

## SUHF Global Relations Advisory Group

SUHF has established an advisory group for global relations with a view to reinforcing the ability of higher education institutions and SUHF to make proactive assessments in relation to international political and social contexts in which higher education institutions are affected, or where they are stakeholders. The need for this was identified due to the fact that rapid geopolitical changes and strong authoritarian tendencies in many countries mean that higher education institutions need to be more vigilant and take on greater responsibility in both international cooperation and global engagement. The group was originally convened by the Karolinska Institute in 2021 but became an advisory group within SUHF on 1 April 2022.

### Assignment

The group's assignment is:

- to advise management teams at higher education institutions in Sweden, the SUHF board and the expert group for internationalisation on international and geopolitical issues, which may influence international academic cooperation
- to provide knowledge support in respect of political and social developments in key partner countries and regions, and to identify potential policy implications of the international actions of higher education institutions
- to provide advice on more general issues such as human rights and academic freedom.
- consult with other SUHF groups, where relevant
- submit a written report to the board at the end of its term of office

### Composition

The members of the group are international experts with extensive expertise in relevant geographical regions and subject areas such as political science, history, economics, international relations and geopolitics. The group should also include individuals who have expertise in areas such as human rights and academic freedom.

The following are appointed as members for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2025:

- Erik Renström, Lund University (Chairman)
- Pär Svensson, Lund University (executive member)
- Stephanie Balme, Sciences Po
- Terence Karran, University of Lincoln
- Liviu Mattei, King's College London
- Rouzbeh Parsi, Swedish Institute for International Affairs
- Andrea Petö, Central European University
- Isabell Schierenbeck, University of Gothenburg
- Sylvia Schwaag Serger, Professor, Lund University

- Robert Egnell, Swedish National Defence College
- Annika Östman Wernersson, Karolinska Institute
- From the SUHF office, Marita Hilliges, Secretary General, will participate.

The committee is authorised to involve additional persons who may be deemed necessary for the assignment. Initiatives that may involve costs for SUHF must be reconciled with the secretariate.

As per assignment

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Marita Hilliges  
Secretary General