

*The 2017 conference for the Swedish Network for European Studies (SNES)
in Political Science*

Umeå, March 27 and March 28, 2017

THE EU, BREXIT AND THE “TSUNAMI” OF POPULISM

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In an era when a majority of UK voters have decided to opt out of the European Union, when populist sentiments of anti-establishment and anti-immigration are strong, we meet to analyze the normative implications for democracy and the theoretical and empirical implications for our studies of the EU and Sweden and other member states.

For this purpose we invite the network members to Umeå. The conference will **begin at 10 on Monday March 27 and end at 15 on Tuesday March 28, 2017**. During that time period, we will allocate time to discuss research papers on any topic in European studies.

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We will enjoy a key-note speech by our colleague *Christopher Bickerton*, University Lecturer in politics at POLIS and an Official Fellow at Queens' College, Cambridge. He will discuss the integration paradox and the transformation of the member states on the basis of his book (2012), *European Integration: From Nation-States to Member States*, OUP.

At a public event, we will also invite external guests to discuss the main title theme (above). We include speakers and a panel representing political science, media and the political process in Sweden - the member state. Åsa Romson, EU-nämnden, och Annika Ström Melin, DN, have both agreed to participate in the conversation.

SNES will cover travel cost and hotels for the member institutions. The local organizers will reserve hotel rooms for participants that register before the deadline (below). Three major airlines leave the Stockholm area in the morning around 8 or 8.30 and return flights you can easily catch if you leave the conference by 3 PM (or later) on Tuesday.

You must register for the conference, with or without a paper, by January 31, 2017. Register via the SNES home page, <http://www.snes.se/>