

## **Strategy: Section for Public Administration**

The aim of the Public Administration section is to improve management and organization in the public sector. The section comprises several researchers focusing on Public management and leadership, Economy, Organization, Innovation, Personnel policy and Ethics in public organizations.

Over a relatively short period of time members of the Section for Public Administration have moved from a predominantly nationally oriented research agenda to a more internationally oriented agenda. The section aims to continue this shift in focus.

The section also aims over the next 3-5 years to strengthen our already high quality research by developing coherent, integrative and collective research collectives characterized by academic excellence within the above mentioned research themes. The research collectives should work to attract funding from national and/or international funding institutions.

Academic excellence and research of the highest quality are central for delivering teaching of equally high quality, in the variety of courses and programs for which the section is responsible. These range from courses at the day-studies in Political Science and Journalism to the full operation of two professional Master programs (MPM and FMOL). The section aims to continuously deliver research based teaching of the highest quality to all these programs.

Academic excellence is furthermore a pre-condition for remaining relevant for society. Members of the group are committed to disseminate to, interact and communicate with societal and governmental actors. This may involve publishing in popular and broadly distributed outlets and/or organizing and participating in popular seminars and hearings.

In sum; within the next 3-5 years the Section for Public Administration will work to achieve the following goals:

### ***Research***

#### *Aims*

- Establish one or more integrative research collectives led by senior researchers and with 2-4 other researchers working together on specific topics or projects
- Attract funding for larger integrative research projects from national and/or international funding institutions
- Report our research in the leading and most relevant journals in the field

#### *Actions*

- We will continue to strengthen our international publication strategy, by publishing in leading public administration and political science journals
- We should also publish both monographies and anthologies to disseminate to the relevant national and international public leaders and other audiences.

- We will establish a base for collaboration among the members of the section to attract funding, and develop integrative research projects.
- We will work to attract external funding through individual research applications and 2-3 larger integrative research applications within the next 3-5 years.

### ***Relevance and Impact***

#### *Aims*

- Communicate our research and knowledge to society to an even greater extent than today.

#### *Actions*

- We will strive to publish popular and broadly distributed feature or debate articles every time we have a peer-reviewed article or book accepted for publication.
- We will continue to participate in the public debates on public administration by giving speeches, participating in popular seminars and hearings etc.

### ***Education***

- Train younger researchers at the Ph.D. and post doc level
- Transmit research into teaching by offering elective courses associated with the research projects in the section
- Develop and streamline courses at Political science and the professional master programs

#### *Actions*

- We should maintain the high quality of our teaching and the great demand on our courses and supervision in Political Science, Journalism and our two professional Master programs (MPM and FMOL).
- We will collaborate on and discuss the development of the sections' key courses (for example Public Administration, Organizational theory, Method 1,2 and 3) in the group meetings to secure coherent courses of high quality.