

## **Nedenfor følger en kortfattet oversikt over de 5 søknadene som er sendt fra SMR ultimo mai 2015.**

### **NRC**

Today, the NCHR has submitted three major applications to the Norwegian Research Council – the NRC. They're all organized under the FRIHUMSAM umbrella, two as Research Projects, and the third as a project particularly designated to Young Research Talents.

1. **Business as Unusual? Testing the Impact of Regulatory Standards on Corporate Respect for Human Rights**

with Professor Bård Anders Andreassen as Project manager, and a budget totaling NOK 10 233 000, with a requested NCR grant of NOK 8 569 000, thus observing the budgetary limit of NOK 9 mill as the maximum amount one can apply for within this framework.

2. **Rights on the Move. Examining Rights of Minority Migrant Workers in China.**

With Associate Professor Maria Lundberg as Project manager, and a budget totaling NOK 10 618 000, with a requested NCR grant of NOK 8 806 000, again observing the budgetary limit.

3. **Protecting Community Interests under International Law: Challenges and Prospects.**

A project under the Young Research Talents umbrella, initiated and supervised by Associate Professor Gentian Zyberi, called

Where the sum total applied for should not exceed NOK 7 mill. Here, the key figures are NOK 7 846 000 as the sum total, and NOK 6 801 000 as the sum applied for.

As an entity, these three applications figure as an important milestone in the NCHR's current efforts to secure and develop innovative project thinking.

### **EU Horizon2020**

The NCHR takes a central part in consortia with (1) The Radboud University, Nijmegen, and (2) University of Vienna, as coordinators, who both have submitted their applications to the EU Programme Horizon 2020. A brief description of each project, and their implications upon the NCHR follows:

1. The first project is coordinated by the Radboud University, Nijmegen.

Representing the University of Oslo, NCHR is one of 11 partners. Professor Nils A Butenschøn heads the UiO partner organization as Vice-Chair of the research consortium and as co-leader of WP7. The Oslo team also includes Lena Larsen, Bjørn Olav Utvik, Brynjar Lia and Rania Maktabi who will contribute to other WPs of the consortium.

Dissemination is a very important part of any EU project, and this one has entered partnership with Chatham House. The London based think tank is a principal actor within the EU scene when it comes to creating input, and dissemination within the EU framework in general. A possible future cooperation with Chatham House is one of several advantageous experiences to be expected by the NCHR in case this project flies.

Economy-wise, we will be allotted close to EUR 200.000,- out of the total budget, which balances in the area of EUR 2,5 mill.

A few words about the project, which is registered as H2020-INT-SOCIETY-2015: The Crisis of Citizenship in South and East Mediterranean Countries and the search for a New Political Order – CitizenSEMCS:

The Arab Uprisings that erupted in late 2010 was a critical juncture in contemporary Arab politics with particular dramatic effects in the South and East Mediterranean countries (SEMCS). For the first time we saw a massive mobilization of Arab citizens against their own rulers; the events unleashed a fundamental crisis of political legitimacy and trust in state-society relations. The outside world, including the EU – accustomed to relate to existing regimes – were stunned and paralyzed.

CitizenSEMCs meets this challenge head on by redirecting the political analysis and policy-oriented approaches from a state-oriented perspective to a citizen-oriented perspective.

The applicants believe that a close study of citizenship will open up fundamental new insights in the political dynamics of the SEMCs – and consequently new thinking on how Europe could relate to the massive instability in this neighbouring region.

Regarding WP 7, Theory, Integration and Scenarios, which the NCHR is in charge of together with the coordinator, it underlines the crucial position that the NCHR has had throughout the preparations: We have played a key role in establishing this project, and expect to keep this position throughout the project. As head of WP 7, we aim to:

Integrate the collective output of the project that is theoretically and methodologically consistent, based on the citizenship approach as explained in the general outline of the project. These efforts will be intensified during the half yearly consortium meetings, when the reports of the different WPs will be debated and the results shared in order to arrive at the end of the project at a common theoretical framework.

Further, the package aspires to see to the drawing up of the theoretical framework of citizenship in the SEMCs as the end result of the research of the project.

And finally, the package will integrate the theoretical dimension of CitizenSEMCs, on the crisis of citizenship, and the search for political order, and the outcomes of the core WPs, into future scenarios.

## 2. The second project is coordinated by the University of Vienna.

The NCHR is one of 10 partners, and professor Kjetil Mujezinović Larsen heads the NCHR partner organization in addition to being part of the general consortium leadership. The NCHR also relies heavily on contributions from Gentian Zyberi in particular, together with Bård A Andreassen, Anine Kierulf and Johan Karlsson Schaffer – not only in WP2, which we are in charge of, but also in other WPs.

Also in this project, dissemination plays a vital part. We have associated ourselves with the Hague based Centre for Global Justice – again a key player on the EU scene, and a partnership well worth pursuing.

Economy-wise, we will be allotted close to EUR 280.000,- out of the total budget, which balances in the area of EUR 2,5 mill.

A few words about the project, which is registered as H2020-INT-SOCIETY-2015: The human rights-led approach to global justice: Europe's contribution to a value-based global order – GoJust:

The GO JUST! Consortium will develop a novel approach, the human rights-led approach to global justice, to analyse the existing and potential contribution of the European Union to a value-based global order. The value of bringing together human rights and global justice is twofold: While global justice claims and related state obligations are not restricted to the boundaries of nation states, these claims are not directly accessible for individuals and groups.

Human rights on the other hand, being bound by the nation state, have the potential to provide individuals and groups with direct access to their rights. Bringing these two areas together will thus strengthen both and could significantly strengthen and reinvigorate Europe's contribution to a just world order.

The consortium will investigate key concepts and current theories of global justice and the existing human rights framework. It will then develop a human rights-led approach to global justice, with practicable criteria and measurable indicators, and outline the added value of such an approach to global justice.

On the basis of these criteria, the consortium will assess EU action, considering where and how Europe contributes to a valued-based global order. Focus area-based working packages will then test the utility and efficacy of a human rights-led approach to global justice in three focus areas poverty reduction, climate change as well as migration and asylum.

Finally, the consortium will synthesise research findings into practicable policy recommendations and a useable toolbox on how to facilitate Europe's contribution to global justice through a human rights-led approach.

As stated, the NCHR is in charge of Work Package 2: Theoretical and Methodological Framework: Advancing Global Justice through Human Rights.

The aim of WP2 is to develop a human rights-led approach to global justice, which seeks to strengthen both the concept of global justice and of human rights, allows for a streamlined understanding of global justice throughout EU institutions, and acts as a tool for policy-makers and decision-makers involved in European-relevant global justice issues. To that end, the objectives of WP2 are as follows:

- Elaborate key concepts and current theories of global justice, including alternative and non-Western visions of global justice and general challenges to global justice
- Identify the key characteristics of human rights and the methods and mechanisms used to provide access to and realise these rights, taking into consideration the on-going contestation of the concept of human rights
- Identify and analyse the synergies between and beneficial aspects of global justice and human rights and how they could be mutually reinforcing
- Develop a novel human rights-led approach to global justice and a set of crosscutting criteria with measurable indicators, which define this approach.

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