

## **Minutes: Dansk Selskab for Europaforskning (Danisk ECSA), November 27th 2020**

**Participants:** Dorte Jagetic Andersen (SDU), Sevasti Chatzopoulou (president, RUC), Søren Dosenrode (AAU, VP/secretary), Daniel Finke (treasurer, AU) Juan Mayoral (KU/Law), Jens Ladefoged Mortensen (KU/PS), Hans-Jörg Trenez (KU/ CEMES).

Anita Nissen (AAU) as coordinator for the PhD- and Early Career Network.

Absent/excused: Angela Bourn (RUC), Graham Butler (AU/Law), Manuel Citi (CBS), , Trine Pernille Larsen (FAOS/KU), Ulla Neergaard (KU/Law), Christine Nissen (DIIS).

Referee: Søren Dosenrode

### **Agenda:**

1. Approval of the Minutes from the General Assembly
  2. Annual Conference Planning
  3. Members of the Boards (New and Current)
  4. Constitution of DSE
  5. Bank Account transfer
  6. DSE Homepage
  7. Ph.d and young career scholars
  8. Nordic Association status
- Any other Business?

The agenda was approved.

### **Ad 1) Approval of the Minutes from the General Assembly.**

The minutes were approved.

### **Ad 2) Annual Conference Planning.**

KU / Law has taken up the torch for the 2021 meeting, but as Juan Mayoral will be on leave and Ulla Neergaard has expressed concerns about having to shoulder the burden alone, a number of possibilities were discussed, ending with Hans-Jörg Trenez suggesting a cooperation between Law and Humanities, promising to take the initiative to connect the two departments (Morten Rasmussen) and suggest a joint meeting including Juan Mayoral and Ulla Neergaard. Other Copenhagen based members volunteered to assist and advise (e.g. Sevasti Chatzopoulou and Jens Ladefoged Mortensen). Juan Mayoral will fill Ulla Neergaard in on the situation.

It was explained that the responsibility of organizing the annual conference is rotated among the Danish Universities every year (2011 SDU, 2012 KU, 2013 RUC, 2014 Århus, 2015 CBS, 2016 KU/DIIS, 2017 RUC, 2018 Aalborg, 2019 Århus, 2020 SDU).

Asking about economics Sevasti Chatzopoulou and other explained that it was a low cost conference: A) The members pay a fee (paying their lunch) and an additional amount paying for the conference dinner and hotel. B) For the key-note speaker DSE will contribute with up to 15'000.- DKK if it is an overseas person otherwise 10'000 DKK. C) What is expected from the host institution is a working conference homepage, rooms and student assistance for practical preparation (registration, showing people around, technical assistance etc.). We agreed that the beginning of October is a good time, considering when the Danish Political Association conference take place.

The timeline looks, roughly like this:

- i. The organizers get together
- ii. The organizers settle for a theme for the conference and drafts a call, which is discussed by the board. This call will include a call for panels and papers.
- iii. Rooms / places are secured and the date fixed (beginning of October)
- iv. A website is constructed / launched (suggestion: get a professional from either faculty to do that; experiences with student assistance is not all too good)
- v. Secure student assistance

The committee: Juan, Ulla and Hans-Jörg will keep the board informed on their plans.

**Ad 3) The members of the board are:**

Sevasti Chatzopoulou (president, RUC),

Søren Dosenrode (AAU, VP/secretary),

Daniel Finke (treasurer, AU)

Dorte Jagetic Andersen (SDU),

Manuel Citi (CBS),

Juan Mayoral (KU/Law),

Jens Ladefoged Mortensen (KU/PS),

Ulla Neergaard (KU/Law),

Christine Nissen (DIIS)

Angela Bourne (RUC)

Graham Butler (AU /LAW)

Trine Pernille Larsen (FAOS/KU)

Hans-Jörg Trenz (KU/ CEMES) had his last meeting as member of the board.

Anita Nissen (AAU) participates as coordinator for the PhD- and Early Career Network.

#### **Ad 4) Constitution of DSE**

A bit embarrassing neither the presidency nor the rest of the board has a copy of DSE's constitution.

A number of persons volunteered to search amongst present and former members.

#### **Ad 5) Bank Account transfer**

The president had beforehand send out a mail from Jyske Bank ('our bank') about the formalities concerning the transfer of the right to draw money from the previous president and treasurer to the present ones.

Sevasti Chatzopoulou and Daniel Finke will continue the process, but warned that it could take months before the process was accomplished.

The board expressed its understanding.

#### **Ad 6) DSE Homepage**

Søren Dosenrode briefly introduced a 'double-track' approach. First: Our information platform should consist of a normal homepage, of a fairly static nature (name, contact address, mission or 'about us', members of the board and their institutional affiliation, our history as written by prof. Finn Lauersen<sup>1</sup>, link to the next conference, archive incl. constitution). Second: a more active facebook page, where all members of the board have editing rights, and the secretary is responsible. This part should be used to announce upcoming seminars, new publications, perhaps an interesting newspaper article etc. Due to internal reorganizations at AAU, it may take some time before the homepage is in the air, but Anita Nissen suggested to press ahead with the Facebook side of which the overall responsibility rests with the VP/Secretary..

It is expected that the homepage will be ready in the beginning of 2021.

This approach will only become a success, if the board makes sure their respective research environments knows and use the homepage and Facebook.

This approach was accepted by the board

Sevasti Chatzopoulou will send a monthly reminder to the board.

#### **Ad 7) Ph.d and young career scholars**

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<sup>1</sup> Strictly speaking an event happening after the meeting has taken place does not belong, but Finn Lauersen has agreed and send his work.

Sevasti Chatzopoulou asked how many Ph.D. students and early career scholars were around studying Europe (not only the EU). The purpose of the exercise is to give Ph.D. students and early career scholars a possibility to meet and both do networking, but also discuss & write about specific topics. DSE has previously a) supported 'writing camps' and b) arranged a workshop before the annual conference, where they could present their research to the key-note speaker.

It was decided, that a) we wish to continue / revive this approach, b) that Anita Nissen and Sevasti Chatzopoulou will write a general letter introducing the concept, and that the members of the board (!) will all discriminate it.

### **Ad 8) Nordic Association status**

Sevasti Chatzopoulou informed the board about the progress regarding a Nordic European Studies Association. European Studies Associations in the Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland and Norway are all in. In Sweden, three associations exist, and they have to coordinate, but they are basically positive.

The rationale behind the initiative is that European Studies Associations exist in all the countries, but are small. A biannual meeting would bring more volume and create networks.

With regard to the question of an overlap with NOPSA it seems not acute: a) NOPSA is mainly political science whereas we are interdisciplinary, and b) we are focused on European studies.

Søren Dosenrode repeated his idea of a Nordic Journal of European Studies; interdisciplinary of nature, peer reviewed and open access, which was well received.

### **Ad Any other business?**

Jens Ladefoged Mortensen pressed for the establishment of a home page, and suggested that we should use DSE, as network, to invite or arrange smaller, specialized seminars.

Sevasti Chatzopoulou informed about her positive contacts to the Canadian ECSA, and her vision of making the DSE more international with regard to cooperation with other similar organizations.

Before the meeting ended, Hans-Jörg Trenz was thank warmly for his 3 years as member of the board.

Søren Dosenrode