



The Pufendorf IAS

NEWSLETTER FROM THE PUFENDORF IAS AT LUND UNIVERSITY

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News, events and information from the Pufendorf IAS (Pufendorfinstitutet) at Lund University

Greetings from the director

Since January I am the new director of the Institute. The first two months have been busy finding reviewers to this year's 16 Theme applications. Each application is reviewed by two, usually international, scholars. We do not only want highly skilled reviewers, but people with an ability to relate their specific field of competence to a wider societal frame and to the specific interdisciplinary way of working that the institute promotes. It has been surprisingly easy to get also reviewers that are unfamiliar with the Pufendorf IAS to take on the task and to write reports of high quality. At the board meeting on March 20th it will be decided which Themes and Advanced Study Groups that will be accepted for the period 2018 – 2019.

Former director, Sune Sunesson, stays with the institute as senior professor and advisor, to carry on work with the initiative on "Interdisciplinary Approaches to Migration Research" and make an impact study of the former Themes and ASGs hosted by the institute. We want to get a deeper understanding about what became of their ideas? Have they materialized in further research or in other types of actions?

[In an interview on our website, former director Sune Sunesson reflects on his new role as the Institute's new advisor.](#)

NEWS

LU Futura

Lund University's think tank, LU Futura, is a new independent unit within the Pufendorf IAS. Based on the university's cutting edge knowledge about a number of important questions, Futura aims to place itself at the core of the societal debate. The Futura team, with representatives from all faculties, will be led by Professor Lynn Åkesson and assoc. prof. Marie Cronqvist.

[Read more about LU Futura on our website and visit the blog](#)

[Read about LU Futura in LUM](#)

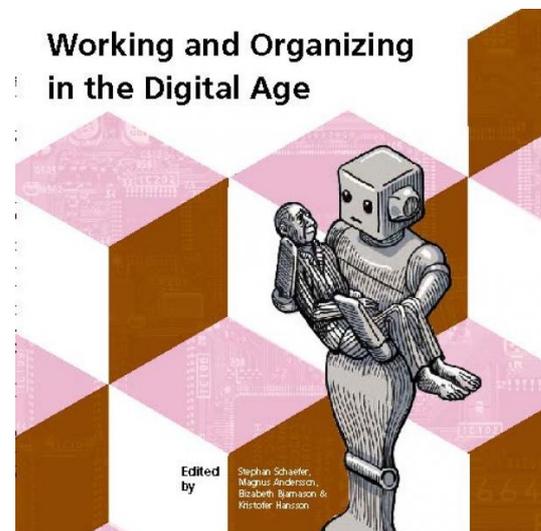
New theme on "The Air in African Cities"

We welcome a new theme "*The Air in African Cities - how to properly address serious problems in an already challenged area of our world*" which will run until November 2018. The group will explore the links between air pollution and sustainable urban development in African cities.

Combining expertise from aerosol science, atmospheric modelling, sociology of law, epidemiology, toxicology, sustainable development and environmental science, effort will be made to evaluate environmental health risks in such detail that proper actions can be taken.

The theme, coordinated by Christina Isaxon and Ebba Malmqvist, was selected after a call directed to "young doctors".

[Find more information on the theme webpage](#)



New publications from the Pufendorf IAS

Two new books from last year's themes "A Plurality of Lives" and "Digiwork" have been published in our series.

"Liv: Utomjordiskt, Syntetiskt, Artificiellt"

[Read more about the book](#)

"Working and Organizing in a Digital Age"

[Read more about the book](#)

SYMPOSIUM

The Pufendorf IAS Symposium on Interdisciplinarity, May 4th

"Interdisciplinarity" will be explored from all angles – conditions, organization, process and practice. Consequences for practice and theory will be discussed, as will the Pufendorf IAS's model for facilitating crossboundary, collaborative research.

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