

Online Workshop

Conceptual and Empirical Perspectives on the Performance of Regionalisms in the Global South: From State Fragility to Africa-EU relations, and beyond

2-3 July 2020

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 02/07/2020

09:45 – 10:00 (CET)

Welcome and Introduction (Johannes Muntschick, Arne Niemann and Friedrich Plank)

10:00 – 11:30

1. Conceptualising and Assessing the Performance of Regionalism

Chair: Arne Niemann

▪ Johannes Muntschick & Friedrich Plank (JGU Mainz): *“The Performance of Regionalism in the Global South: Conceptual Challenges and Empirical Evidence”*

Comments: Julian Bergmann

▪ Elisa Lopez Lucia (ULB Brussels) & Frank Mattheis (ULB Brussels): *“Regionalisms and their inadvertent performance: towards a conceptual framework of unintended consequences”*

Comments: Arne Niemann

▪ Glenn Rayp (Ghent University), Samuel Standaert (Ghent University/UNU-CRIS), Lucas Rabaey (Ghent University), Anja Jetschke (Georg-August-University Göttingen), Patrick Theiner (University of Edinburgh): *“Building and assessing indicators of de jure integration of regional organizations in the Global South”*

Comments: Arne Niemann

11:30 – 11:45

Coffee break

11:45 – 13:15

2. Capacity-building Interregionalism and potential (unintended) consequences

Chair: Johannes Muntschick

▪ Georg Lammich (University of Duisburg-Essen): *“Capacity-Building Interregionalism”*

Comments: Friedrich Plank

▪ Julian Bergmann (GDI) & Patrick Müller (University of Vienna): *“Orchestrating Peace in South Sudan: Exploring the Effectiveness of the European Union’s Mediation Support”*

Comments: Frank Mattheis

▪ Amin Naeni (University of Teheran): *“How does “fear of regime change” affect regionalism in the Middle East, and what are the options of the EU to change the status quo?”*

Comments: Patrick Müller

13:15 – 14:30

Lunch break

14:30 – 15:30

3. Regionalism in the Americas and beyond

Chair: Friedrich Plank

▪ Thomas Plötze (University of Leipzig): *“Regionalism in Central America in Times of Insecurity – Real Opportunity or Paper Tiger?”*

Comments: Johannes Muntschick

▪ Haroldo Ramanzini Júnior (Federal University of Uberlândia) & Bruno Theodoro Luciano (University of Warwick): *“Regionalism beyond the governments: the performance of ECOWAS and MERCOSUR Parliaments in the democracy protection agenda”*

Comments: Mariell Reiss

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30

4. Performance of Regionalism in Africa and the Global South

Chair: Johannes Muntschick

▪ Habibu Yaya Bappah (ECOWAS Commission): *“Performance Analysis of ECOWAS in its integration agenda”*

Comments: Georg Lammich

▪ Jacob Lisakafu (Open University of Tanzania): *“Explaining Conflicts of Interest between the AU and the SADC Cooperation in the Promoting Peace and Security in Africa”*

Comments: Thomas Plötze

▪ Frank Mattheis (ULB Brussels): *“The Financial Performance of Regional Organisations in the Global South”*

Comments: Pascaline Winand

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4. Performance of Regionalism in Asia

Chair: Friedrich Plank

▪ Pascaline Winand (College of Europe, Natolin): *“The Performance of Regionalism in South Asia: An Interdisciplinary Perspective”*

Comments: Lucas Rabaey

▪ Etienne Höra (Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg/Institut d'Études Politiques Aix-en-Provence): *“Performing Regionalism – The Symbolic Politics of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation”*

Comments: Elisa Lopez Lucia

▪ Samir Bhattacharya (Jawaharlal Nehru University): *“Middle power assertiveness and regionalism: Implications of India's joining Indian Ocean Commission”*

Comments: Peg Murray-Evans

11:00 – 11:15

Coffee break

11:15 – 12:15

5. Regional Focus: East Africa

Chair: Johannes Muntschick

▪ Mariel Reiss (University of Marburg): *“Re-constructing the East African Community”*

Comments: Etienne Höra

▪ Peg Murray-Evans (University of York) & Peter O’Reilly (Liverpool John Moores University): *“Access to Health versus Industrialisation: Building the East African Community through Local Pharmaceutical Production”*

Comments: Haroldo Ramanzini Júnior and/or Bruno Theodoro Luciano

12:15 – 12:45

Conclusion (Johannes Muntschick and Friedrich Plank)