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Department of Political Sciences

International conference
Regional integration in Europe and Africa:
models, practices and comparative perspectives

Venue: UP Postgraduate Centre L1-72

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Day One – 16th February 2011

10h00-10:30 Arrival and registration.

10:30-10:45 Opening remarks

10:45-11:30 Keynote speech

From cooperation to integration: concepts, measurements and a bit of theory

Philippe Schmitter, Central European University and Stanford University

11h30-12h15 Discussion

12h15-14h00 Lunch

14h00-15h20 Panel 1 – Regional integration in Europe

Before and after the Lisbon Treaty: what political integration for Europe?

Mario Teló, Université Libre de Bruxelles

The end of solidarité? The financial crisis and the EU model of integration

Patrick Holden, Plymouth University

Global capitalist crisis and the future of the European project

Henk Overbeek, VU University Amsterdam

The EU role in crisis management in the Arab world

Nadia Mostafa, Cairo University

15h20-16h00 Discussion

16h00-18h00 Free time

18h00 Dinner and Launch of the Research Unit for Euro-African Studies

Venue: Pretoria Country Club, 241 Sydney Ave, Waterkloof, Pretoria

Introductory remarks, Prof. Maxi Schoeman, Head of Department of Political Sciences

Key-note address: Ambassador Mary Sibanda-Thusi, Chief Director: Western Europe, Branch Europe, Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO)

End of Day 1

Day Two – 17th February 2011

10h00-10h45 – Keynote speech

Comparative regionalism: a field whose time has come?

Amitav Acharya, American University

10h45-11h15 Discussion

11h15-11h30 Coffee break

11h30-12h50 Panel 2 – Regional integration in Africa

African regionalism: external influences and continental shaping forces

Mary Farrell, University of Greenwich

Rethinking the (European) foundations of sub-Saharan African regional economic integration

Peter Draper, South African Institute of International Affairs

Legal harmonisation in Africa

Magnus Killander, University of Pretoria

Regional integration in Africa and emerging powers

Mzukisi Qobo, South African Institute of International Affairs

12h50-13h15 Discussion

13h15-14h30 Lunch

14h30-15h30 Panel 3 – Interregionalism and multilateralism

Can the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership be of mutual benefit or is it simply a case of new wine in old bottles?

Gerrit Olivier, Research Unit for Euro-African Studies, University of Pretoria

The EU-AU Security Partnership

Tim Murithi, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation

North Africa under the Impact of African, Arab and European Integration: An essay in theoretical synthesis

Wolfgang Zank, Aalborg University

15h30-16h00 Discussion

16h00-18h00 Free time

18h00 – 20h00 Cocktail dinner

Venue: Brooklyn Guest House, 128 Murray Street, Brooklyn

Launch of the UNESCO Chair on Regional Integration, Migration and Free Movement of People in partnership with University of Pretoria and UNU-CRIS.

End of Day 2

Day 3 – 18th February 2011

9h30-10h30 Panel 4 – Comparative perspectives

Unpacking regions in order to better compare them

Luk Van Langenhove, UNU-CRIS

Regional integration in Asia: a comparative perspective

Xinning Song, Renmin University of China

Crisis and Regional Integration - Africa and the European Union

Soren von Dosenrode, Aalborg University

10h30-11h00 Discussion

11h00-11h15 Coffee break

11h15-13h15 *Round table: the future of regional integration at a time of 'crisis'*

Moderator: Lorenzo Fioramonti, Research Unit for Euro-African Studies
All speakers are invited to participate

13h15-14h15 Lunch

14h30-15h30 *Publication plans, future collaboration and closing remarks*

15h30-16h30 Book launch: Geoff Pigman, *Contemporary Diplomacy* (Polity Press, 2011)

End of conference

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