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Multiple Crises and Contestation of EU values.

Postcolonialism and Comparative Regionalism.

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Overall Program

	9am -11 am JOINT SESSIONS: Theme of crisis <i>(hybrid, English)</i>	11 am -1 pm SESSION 1	1-2 pm Break	2-4 pm SESSION 2	<u>Additional events</u>
Monday, 11 August	<p>8.30 - 9 am.</p> <p>Welcome address Dulce Zúñiga <i>(director CUCSH),</i> Ángel Florido <i>(DEILA)</i> and Abril <i>Alcalá Padilla (DEI)</i></p> <p>-----</p> <p>What (if anything) are EU values? <i>Timm Beichelt (EU Viadrina)</i></p>	<p>The Euro - Latinamerican Space (1999-2025) <i>Jorge Quevedo (UdG)</i> (Spanish)</p>	Lunch	<p>The EU as a global actor. Its relations to Latin America and the Caribbean, <i>Mariangela Rueda (Uni Norte)</i> (Spanish)</p>	<p>Site visit and Welcome Dinner in Zapopan, "Hostería del Ángel" 6 pm</p>
Tuesday, 12 August	<p>What is crisis? And why do they keep happening in the EU? <i>Amelie Kutter (EU Viadrina)</i></p>	<p>The relations between the EU, Latin America and the Caribbean in the framework of the global polycrisis <i>Jaime Preciado (UdG)</i> (Spanish)</p>	Lunch	<p>Debates in Euro-Latin- American Cooperation <i>Silvana Insignares, Cera (Uni Norte)</i> (Spanish)</p>	Free Time
Wednesday 13 August	<p>Mass Migration of Refugees and Externalisation of Migration and Asylum Policies in the EU, <i>Ayhan Kaya (BILGI, Istanbul)</i></p>	<p>Human Rights discourses and Practices in EU foreign policy, <i>Ulrike Capdepón (UdG)</i></p>	Lunch	<p>EU- Civil Society International Cooperation in Latin America, <i>Mariangela Rueda (Uni Norte)</i> (Spanish)</p>	<p>Visit to Tlaquepaque (Free Time)</p>

<p>Thursday, 14 August</p>	<p>Whose Values? A Postcolonial Look at the EU and the Global South, <i>Nina Sajić (UNIBL)</i> (English)</p>	<p>The strategic association Mexico-UE, <i>Jorge Quevedo (UdG)</i> (Spanish)</p>	<p>Lunch</p>	<p>Latin American Multilateralism: An Approach from the Bi-regional Trade Relations (EU-CAN / EU-Mercosur). <i>Silvana Insignares-Cera (Uni Norte)</i> (Spanish)</p>	
				<p>4-5.30 pm. Documentary: PERO SÍ EXISTIMOS (2025) Free Trade Agreements EU-Latin America in the new global constellation Activist Participation Maria Atilano (NOMAS Acuerdo Global – TLCUEM) Manuel Perez Rocha (Transnational Insitute, online)</p>	<p>Free Time</p>
<p>Friday, 15 August</p>	<p>Democratic Backsliding and the rule of law crisis in the EU, <i>Angela Bourne (U Roskilde)</i> (English)</p>	<p>The Global Gateway as a European strategy for major global connectivity infrastructures. A view from Latin America. <i>Jaime Preciado (UdG)</i> (Spanish)</p>	<p>Lunch</p>	<p>Europe as Method: Decolonizing Comparative Regionalism from the Global South. <i>Nina Sajić (UNIBL)</i> (English) <hr/>4-5pm All Lecturers: <i>Final Discussion.</i> Review of the Week</p>	<p>Farewell Dinner of Summer School. "Casa Dolores", Paseo Alcalade 22. 7pm</p>

Saturday 16 August, 9.30am-3pm: City Tour Guadalajara, Clemente Orozco, Hospicio Cabañas
Sessions: Sala Margarita Martín Montoro, Building C, Ground Floor, CUCSH Belenes
Joint Sessions: Building H, Auditorium 2, CUCSH Belenes

Program Day by day

Monday 11th August (8.30am-4pm)

Welcome Address (8.30am), Building H, auditorium 2

Ángel Florido, Chair, Departamento de Estudios Ibéricos y Latinoamericanos (DEILA)

Abril Alcalá Padilla, Chair, Departamento de Estudios Internacionales (DEI)

Joint session (9am-11am)

What (if anything) are EU values? (hybrid)

Lecturer: Timm Beichelt, Europe University Viadrina, Frankfurt Oder (in English)

Description: This lecture gives an overview of the ValEUs project and the way its scholars deal with values as a part of the European project. One main interest consists in the gap between the ideal dimension of freedom, mobility, solidarity, and other values on the one hand and the way the EU acts against the background of these values on the other.

Core Readings:

- Manners, Ian, 2002: Normative Power Europe: A contradiction in terms? In: *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Vol 40. No 2. pp. 235–258, <https://www.princeton.edu/~amoravcs/library/mannersnormativepower.pdf>.
- Beichelt, Timm, 2025: Enquiring into European Values from the Young Generation's Perspective. *ValEUs Young Generation Policy Brief* no. 1: https://valeus.eu/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/ValEUs-young-generation-policy-brief_no.-01_Beichelt_31-03-2025.pdf

1st session (11am-1pm):

The Euro-Latinamerican Space (1999-2025)

Lecturer: Jorge Quevedo, UdG (in Spanish)

Description: This session introduces to the European Union (EU)-Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) relations over the last twenty-six years, during which a summit system between EU-LAC has been developed. The starting point is the Rio de Janeiro Summit in 1999 with the main objective of establishing a Bi-regional Strategic Partnership. This Strategic Partnership can be described so far in five distinct stages: launch (1999-2004), stagnation (2005-2009) and relaunch (2010-2015), uncertainty (2016-2023) and a second relaunch (2024-2025). We will analyze the main advances

and results of each of the aforementioned stages to develop an approach for the Biregional Strategic Partnership and Euro-Latin American relations.

Core Readings:

- Quevedo, Jorge (2019). Las relaciones Unión Europea- América Latina y el Caribe 1999-2019. Veinte años de Asociación Estratégica Birregional eurolatinoamericana, *Latin American Journal of International Affairs*, Santiago de Chile, Vol. 9, No. 3, octubre-diciembre, p. 48-74.
https://scholar.google.com/citations?view_op=view_citation&hl=es&user=ZHOZwRwAAAAJ&citation_for_view=ZHOZwRwAAAAJ:kc_bZDykSQC
- Quevedo, Jorge (2024). La Cumbre UE-CELAC de Bruselas 2023. Hacia el rescate de las relaciones eurolatinoamericanas, en Pérez Beatriz, Pérez, Cuauhtémoc, Pérez, Teresa (coord.) *El futuro de Europa: entre la economía y la guerra*, UAM/Fides Ediciones, Ciudad de México, p. 359-396.
https://www.academia.edu/130143834/La_Cumbre_UE_CELAC_de_Bruselas_2023_Hacia_el_rescate_de_las_relaciones_eurolatinoamericanas

2nd session (2pm-4pm)

The EU as a Global Actor and Its Relationship with Civil Society: A View from Latin America. 1

Lecturer: Mariangela Rueda Fiorentino, Universidad del Norte (in Spanish)

Description: This session explores the European Union (EU) as a global actor with a focus on its role in international development cooperation and its efforts to cooperate with civil society as a key partner. We will examine how the EU seeks to promote inclusive and participatory approaches in its external action, particularly in the context of peacebuilding, democratic governance, and sustainable development. Special attention will be given to the EU's involvement in Latin America, with a case study on its support for the peace process in Colombia. Other regional experiences will also be discussed to illustrate the EU's strategies for civil society engagement and the challenges faced in practice.

Core Readings:

- Fattibene, D., Olivé, I., & Santillán, M. (2022, julio). La UE como actor global de desarrollo. *European Think Tanks Group & Real Instituto Elcano*. [Here](#)
- Rueda Fiorentino, Mariangela (2024). *La Sociedad Civil como socio de la cooperación europea para la paz en Colombia: experiencias y lecciones en el marco del posacuerdo*. Ediciones Uninorte.

Tuesday, 12th August (9.00am-4.00pm)

Joint session (9am-11am), Building H, auditorium 2:

Europe in 'polycrisis'

Lecturer: Amelie Kutter, Europe University Viadrina, Frankfurt Oder (in English)

Description: For the past two decades, the European Union and the wider Europe have been struggling with a series of cascading calamities. These have surfaced as financial crisis, migration policy crisis, pandemic, and war; but they have also revealed unease with existing political institutions and globalisation. In this context, the term 'polycrisis' has emerged as a poignant description. But what does it actually mean, other than making an overwhelming sentiment of simultaneous risks and challenges explicit? This session introduces to theories of multiple crisis, including Koselleck's semantic models, Gramsci's 'organic crisis' and Polanyi's 'double movement'. They can help to understand the current European conundrum and the reconfiguration of the 'political compact', which had underpinned European integration since the end of the Second World War.

Core Readings:

- Rosamond, B. (2017). The Political Economy Context of EU Crises. In D. Dinan, N. Nugent, & W. E. Paterson (Eds.), *European Union in Crisis* (pp. 33-53). London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Henig, D., & Knight, D. M. (2023). Polycrisis. Prompts for an emerging worldview. *Anthropology today*, 39(2).

1st session (11am-1pm)

Relations between the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean amid global poly-crisis

Lecturer: Jaime Preciado Coronado, UdG (in Spanish)

Description: In a world marked by poly-crisis - with geopolitical tensions, multilateral collapse and climate urgency - relations between the European Union (EU) and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) have become more strategic than ever. Both regions share common values (democracy, human rights, rule of law) and face similar challenges such as energy transition, digitalization and socioeconomic inequality. In addition, key agreements on trade (Mercosur, Mexico) and critical issues such as minerals and renewable energy are expected to be finalized by November 2025 during the EU-CELAC summit in Santa Marta.

Geopolitical competition is intensifying: while the EU competes with the United States and China (which is strengthening its presence via the Belt and Road and the China-CELAC forum), LAC seeks to diversify relations without sacrificing autonomy. In this context, the bi-regional alliance asserts itself as an essential pillar for building a more balanced, sustainable and multilateral global order.

Core Readings:

- CEPAL (2024). *Bi-regional Pact for Care between Latin America and the Caribbean and the European Union*. Santiago de Chile: CEPAL.
https://eulacfoundation.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/Report_Event_Pact_Care_CSW.pdf
- Torreblanca, J.I., Sánchez, I., Acevedo, M., Muñoz, V. (2025). *Connecting regions, closing gaps, building sovereignty. The European Union-Latin America and the Caribbean Digital Alliance: Recommendations for the EU-CELAC Summit*. Madrid: Fundación Carolina / ECFR.
<https://www.fundacioncarolina.es/catalogo/connecting-regions-closing-gaps-building-sovereignty-the-european-union-latin-america-and-the-caribbean-digital-alliance-recommendations-for-the-eu-celac-summit/>

2nd session (2pm-4pm)

Debates in Euro-Latin American cooperation

Lecturer: Silvana Insignares Cera, Universidad del Norte (in Spanish)

The European Union's trade agreements are part of its Common Commercial Policy, conceived as a tool for projecting its democratic values and principles beyond its borders. However, this approach has generated a growing debate about the coherence between the stated objectives of cooperation and the real dynamics of trade. In particular, Latin America has been positioned as a strategic partner in this external projection, not only as a recipient of development cooperation, but also as a key destination for European investment.

Yet this relationship raises tensions between the normative discourse of the European Union and the structural asymmetries that persist between the two regions. Although the agreements seek to promote business regulated under the principles of international economic law, questions remain as to whether they really contribute to correcting existing trade and economic inequalities, or whether, on the contrary, they perpetuate mechanisms of dependency through the opening of markets without fair conditions. The debate on Euro-Latin American cooperation, in this sense, calls for a critical review of the rules of the game, the sustainability of the model and the effective inclusion of regional development priorities.

Core Readings:

- Rueda, M. e Insignares, S. (2024). International Cooperation for Peace? Development of a Conceptual Proposal. *Academic Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*, 13(1), 134. [Consulte aquí](#)
- Insignares, S y Rueda, M. (2023). Los desafíos de la cooperación comercial europea con los países andinos. In: Tremolada, E (Ed.) *Colección IUS Cogens. Derecho internacional e integración*; 11 Bogotá: Universidad Externado de Colombia. [Consulte aquí](#)

Wednesday, 13th August (9am-4pm)

Joint session (9-11am), Building H, auditorium 2:

Mass Migration of Refugees and Externalisation of Migration and Asylum Policies in the EU

Lecturer: Ayhan Kaya, Bilgi University, Istanbul (in English)

Description: This lecture aims to give a general account of the state of human mobility from the Middle East since the eruption of the Civil War in Syria in 2011, including how the mass migration of Syrian refugees unfolded in Turkey and Europe over the last migration, and how the EU operationalised its externalisation of migration and asylum policies through the 2016 EU-Turkey Refugee Deal.

Core Readings:

- Kaya, Ayhan (2023). Influence of Populism on the European Migration Agenda, IEMed, Influence of Populism on the European Migration Agenda : IEMed
- Kaya, Ayhan (2023). The World's Leading Refugee Host, Turkey Has a Complex Migration History, Migration information source, Article: The World's Leading Refugee Host, Turke.. | migrationpolicy.org

1st session (11pm-1pm)

Human Rights Discourses and Practices in EU Foreign Policy towards Latin America

Lecturer: Ulrike Capdepón, UdG (in Spanish)

Description: Taking the basis of comparative regionalism and Eurocentric critique as a starting point, this session focuses on values and norms in EU-Latin America Relations that are increasingly contested by international, local civil society actors and academic discourses from global south countries. The analysis of civil society organizations criticizing double standards in official human rights discourses, allegedly inherent to the EU foreign policy guidelines and documents (as compared to empirical practices, for instance in EU migration policy or as established in Free Trade Agreements) will help to understand the inherent critique of universal, cosmopolitan ideational discourses expressed in human rights standards on the one hand, and the (arbitrary) exercises of power against proclaimed values implicit in the progressive self-image of the EU on the other. This might point to the more general dichotomy of EU foreign policy principles between interests and power vs. norms and values as an potentially unresolved tension. One complex case study we will analyze is the EU positioning after the disappearance of 43 students in Ayotzinapa in 2014.

Core Readings:

- Bianculli, A. C. (2016). Latin America. In T. A. Börzel & T. Risse (eds.), *The Oxford handbook of comparative regionalism*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, p. 154-177.
- Sjursen, H. (2017). Principles in European Union Foreign Policy, in: *International relations and the European Union*, Palgrave: London, p. 443-462.
(see Teams folder)

2nd session (2pm-4pm)

EU-Civil Society International Cooperation in Latin America 2

Lecturer: Mariangela Rueda Fiorentino, Universidad del Norte (in Spanish)

Description: This session explores the European Union (EU) as a global actor with a focus on its role in international development cooperation and its efforts to cooperate with civil society as a key partner. We will examine, how the EU seeks to promote inclusive and participatory approaches in its external action, particularly in the context of peacebuilding, democratic governance, and sustainable development. Special attention will be given to the EU's involvement in Latin America, with a case study on its support for the peace process in Colombia. Other regional experiences will also be discussed to illustrate the EU's strategies for civil society engagement and the challenges faced in practice.

Core Readings:

- Fattibene, D., Oliví, I., & Santillán, M. (2022, julio). La UE como actor global de desarrollo. European Think Tanks Group & Real Instituto Elcano. [Here](#)
- Rueda Fiorentino, Mariangela (2024). *La Sociedad Civil como socio de la cooperación europea para la paz en Colombia: experiencias y lecciones en el marco del posacuerdo*. Ediciones Uninorte.

Thursday, 14 August 2025 (9am-5.30 pm)

Joint session (9am-11am)

Whose Values? A Postcolonial Look at the EU and the Global South

Lecturer: Nina Sajić, UNIBL - University of Banja Luka (in English)

Description: The European Union often presents its values—democracy, human rights, the rule of law—as universal. But if we take a step back and look at things from the perspective of the Global South, and especially regions like Latin America, we start to see a more complicated picture. In this talk, I'll explore how the EU's value system is still shaped by its colonial legacy and by assumptions that don't always resonate outside of Europe. I'll also reflect on what happens when the EU promotes its norms globally—often with good intentions—but in ways that can come across as prescriptive or even patronizing. This isn't about rejecting those values altogether, but about asking some hard questions: Who defines these values? Whose history and experience are they based on? And what alternative visions—rooted in anti-colonial struggles, social justice, and plural ways of thinking—are emerging from Latin America and the broader Global South? My goal is to open up space for a more honest and balanced conversation, especially at a time when global power is shifting and regions outside of the traditional West are demanding a greater say in shaping the future.

Core Readings:

- Chopin, T. (2025, April). *To what extent are European values universal?* (Policy Paper No. 285). Jacques Delors Institute. https://institutdelors.eu/content/uploads/2025/04/PP285_To-what-extent-are-European-values-universal_Chopin_EN.pdf
- Weymans, W. (2023). A critical history of the use of 'European values'. In R. Polak & P. Rohs (Eds.), *Values - politics - religion: The European Values Study* (pp. 95-123). Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-31364-6_3

1st session (11am-1pm)

The Strategic Association México-UE

Lecturer: Jorge Quevedo, UdG (in Spanish)

Description: The Strategic Partnerships, a legal instrument added to the European Union's foreign policy tools, aims to enhance its global presence. Strategic partnerships were used as a more political instrument, signaling that global challenges should be addressed with its key partners through partnerships with other key actors or regions in the world. The European Union has decided to integrate this tool of foreign action without being clear about its scope and impact, creating criticism from a large number of countries internationally, who question the validity of strategic partnerships in their foreign action. This session analyses the development of the strategic partnership between the European Union and Mexico over the past sixteen years. It seeks to describe the start of the European Union's strategic partnership with Mexico in 2008, explaining its foundations and scope, as well as its subsequent development, seeking to provide an overview of the development of this partnership until 2024. Finally, it will attempt to draw conclusions about the prospects for this partnership and the potential opportunities that may arise from it in Euro-Mexican relations, as well as in the context of the Latin American and Caribbean region.

Core Readings:

- Quevedo, Jorge (2023). Los Socios estratégicos, Léxico de la Unión Europea, en Beatriz Pérez, Cuauhtémoc Pérez and Teresa Pérez (coord.) *El Léxico de la Unión Europea*, UAM, Ciudad de México, p. 426-448.
https://www.academia.edu/130143727/SOCIOS_ESTRAT%C3%89GICOS
- Quevedo, Jorge (2025). "Balance de la asociación estratégica Unión Europea-México 2008-2024: ¿De qué sirve ser socio estratégico de la Unión Europea", UAM (in print)
https://www.academia.edu/130146180/Balance_de_la_asociaci%C3%B3n_estrat%C3%A9gica_Uni%C3%B3n_Europea_M%C3%A9xico_2008_2024_De_qu%C3%A9_sirve_ser_socio_estrat%C3%A9gico_de_la_Uni%C3%B3n_Europea

2nd session (2-4pm)

Latin American Multilateralism: An Approach from the Bi-regional Trade Relations (EU-CAN / EU-Mercosur).

Lecturer: Silvana Insignares-Cera, Uni Norte (in Spanish)

Description. Multilateralism is at the bas of the contemporary international order in the context of relations between Latin America and the European Union, it has acquired a strategic dimension through bi-regional cooperation and trade schemes. Negotiations between the European Union and regional blocs, such as MERCOSUR and the Andean Community of Nations (CAN) represent attempts to consolidate more balanced alliances aimed at strengthening a model of global governance based on shared rules, mutual respect and sustainable development. These trade

relations not only reflect the search for market access and investment flows, but also reveal tensions between economic interests, structural asymmetries and regulatory commitments assumed by both regions. In this framework, bi-regional multilateralism is presented as a space of opportunity, but also of dispute, where the convergence of values and the overcoming of gaps must be built through political dialogue, cooperation and a fairer and more inclusive trade agenda.

Core Readings:

Insignares Cera, S. M., & Molinares Hassan, V. (2022). Vulnerabilidad atípica: Comunidades vulnerables por la ejecución del Tratado de Libre Comercio Colombia-Estados Unidos. *Jurídicas CUC*, 18(1), 359–396. <https://doi.org/10.17981/juridcuc.18.1.2022.15>

<https://revistascientificas.cuc.edu.co/juridicascuc/article/view/4110/4131>

Insignares Cera, S. y Bocanegra Jiménez, M. “La globalización jurídica frente al libre comercio y el desarrollo rural en Colombia”, en Revista Derecho del Estado, Universidad Externado de Colombia, n.º 59, mayo-agosto de 2024, 291-324 [Consulte aquí](#)

Civil Society event (4-5.30pm)

Latin America-European Union - Free Trade Agreements. Contestations in the new global constellation from both sides of the Atlantic

Documentary: PERO SÍ EXISTIMOS (Transnational Institute 2025)

Activists Participation

Maria Atilana (No más Acuerdo Global-TLCUEM)

Manuel Pérez Rocha (Transnational Insistute, Amsterdam/Washington)

Moderator: Jaime Preciado Coronado, Ulrike Capdepón (CUCSH, Universidad de Guadalajara)

Friday, 15th August 2025 (9am-5pm)

Joint session (9-11am):

Democratic Backsliding and the rule of law crisis in the EU (in English)

Lecturer: Angela Bourne (Roskilde University)

Description: The EU’s self-identification as a community of liberal democratic states has been shaken in recent years by democratic backsliding in several member states. This lecture explores the impact of democratic backsliding on the EU, and EU efforts to respond to it. It begins with a discussion democratic backsliding in the EU, and the gradual development of an EU rule of law toolbox. Core questions include whether the EU is an appropriate body to respond to domestic

political processes, the challenges involved in formulating an EU response, and how the effectiveness of EU responses can be evaluated.

Core Readings:

- Coman, R and Buzogány, A (2024). The European Union's Response to the Rule of Law Crisis and the Making of the New Conditionality Regime, *Journal of Common Market Studies, Annual Review*, p. 1-11
- Blauburger, M and Sedelmeier, U (2024) [Sanctioning democratic backsliding in the European Union: transnational salience, negative intergovernmental spillover, and policy change](#), *Journal of European Public Policy*, p.1-27

1st session (11am-1pm)

The Global Gateway as a European strategy for major global connectivity infrastructures. A view from Latin America.

Lecturer: Jaime Preciado, UdG (in Spanish)

The Global Gateway strategy, launched by the European Union in December 2021 with a budget of up to 300 billion Euro for 2021-2027, is positioned as a key tool to strengthen global connectivity through green, digital and social investments. In Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), 45 billion Euro is expected to be mobilized in infrastructure - clean energy, broadband, transport and social development - including programs such as the Team Europe Initiative and the Team Europe Inclusive Societies Program. From a Latin American perspective, the initiative represents a strategic opportunity to diversify alliances in the face of China's growing influence via the Belt and Road Initiative. However, a report by the *Centro Studi sul Federalismo* warns of bottlenecks such as limited private sector participation, limited resources and implementation capacities of European delegations. Experts stress that the current balance favors more green and energy projects than digital or social initiatives, which could weaken the comprehensive vision of the program. For the region, the challenge is to take advantage of multilateral strengthening, reinforce the digital and social dimension of the Global Gateway, and consolidate an articulated response to the global multidimensional crisis, while cultivating a sovereign and resilient vision of development.

Core Readings:

- Casano, G., Fontana, A., & Nastasi, V. (2024). The Global Gateway to Latin America: Strengths and bottlenecks of the European strategy. A mid-term review. *Perspectives on Federalism*, 16(2). <https://doi.org/10.2478/eustu-2024-0009>
- European Commission. (2024, March 21). Global Gateway: EU and Latin America and Caribbean build together more inclusive and equitable societies. https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events/news/global-gateway-eu-and-latin-america-and-caribbean-build-together-more-inclusive-and-equitable-2024-03-21_en (European Commission).

2nd session (2-4pm)

Europe as Method: Decolonizing Comparative Regionalism from the Global South.

Lecturer: Nina Sajić, UNIBL (in English)

Description: Europe has long been the starting point for thinking about regionalism. The EU isn't just the most institutionalized project — it has become the model against which others are measured. This lecture explores how “Europe” has shaped the very method of comparative regionalism, often casting regions like Latin America, Africa, or Southeast Asia as incomplete or derivative. Europe remains a useful reference, but not the only one — and certainly not the standard for all. Drawing on postcolonial and decolonial perspectives, we'll look at how knowledge about regions is produced, and why it's time to open space for more plural, grounded, and context-specific ways of understanding regionalism.

Core Readings:

- Börzel, T. A. (2011). Comparative regionalism: A new research agenda (KFG Working Paper No. 28). Freie Universität Berlin. <https://nbn-resolving.org/urn:nbn:de:0168-ssoar-374751>
- Acharya, A. (2012). Comparative regionalism: A field whose time has come? *The International Spectator: Italian Journal of International Affairs*, 47(1), 3-15.

Final Discussion (4-5pm)

All Lecturers and Students:

Review of the Week

Feedback Round

Wrap up

Academic Staff

Ulrike Capdepón

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Silvana Insignares Cera

Director and Professor of the Law Department at Uninorte. Ph.D. in Law and master's in international Trade Management, University of Valencia (Spain). Specialist in Processes of Integration of the European and Latin American Union, Carlos III University of Madrid. Leader of the Jean Monnet Module at Uninorte. Academic Coordinator of the master's in law of commerce. Research expertise: EU and Latin American cooperation and integration processes.

Jaime Preciado Coronado

Professor-Researcher at the University of Guadalajara, Department of Iberian and Latin American Studies (DEILA), he has been a member of the National System of Researchers since 1992, currently SNI level III. Co-founder of the Center for Latin American Studies (1988), then Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (1991). Director of the Division of State and Society Studies (1994-1999). Head of the Department of Political Studies (2010-2016). Coordinator of the PhD in Political Science at the University Center for Social Sciences and Humanities (2013-2021). His lines of research and publication deal with Geopolitics of Globalization, integration and Democracy in the Americas, regional political geography, and electoral processes. Currently, he is Co-Director of the Maria Sibylla Merian Center for Advanced Latin American Studies (CALAS) at the University of Guadalajara.

Jorge Quevedo

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