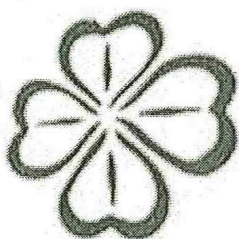


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Swedish Centre Party debates Central Asia, appoints new foundation leadership



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On January 29-30 LI full member **The Centre Party**, in cooperation with the Centre Party International Foundation, arranged a conference on possibilities and challenges in Central Asia. The purpose of the conference was to increase knowledge and awareness of the region and what is happening there. Among the speakers were Hans Olsson, Swedish ambassador to Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Kirgizstan and **Sascha Tamm, Friedrich Naumann Foundation in Moscow**. Besides providing a general picture of the situation in the different countries, the conference touched upon topics such as liberalism in the region, what it is like to work politically in the region, women's rights and the situation for women as well as challenges to freedom of speech. Prior to the conference the Centre Party International Foundation also nominated a new secretary general, **Catherine Isaksson**. Upon her nomination Isaksson said "It's really exciting and challenging to help develop the Centre Party International Foundation and intensify the work I've done so far on profit basis".

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