



## V-Dem Visiting Scholar Program Spring 2015

The Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Institute is hosting several leading scholars on democratization and democracy during spring 2015. Please find below information about the scholars, research, duration of stay and scheduled seminars.

### **Dr. Abdoul Karim Saidou**

*V-Dem Regional Manager on Francophone Africa, holds a PhD in public law and political science from University of Ouaga II (Burkina Faso). His areas of interest cover democratization studies, peace and conflict studies and political parties. Dr. Saidou is currently working in Burkina Faso at the Center for Democratic Governance (CGD) as researcher. CGD is an institution focusing on research and advocacy in the fields of constitutionalism, party systems, democracy and electoral processes. CGD is member of the Afrobarometer network. Dr. Saidou will stay at V-Dem Institute during 9-15 February 2015.*

**Seminar Tuesday 10 February** 12.00-13.15. Room: Stora Skansen

Title: "Party systems and democratization in francophone Africa: a comparative study Burkina Faso-Niger"

### **Associate Professor Leonardo Arriola**

*Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley, Campbell and Campbell National Fellow, and the Susan Louise Dyer Peace National Fellow, at the Hoover Institution. His research focuses on the political economy of democracy and political violence in developing countries. He is the author of *Multiethnic Coalitions in Africa: Business Financing of Opposition Election Campaigns (CUP)*. His research has appeared in journals such as the *American Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, and *World Politics*. He has conducted fieldwork in Cameroon, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, and Senegal. Associate Professor Leonardo Arriola will stay at V-Dem Institute during 20-28 February 2015.*

**Seminar Tuesday 24 February** 12.00-13.15. Room: Stora Skansen

Title: "Electoral Violence in Democratizing Countries"

### **Professor Jan Teorell**

*V-Dem Principal Investigator, Professor of Political Science, Lund University, and the elected Chair of the Comparative Democratization Section of the American Political Science Association. His research interests include political methodology and comparative politics, particularly political participation, public opinion, corruption and comparative democratization. He currently works on two larger research projects: on how and why electoral fraud and corruption was abolished historically in Sweden and other established democracies, and on V-Dem: measuring multifaceted concepts of democracy around the world from 1900 to the present.*

**Tuesday 10 March** 12.00-13.15. Room: Stora Skansen

Title: "The Structure of the Executive in Democratic and Authoritarian Regimes"

### **Associate Professor Nicholay Marinov**

*Specializes in international relations, with an emphasis on how the international community affects democratization. He has looked at why coup leaders hold elections; at sanctions and the fate of leaders; at the role of aid in liberalization; at whether "electing friends" – states siding with the candidates running for office in other countries – works. Part of his work involves survey research, experiments (natural, survey- and field- ones), and geo-coded data. He has helped create NELDA, an original dataset on elections and democracy and held faculty positions at the University of California at Los Angeles and at Yale University. A*

*faculty member of the Department of Social Science at the University of Mannheim, Germany. Associate Professor Nicholas Marinov will stay at V-Dem Institute during 25 March – 1 April.*

**Seminar Tuesday 31 March** 12.00-13.15. Room: Stora Skansen

Title: "Does Social Media Promote Civic Activism? Evidence from a Field Experiment"

**Assistant Professor Ekrem Karakoc**

*Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Binghamton University, SUNY. Primary field is Comparative Politics with a focus on comparative political economy and democratization. His work has appeared or is forthcoming in World Politics, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Electoral Studies, Party Politics, European Political Science Review, Canadian Journal of Political Science, International Journal of Comparative Sociology and Turkish Studies. His dissertation was awarded the 2011 Juan Linz Prize for Best Dissertation by the Comparative Democratization section of the American Political Science Association (APSA). He is currently working on a book manuscript, based on dissertation. Assistant Professor Ekrem Karakoc will stay at V-Dem Institute during 6-12 April.*

**Seminar Tuesday 07 April** 12.00-13.15. Room: Stora Skansen

Title: "Persistence of Inequality in New Democracies"

**Associate Professor Kenneth Greene**

*Associate Professor, Department of Government at the University of Texas, Austin, Visiting Professor and Chair of Excellence at the Juan March Institute, University of Madrid. His research focuses on authoritarian regimes, democratization, political parties, elections, and voting behavior. His book, Why Dominant Parties Lose: Mexico's Democratization in Comparative Perspective (CUP) won the 2008 Best Book Award from the Comparative Democratization Section of the APSA. He has published in Political Analysis, World Politics, The American Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, PS: Political Science and Politics, Latin American Politics and Society, Politica y Gobierno, Foreign Affairs. Associate Professor Kenneth Greene will stay at V-Dem Institute during 20-26 April.*

**Seminar Tuesday 21 April** 12.00-13.15. Room: Stora Skansen

Title: tbd, vote buying or party system stability in new democracies

**Associate Professor Allen Hicken**

*V-Dem Project Manager, Associate Professor in the University of Michigan's Department of Political Science. His research interests focus primarily on political parties and party systems in developing democracies and their role in policymaking. His regional specialty is Southeast Asia where he has worked in Thailand, the Philippines, and Cambodia. Associate Professor Allen Hicken will stay at V-Dem Institute during 4-10 May.*

**Seminar Tuesday 05 May** 12.00-13.15. Room: Stora Skansen

Title: tbd

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*V-Dem:*

*Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) is a new approach to conceptualization and measurement of democracy. It is co-hosted by the University of Gothenburg and University of Notre Dame. With four Principal Investigators, two Project Coordinators, fifteen Project Managers (PMs), 30+ Regional Managers, 164 Country Coordinators, Research Assistants, and 2,500 Country Experts, the V-Dem project is one of the largest ever social science research-oriented data collection programs.*

ALL Lunch Seminars are taking place at Political Science Department, University of Gothenburg.

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