

PhD in Comparative Politics

Workshop II – International Relations (regional integration), 2011-12

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Goals

Regional integration is a phenomenon that challenges the internal borders of political science. Neither hierarchical as domestic politics nor anarchic as international politics, it is a historical process reminiscent of state-building - except for the absence of violence. This workshop presents the key contemporary processes (notably the European Union, Mercosur, the Andean Community, NAFTA, ASEAN, etc.) and the theories that have been proposed to explain them. Regarding the theoretical debate, the program focuses not only on classical disputes between neofunctionalists and intergovernmentalists, but also on the most recent among EU studies, International Political Economy (IPE) e New Regionalism (NR). It also deals with crucial contemporary events such as the evolution of the Common Agricultural Policy and the Euro crisis. In addition to familiarizing students with the latest international developments, the aim is to present the findings produced by ICS researchers.

Content structure

Concepts and debates: Regionalism and regionalization. Regionalism opened and closed. Negative and positive integration. Comparative politics versus international relations. European Union: a pioneer or exception? Europeanization.

Theories: Federalism and transactional. Security communities. Adjudication versus regulation. Functionalism and neofunctionalism. Technical versus political. Supranational versus intergovernmental. Realism and liberal intergovernmentalism. Geopolitics, identity and interests. Delegation versus sovereignty sharing. Supply and demand for integration. Domestic political system and regional integration.

Cases: Origin and evolution of the European Union. The Latin American experiences. Africa, Asia and the rest. Comparative regional integration. Regional integration and institutionalization. Multi-level and polycentric governance. The EU's common agricultural policy. The European Monetary Union and the Euro crisis.

Teaching and evaluation

This is a workshop and not a traditional taught course. Therefore, it has two main goals: to be instrumental to the dissertation project and to train students' skills that go beyond listening and repeating by stimulating critical thinking, conducting oral presentations, discussing publicly with peers and professors, and writing scholarly papers. This is why the evaluation takes three factors into consideration: the writing of an original piece of literature review, the presentation and discussion in class of a selected article, and regular seminar participation.

The workshop is designed to take place in five modules and will combine taught seminars with oral presentations prepared by the students. Most of the teaching will offer first-hand contact with research currently underway under the direction of the instructors. The final requirement of the workshop is a written paper of 5-10 pages that develop one major issue, preferably related to each student's dissertation proposal. The final grading will assign 60% to the paper, 20% to the presentation and 20% to regular seminar participation.

Classes

April 10. The establishment of the European Monetary Union and the euro crisis (LC)

Compulsory reading:

Richard Baldwin and Charles Wyplosz, *The Economics of European Integration*, London, McGraw-Hill, 2003, chapter 10, 285-88; chapter 12, 313-26.

Larry Neal and Daniel Barbezat, *The Economics of the European Union and the Economies of Europe*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1998, chapter 7, 149-56.

Recommended reading:

Michael J. Baun, "The Maastricht Treaty as high politics: Germany, France and European Integration", *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 110, No. 4, 1995-96, 605-24.

April 17. Integration theories: concepts, approaches, dimensions (AM)

Compulsory reading:

Laursen, Finn, ed. (2003) *Comparative Regional Integration: Theoretical Perspectives*. Aldershot: Ashgate.

Malamud, Andrés and Philippe C. Schmitter (2011) "The Experience of European Integration and the Potential for Integration in South America", in Nick Robinson, Ben Rosamond and Alex Warleigh-Lack, eds: *New Regionalism and the European Union. Dialogues, Comparisons and New Research Directions*. London and New York: Routledge, 135-57.

Recommended reading:

Mattli, Walter (1999) *The Logic of Regional Integration. Europe and Beyond*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Moravcsik, Andrew (1998) *The Choice for Europe: Social Purpose and State Power from Messina to Maastricht*. London: UCL Press.

Sandholtz, Wayne and Alec Stone Sweet, eds. (1998) *European Integration and Supranational Governance*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

April 24. Regional integration in Latin America, Asia and Africa (AM)**Compulsory reading:**

Malamud, Andrés (2011) “Conceptos, teorías y debates sobre la integración regional”, in Alejandro Saiz Arnaiz, Mariela Morales-Antoniuzzi and Juan Ignacio Ugartemendia (eds): *Las implicaciones constitucionales de los procesos de integración en América Latina: Un análisis desde la Unión Europea*. San Sebastian: IVAP, MPI, UPV and UPF, 55-84.

Malamud, Andrés (2004) “Regional Integration in Latin America. Comparative Theories and Institutions”, *Sociologia Problemas e Práticas*, 44, Lisboa: 135-54.

Malamud, Andrés and Luís de Sousa (2007) “Regional Parliaments in Europe and Latin America: Between Empowerment and Irrelevance”, in Andrea Ribeiro Hoffmann and Anna van der Vleuten (eds): *Closing or Widening the Gap? Legitimacy and Democracy in Regional International Organizations*. Aldershot: Ashgate, 85-102.

May 8. A EU common policy: The Common Agricultural Policy (LC)**Compulsory reading:**

Ann-Christina Lauring Knudsen, “European Integration in the Image and the Shadow of Agriculture” in Desmon Dinan, *Origins and Evolution of the European Union*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2006, 191-217.

Richard Baldwin and Charles Wyplosz, *The Economics of European Integration*, London, McGraw-Hill, 2003, chapter 8.

Recommended reading:

Alan S. Milward, *The European Rescue of the Nation-State*, London, Routledge, 2ª ed., 2000, chapter 5, “The Europeanization of agricultural protectionism”, 224-317.

Larry Neal and Daniel Barbezat, *The Economics of the European Union and the Economies of Europe*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1998, chapter 6.

May 15. Comparative regionalism, contending paradigms (AM)**Compulsory reading:**

Warleigh-Lack, Alex and Luk Van Langenhove (2010) “Rethinking EU Studies: The Contribution of Comparative Regionalism”, *Journal of European Integration* 32(6), 541-62

Malamud, Andrés (2010) “Latin American Regionalism and EU Studies”, *Journal of European Integration* 32(6), 637-57.

Recommended reading:

Rosamond, Ben and Alex Warleigh-Lack (2011) “Studying Regions Comparatively”, in Nick Robinson, Ben Rosamond and Alex Warleigh-Lack, eds: *New Regionalism and the European Union. Dialogues, Comparisons and New Research Directions*. London and New York: Routledge, 18-35.