The webpage has also become a platform for the radio to send out information about upcoming and already aired broadcasts, which has been a great way to improve Utblick's appearance in social media. During the spring semester and half of the autumn semester, we had a volunteer web-editor from the editorial staff, Eva Corijn. And for the remaining half of the semester, the editors-in-chief took over the responsibility.

During 2015, Frida Nilsson and Emil Zawadzki have been editors-in-chief, with Emil as legally responsible publisher. Both editors have been board members of UF Gothenburg during the entire fiscal year. Later on, Samuel Horgby was appointed the editor of Radio Utblick, and the responsibility of the radio was handed over to Samuel from the editors-in-chief. Thereafter, Samuel joined the UF board, but did not become a full member with eligibility to vote because he had not been elected a board member during the annual board meeting.

Radio Utblick

The production of Radio Utblick started in late January/ early February 2015. Twelve broadcasts were made before summer but only four shows have been broadcasted after our summer break. The reason for the decrease in productions is twofold. The staff of Radio Utblick diminished before summer and we have had problems recruiting new members to fill up the gaps. But more time and energy into research and the editing of our shows.

Radio Utblick was created with support from the two editors-in-chief of Utblick magazine in January 2015 and we were able to quickly get together a large staff and start producing programs. Our staff consisted of between 9 and 12 persons during the entire spring term but lacked someone who could lead the work. With such a large



workforce, it was relatively easy to keep a high pace of production. Our learning-period proved however to be relatively long. Only one member of our staff had previous experience of making radio and a lot of our learning was based on "learning by doing".

All decisions in Radio Utblick were taken in a strictly democratic way. This meant that nobody was responsible of ensuring that all steps in the radio-making procedure (researching recording – scheduling for broadcast – putting the show online – promoting the show) were taken care of correctly and in time. This proved to be problematic, especially in the later parts of the procedure. When Radio Utblick was granted a seat in the board of the Society of International Affairs, it was decided that Samuel Horgby should be "Head of Radio".

After summer Radio Utblick change its strategy. Instead of continuing with the goal to produce one show per week, we allowed ourselves to produce one every two weeks and, if needed, to take a third week for research and preparation. The programs that were made during the autumn semester have been more thoroughly researched, more interesting and they have consisted of more information. We have also been trying to give our shows a quicker and more interesting and exciting pace. This by having more interviews and sound effects in our programs and more, but shorter, reports

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Spring semester

The Model United Nations (MUN) Committee started to function as a separate committee in the operational year 2015. In the spring semester promotion was done at the kick-off event by the head of the committee and former UF Göteborg delegates to international MUN conferences. The promotion was successful and attracted a lot of people to the first committee meeting. Most of the people who attended the first meeting remained active members during the semester, and were also joined by other participants later. The committee met every Monday (unless otherwise decided by the



members) and there were 14 meetings in total in spring semester. Two introductory trainings were organized at the beginning of the semester to introduce the interested people to the workings of the MUN conferences. Throughout the semester there were 5 local simulations organized, all of which were well attended by committee members. A debating lecture by an experienced debater Gustaf Lundgren was organized in cooperation with the lecture committee which was followed by the debating training, also conducted by Gustaf. Two other trainings were organized by members of the committee, one on the resolution writing and another one on debating.

A google drive for the MUN committee was created in order to simplify the sharing of the documents relevant to the local simulations, trainings and participation in international MUN conferences. The minutes from the committee meetings are also accessible on the drive.

In March the committee met with the heads of the PR committee to discuss promotion, and after that a PR liaison was designated. In April it was decided that there is a need for an additional board member from the MUN committee and after reaching agreement with the board the former PR liaison was elected as another head of the committee and an additional board member without voting rights. The workload was since divided between the two committee heads, but other committee members were also actively participating in the various tasks pertaining to the work of the committee.

In April there was a meeting between the representatives of the MUN committee and representatives of the Model United Nations conference in Malmö (MUNmö) that is part of UF Malmö. During the meeting is was agreed to build a cooperation between the two societies in order to exchange experience, since the MUN committee in Gothenburg is more experienced in conducting local simulations and trainings and the MUN in Malmö is more experienced in organizing big international conferences. A possibility of signing of a cooperation agreement was discussed, as well as a potential joined local simulation in either Gothenburg or Malmö. It was agreed that the MUN committee of



Gothenburg will send a delegation to MUNmö, just as last year, and some of the members may even take part in the organizational part if they are interested.

Already in February the committee decided to go to the Paris International Model United Nations (PIMUN) conference on 28-31 May 2015. Subsequently a delegation of 10 people was registered and participants were later selected from the active members of the committee. The UF covered participation fees for all the members of the delegation, all the other expenses were covered by the participants themselves. After creating a delegation and receiving the countries that each of the delegation members was supposed to represent, in the local simulations that followed, the delegation members were representing their respective PIMUN countries in order to be better prepared for the conference and get to know their countries from different sides. The participation of the delegation of UF Göteborg in PIMUN was very successful, with 3 out of 10 delegated receiving awards.

Autumn semester

The autumn semester also started with a kick-off event where the MUN committee attracted a lot of interest. Many people signed up for the mailing list and attended the first committee meeting and one of the two introductory trainings. As in the previous semester, committee meetings were held every Monday unless otherwise decided by the committee, and there were 8 meetings in total. Regular committee meetings help to maintain the active participation of the members and also give an opportunity for them to get to know each other better in an informal setting. In total there were 4 simulations, one of which was also serving as a resolution writing training.

A special MUN Halloween weekend was organized on 31 October-1 November together with MUN in Malmö, which came to Gothenburg with a delegation of 6 people. During the weekend a debating training, a resolution writing lecture and a crisis simulation were organized. After the first day a joint dinner for all the interested



participants was organized. The event was a success and it was decided to hold such events in the future, possibly next semester in Malmö.

In spring semester, it was decided that the international conference that the committee will go to in the autumn semester will be MUNmö (the participation fee once again was to be covered by UF Göteborg; eventually accommodation for one part of the delegation was also covered by UF Göteborg and the other part received free accommodation from MUNmö). Thus a delegation of 10 people was created (1 person eventually dropped out, thus the final delegation consisted of 9 people). Moreover, one of the head of the committee was co-chairing the Security Council committee at the conference and one of the heads of the lecture committee (and a former active member of the MUN committee) was Under-Secretary General. Thus UF Göteborg was represented by 11 people. The conference was a huge success, 2 out of 9 members of the delegation won awards, and the general quality of the conference was praised by the participants.

During MUNmö several other MUN conferences were introduced by other participants, and afterwards the committee decide to go to the MUN conference in Leuven (KULMUN) that will take place on 1-5 March 2016. UF Göteborg signed up to this conference with a delegation of 14 people, trying to give everyone interested an opportunity to go to an international conference, provided that they participate in at least two local simulations.

Both the spring and the autumn semester were concluded by potluck committee dinners that were also very successful and helped to create additional bond between committee members.

Work in the committee

Communication among the committee members is mostly conducted through the committee's Facebook group that is open to everyone who is interested in the work of the committee. Additional groups are also created for each delegation in order to communicate on the topics pertaining to each conference. Promotion is done through



the official Facebook page of the committee as well as the official Facebook page of UF Göteborg. PR committee is also creating posters for the MUN committee upon request and is promoting the committee events on the UF Göteborg's website and in the newsletter.

The overall work of the committee is very successful, we managed to attract a stable group of people throughout both spring and autumn semester and we hope that there will be more people joining our committee next year. Different ways to promote the committee have been discussed and the members are very keen on ensuring the sustainability of the committee. Also, by participating in international conferences with a well-prepared delegation, we are building a name for UF Göteborg and are also creating a potential pool of participants for the future MUN conference that we hope to organize in the near future. We would like to increase the amount of international conferences that we go to every semester because we believe that it will allow to attract more members to the committee, and thus we hope for a bigger budget next year. Additional sponsorship opportunities should be explored in order to ensure the equality of opportunity for everyone interested in participating in the international conferences.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Co-operations

The cooperation between us and Göta student union has developed during 2015 and we can use Göta's and Gothenburg University's TV-screens around every campus to market the association and our events. During the fall Göta doubled the prices on posters from 2 SEK / poster (A3 in color) to 4 SEK /poster. The committee therefore had to apply for more money from the association's budget to be able to print the same amount of posters as before. The application was accepted.



In the beginning of the year our association was able to get an agreement with the School of Business, economics and laws student association. The agreement means that we are treated like the Schools other student associations but without being an actual member in any of the School's student associations. For our association it means that we have permission to put our posters and market ourselves thru their digital channels and TV-screens. For UF it also means that we have can book lecture halls without paying any fee.

We have also participated in their *International day*.

Social media

We began 2015 with 1450 likes on our official Facebook page. By analyzing which posts that has generated the most engagement (likes, comments and shares) we have gained better knowledge about what kind of post our audience likes and how we can reach out to new groups of people. By the end of December, we have gained 381 new people who like our page and we have now 1831 likes.

The numbers of followers have increased on twitter as well. During the year we have gained 108 new followers (December 20, 2015). As with Facebook, we have been analyzing how to generate more shares, comments and likes. We have also gained better knowledge in how to reach out to more people. Most of our tweets has been in Swedish since most of our followers speaks Swedish and the tweets in Swedish has gained more response.

Currently we have 164 followers (December 19, 2015). Unfortunately, we don't have access to Instagram's own analytical tool. We hope that we as a small organization will be able to use it next year. We currently also search for other alternatives, first and fore most free ones. We have mainly used Instagram to document lectures, when we have been on study trips and when we have represented the association.



Updates and changes

Parts of our webpage has gone thru some changes. The page where new members can register for a membership has been simplified and more distinct. Some photographs from lecture etc. has also been changed.

The design of our newsletter has been updated with a more modern look. Three new templates were created: one template for when the activities in the association are few or when we want to highlight a single event, another for when there are lots of events that's needs to be marketed and a third one for reminding our member when their membership has expired.

The high school project

In total, five schools around Gothenburg has been a part of our high school project this year: Ingrid Segerstedts gymnasium, Lerums gymnasium, Schillerska gymnasium, Sigrid Rudebecks gymnasium and Donnergymnasiet. The topics of the lectures has been migration, the euro crisis and Swedish security and defense policy to name a few. Our cooperation with the high schools has improved and we have already discussed new lectures for spring with Rudebecks and Schillerska.

We have also cooperations with schools we have lost contact with such as Angeredsgymnasiet and Donnergymnasiet. During the fall 2015 we arranged a lecture with 60 students with Donnergymnasiet. The theme of the lecture was migration. They have been positive to continue the cooperation next year and to attend our "regular" lectures. Unfortunately, we couldn't find a suitable time to hold a lecture with Angered but we are planning to arrange at least one in 2016. The students have been devoted and showed great knowledge in the themes of each lecture. The researchers that lectured for us and the students has also been positive to the project and been great in getting the students attention and creating interest.

Other societies of international affairs have showed interest in our high school project during the year. In conversations we have had with other societies during SAIA



meetings and gatherings we have made other societies interested in starting their own high school projects. We have been in contact with Umeå during the fall and hope that we can keep in touch and share new ideas on how to develop the project. Karlstad has also showed interest and began promoting themselves to high school students during the fall.

PARTNERSHIPS

Styrelsen för UF 2015 skulle vilja rikta ett stort tack till alla samarbetspartners och andra aktörer som gjort vår verksamhet möjligt. Vi vill särskilt tacka:

Göteborgs universitet

Samhällsvetenskapliga fakulteten, Göteborgs universitet

Statsvetenskapliga institutionen, Göteborgs universitet

Handelshögskolan, Göteborgs universitet

Samhällsvetenskapligt biblioteket, Göteborgs universitet

Göta Studentkår

SPIRA

International Day

Utrikespolitiska Förbundet Sverige

Forum Syd

Stiftelsen Paul och Marie Berghaus donationsfond

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Utrikespolitiska Institutet

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the Society of Ukrainians in Gothenburg

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