SPS Seminar 2nd term 2014-2015

Transnational Governance and Comparative Regional Integration

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Tuesday 15:00-17:00

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Summary:

The course will focus on the genesis, institutional design and outcomes of regional integration in a comparative perspective. Specific attention will be given to integration regimes that include developing economies outside the global core. Why are some regional polities more successful in shaping joint policies and/or achieving better developmental outcomes than others? What are the underlying factors, which processes do they trigger and what are their consequences? Beyond focusing on regional integration the seminar will also include the analysis of the emergence, functioning and impact of other forms of transnational governance meant to solve collective action problems across national boundaries.

The course comprises two blocks. The first examines the different theoretical approaches to the study of regional integration paying attention to their different disciplinary origin (i.e. international relations, comparative politics, international political economy, area studies, etc.); the period in which they emerged and the geographical area from which empirical evidence derives. The second
part of the course analyses regional integration processes in three areas: Latin America, South East Asia and Africa.

Course Requirements:

Informed participation in each seminar is expected of every student in the course. Each student has to be a discussant for at least one class. Discussants have to present in up to 5 minutes the key point(s) of the readings and suggest questions for seminar discussion. To prepare for the discussions, each participant has to write a short note on the required readings telling what is the key lesson they learned and what question(s) they would like to see discussed in the seminar. These notes together have to be sent to the instructors before the starting of the course.

If you wish to write a term paper for this seminar/workshop, please send a copy by email to the seminar's professor as well as to the organizing administrative assistant. Once the paper is approved, she will update your credit award in your academic records. The deadline for submission is: 31 May 2015.

Although it is not compulsory, students are encouraged to attend the Comparative Regional Integration seminar series which the RSCAS Global Governance programme holds once a month.

*Required readings

I. Different approaches to the study of regionalism

1. Defining concepts: Region, regionalism, regionalization, regional integration and regional governance. Drivers: economics, trade, security


2. Comparative approaches: methodological issues

* De Lombaerde, Philippe; Fredrik Söderbaum; Luk Van Langenhove And Francis Baert The problem of comparison in comparative regionalism Review of International Studies Volume 36 Issue 03, pp 731-753


* Nye, Joseph S. (1968) Comparative Regional Integration: Concept and Measurement International Organization Vol. 22 No. 4 pages 855-880


* Bergsten, C. Fred (1997) Open regionalism Peterson Institute for International Economics


* Prebisch, Raúl (1971) Change and development Latin American great task, Report to the IADB http://biblioteca.cepal.org/search~S0*spi?tChange+and+Development%3A+Latin+America(u2019)s+Great+Task/tchange+and+development+latin+americas+great+task/-3,0,0,B/I856~b1004849&FF=tchange+and+development&1,,2,0/indexsort-- (The text in Spanish is more adapted to the argument of the session, so students able to read Spanish should choose this instead of the IADB Report)

4. IR and IPE Approaches I: Neofunctionalism, Postfunctionalism, Constructivism


5. IR and IPE Approaches II. : Liberal Intergovernmentalism, Institutionalism(s)


6. Domestic coalitions


II. Applying different approaches to regional integration – Africa, America and Asia

7. Regional Integration in Southeast Asia


Álvarez, José (2007) Institutionalised legalization and the Asia-Pacific region New Zealand Journal of International Law 5


8. Latin America: Andean Community, MERCOSUR, UNASUR, ALBA, NAFTA, Pacific Alliance


9. African schemes for regional integration

* Fawcett, Louise and Helene Gandois (2010) Regionalism in Africa and the Middle East: Implications for EU Studies European Integration Vol. 32, No. 6, 617–636,
10. Regionalism and Development


11. Discussion & conclusion