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Comparative Regional Integration: Theories and Cases

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What is regional integration? What causes it and what consequences does it produce? And why has it developed so heterogeneously across regions and over time? This module will examine the origins and development of regionalism in order to account for its rationale and cases. To do so, it adopts an eclectic approach that combines insights from international relations, comparative politics, political economy, political sociology and law in context. Whereas the European experience with integration remains a reference in the field, among the cases to be studied are MERCOSUR, the Andean Community, the Central American Integration System, and NAFTA in the Americas, plus ASEAN and NEAR in Asia.

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Andrés Malamud: short bio

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Schedule:

Class 1 - Monday 6 June, 14:30 - 16:30

Regional integration: introduction to main concepts and debates. Disciplinary framework: international relations vs. comparative politics.

Class 2 - Tuesday 7 June, 11:30 - 13:30

Integration theories: approaches, dimensions, application. Introduction to comparative regionalism.

Class 3 - Tuesday 7 June, 14:30 - 16:30

Regional integration in Latin America, Asia and Africa: cases and analysis. Mercosur, UNASUR and multi-level regionalism.

Conference, The Leading Scholars' Program 2011 - Tuesday 7 June, 18:00

The Portuguese Meltdown and its Aftermath: What Consequences for European Integration?

Class 4 - Wednesday 8 June, 11:30 - 13:30

Student presentations: North East Asia, North America, and South America.

Class 5 - Wednesday 8 June, 14:30 - 16:30

Comparative regional institutions: the case of supranational parliaments. Leadership and integration: the case of Brazil.

Class 6 - Thursday 9 June, 11:30 - 13:30

Student presentations: Africa, Central Asia, South East Asia, and Middle East. Course conclusion: lessons from European integration to other regions and viceversa.

Evaluation:

Students will be graded following two assignments: an oral presentation (the class will be divided into three-member groups, each of which will pick a regional organization or process to discuss) and a short exam to be taken three weeks after the course's end. The former will be worth 30% of the final grade and the latter 70%.