



**Consortium for Comparative Research on Regional Integration and Social Cohesion(RISC)/United Nations University Center for Comparative Regional Integration Studies (CRIS)**

**Summer School and Research Symposium:**

*Analyzing Regional Social Cohesion:*

*Theoretical and Methodological Training for Advanced Research*

2-7 July 2012, University of Luxembourg

**Synopsis:**

The RISC/CRIS summer school provides training for Ph.D. candidates, postdoctoral researchers and research-oriented practitioners, on theoretical and methodological aspects of research related to social cohesion. Moreover, because cohesion is an emerging topic in regional integration debates, the summer school explicitly frames discussions in regional terms. At the end of the school, participants should have acquired:

- 1) an overview of present debates surrounding social cohesion strategies in different world regions;
- 2) methodological skills aimed at cross-regional, comparative analyses of social cohesion issues;
- 3) insight into present and potential future relationships between social cohesion and regional integration;
- 4) comprehension of the practical implications of social cohesion discussions through interaction with practitioners

The school will be organized around keynote lectures given by leading scholars from different world regions in the mornings. In the afternoons, students will present their own research during conference sessions. The school includes a field trip to the European Investment Bank.

**Participants' Research Presentations:** Each participant will make a presentation of their research so that they can receive targeted feedback from both trainers and peers. Forty-five minutes has been allocated for each participant so presentations should last approximately 20-25 minutes in order provide adequate time for questions and discussion.



### *Detailed preliminary program*

#### **July 1: Participants and Lecturers Arrive to Luxembourg**

19:00 Welcome Dinner at Campill Restaurant Walferdange

#### **July 2: Cross-Regional Analyses of Regional Integration and Social Cohesion**

- 8:45-12:30 *Lectures*
- 8:30- Registration
- 8:45-9:00 Welcome
- 9:00-10:00 Philippe De Lombaerde, Associate Director, UNU-CRIS, *Regional Social Cohesion and Comparative Regionalism*
- 10:00-11:00 Bob Deacon, UNESCO-UNU Chair on Regional Integration, Migration and Free Movement of People, UNU-CRIS, *Regional Social Policy as a contribution to Regional Social Cohesion?*
- 11:00-11:30 Break
- 11:30-12:30 Harlan Koff, President RISC, University of Luxembourg, *Comparing Dimensions of Social Cohesion across World Regions*
- 12:30-14:00 LUNCH
- 14:00-18:15 *Participants' Research Presentations*
- 14:00-14:45 Andrey Demidov, Central European University, *Europeanisation of civil societies in the new member states - The dynamics of the EU cohesion policy implementation and the application of the so-called partnership principle*
- 14:45-15:30 Laura Graham, University of Aberdeen, *The Social Capital of Victim Support Groups in Northern Ireland*
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00-16:45 Irina Burlacu, University of Maastricht, *Challenges and perspectives of frontier work in the European Union: the impact of tax-benefit policies on cross-border workers' welfare*
- 16:45-17:30 Jaanis Balodis, University of Latvia, *Transborder region cooperation programmes in Latvia: structure, opportunity and challenge of development*
- 19:00 DINNER at La Riviera Restaurant, Walferdange

#### **July 3: Regional Social Cohesion in Europe**

8:45-12:00 *Lectures*





- 8:45-10:15 René Leboutte, Jean Monnet Chair ad personam in European Integration History, University of Luxembourg, *Economic and Social Cohesion in an Enlarging European Union*
- 10:15-10:30 Break
- 10:30-12:00 Monica Threlfall, Reader in European Politics, London Metropolitan University, *EU social and citizenship policies: do they lead to integration?*
- 12:00-13:00 LUNCH (Sandwiches)
- 13:18 Bus Leaves for Visit to European Investment Bank
- 14:00-19:00 *Visit to European Investment Bank (see attached program)*
- 19:00 Evening Free

#### **July 4: Regional Social Cohesion in Africa**

- 8:45-12:00 Lectures
- 8:45-10:15 Youssef Courbage, Director of Research, INED, *From the demographic to the democratic transition in the Arab countries*
- 10:15-10:30 Break
- 10:30-12:00 Chris Landsberg, Head of Department of Politics, University of Johannesburg, *Regional Integration and Human Security in Southern Africa*
- 12:00-14:00 LUNCH
- 14:00-17:30 *Participants' Research Presentations*
- 14:00-14:45 Nanga Émeline Modeste, University of Luxembourg, *Between Regions: Mexico and Morocco facing migrations in a context of Regional Integration*
- 14:45-15:30 Nomel Paul Stéphane Esoh, Shanghai Maritime University, *Impact of Cote d'Ivoire's Sociopolitical Crisis on West Africa Regional Integration and Economic Stability*
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00-16:45 Christal Oghogho Spel, University of Helsinki, *From Resilience to Social Cohesion? A study of the everyday life of immigrant street traders in Cape Town, South Africa*
- 16:45-17:30 John Ottomanelli, Rutgers University, *Global environmental governance and sustainable urban development -- how do individuals*



*and groups seek social cohesion to address international policy concerns? What is the role of regional integration on citizen participation across urban centers?*

19:00 DINNER at Seasons Restaurant, Walferdange

### **July 5: Regional Social Cohesion in the Americas**

8:45-12:00

*Lectures*

- 8:45-10:15 Stephen Mumme, Professor of Political Science, Colorado State University, *Social Cohesion Across the Mexico-U.S. Border in the NAFTA Era: A Look at Conservation, Environmental Protection, and Homeland Security*
- 10:15-10:30 Break
- 10:30-12:00 Carmen Maganda, Executive Director RISC, University of Luxembourg, *Social Cohesion and Natural Resource Management in the Americas*

12:00-14:00

LUNCH

14:00-17:30

*Participants' Research Presentations*

- 14:00-14:45 Bastien Sepúlveda, Université de Rouen, *Driving Forces of Regional Integration? Participatory Environmental Governance in the Binational Biosphere Reserve Chile – Argentina*
- 14:45-15:30 Kathleen Kevany, Dalhousie University – Nova Scotia Agricultural College, *Identification of rural communities and regions in Atlantic Canada experiencing vibrancy and sustainability while others are struggling or in decline*
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00-16:45 Daniela Johannes, University of Arizona, *The geopolitical wound of the border. Maps and Narrations between Mexico and the United States*
- 16:45-17:30 Gabriela Palavicini, Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey, Campus Santa Fe, *Social cohesion in the Mexican Northern cross-border*
- 19:00 DINNER at “Le Regent” Restaurant, Walferdange

### **July 6: Morning: Regional Social Cohesion in the Middle East**

8:45-12:00

*Lectures*

- 8:45-10:15 Louise Fawcett, CUF University Lecturer in Politics, Oxford University



10:15-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-12:00 Stephen Kingah, UNU-CRIS, *Tools for Regional Cohesion in Africa Compared: The cases of SADC, ECOWAS and the EAC*

12:00-14:00 LUNCH

*14:00-17:30 Participants' Research Presentations*

14:00-14:45 Narjisse Ben Moussa University of Malaga, *The role of Social Cohesion in the rise and fall of Nations, based in Ibn Khadun's Theory, with a special focus on the Libyan case.*

14:45-15:30 Marta Burgos Autonomous University of Madrid, *National cohesion in Israel and Palestine*

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-16:45 Elsa Pirenne, University of Luxembourg, *Integration and migration of Muslim communities in Luxembourg and in the Grande Region*

16:45-17:30 Silvia Maria Chireac, University Alexandru Ioan Cuza Iasi, *Multilingualism, immigration and the role of languages in creating social identities.*

19:00 DINNER, Cantine Mousel, Clausen (Luxembourg)

**July 7: Cultural Activity**

10:00 Group Visit of the Casemates of Luxembourg City

12:00 LUNCH at the Brasserie of the Abbey de Neumünster, Luxembourg

Afternoon and Evening Free

**July 8: Participants and Lecturers Leave**



## RISC Consortium and the UNU-CRIS Summer School/Student Research Symposium

### EIB Headquarters Luxembourg

#### Workshop Agenda

3 July 2012, 14.30- 19.00 Room: E4226

Chair: Luisa Ferreira, Economic Advisor, EIB Institute

**14.15 – 16.00** General Presentation:

**14.15 – 14.30** Arrival of participants and coffee

**14.30 – 15.00** General Presentation on European Investment Bank

**Bruno ROSSIGNOL**, Deputy Director, Communication Department, EIB

**15.00 – 15.30** EIB's role in Promoting EU Regional Policy

**Eugenia KAZAMAKI OTTERSTEN**, Head of Division, Regional and Urban Development Department

**15.30 – 16.00** Urban and Social Cohesion

**Barbara LEMKE**, Senior Urban Planning and Development Specialist, Regional and Urban Development Department

**16.00 – 16.30** Coffee Break

**16.30- 18.00** Case Studies Session:

**16.30 – 16.50** Greek Structural Programme Loan Operation – Lessons learnt on the Greek Social Capital

**Sebastian HYZYK**, Economist, Regional and Urban Development Department

**16.50 – 17.10** Regional Project

**Kamil DORFLER**, Economist, Regional and Urban Development Department

**17.10 – 17.30** Social Housing Project

**Mariana ALVARADO RUIZ**, Urban Economist, Regional and Urban Development Department

**17.30 – 17.50** Medinas

**Yasmine WAZZI**, Urban Analyst, Regional and Urban Development Department

**17.50 – 18.00** Concluding Comments

**Luisa FERREIRA**, Economic Advisor, EIB Institute

**18.00 – 19.00** Cocktail