



Citations from the Nils Klim Committee the 2015 Nils Klim Prize winner,
Associate Professor Rebecca Adler-Nissen
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The Nils Klim committee has decided to nominate Rebecca Adler-Nissen, Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science at the University of Copenhagen, as the Nils Klim Prize winner of 2015. Rebecca Adler-Nissen has renewed the discipline of International Relations by integrating into this predominantly rationalist field, insights from the sociologists Erving Goffman ('Stigma management in International Relations', International Organization 68/4 from 2014) and Pierre Bourdieu (Bourdieu in International Relations, a book edited in 2012). Furthermore, she is original in the way she combines anthropological field work methods and interviews in the study of diplomats living and working inside the European system with comprehensive analysis of their political negotiations. Rebecca Adler-Nissen has despite her relatively young age, she is 35, obtained a position in her chosen field as a leading innovative force. She is among the key drivers of the so-called practice turn in the study of International Relations.

Rebecca Adler-Nissen holds a PhD degree from the University of Copenhagen and a Master's degree in political science from the same University. In addition she has studied at the French elite school Sciences-Po in Paris. In the study of the European Union it is still a huge advantage to be able to speak French. She has been a visiting scholar at the Centre for International Security Studies (Sydney), McGill University/Université de Montréal (Montreal) and the European University Institute (Florence). She is involved in a number of collaborative research networks and is a vice-director or co-director of several recent and still running projects focusing on Europe as a system of states involved in various sovereignty games. Europe from this point of view is a continuous process not a steady state.

Rebecca Adler-Nissen has had the instinct to find and research themes of a topical nature. Two examples are the opt-out clauses for the UK and Denmark in the European Union (witness her recent book *Opting out of the European Union*, Cambridge University Press 2014) and the vexing whaling issues between the Faroe Islands and Denmark. She elegantly integrates knowledge from history, anthropology and law not only in her own writings but also in her collaborative projects. Rebecca Adler-Nissen is typical for the best researchers of

her generation in combining entrepreneurial and communicative skills with research inventiveness, but rather atypical in the degree to which she excels in doing so.

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