

**COMPARATIVE REGIONALISMS:
Changing Forms of Governance in Asia, Africa and the Americas
and their Effects on the Global Order**

June 23-July 3, 2014

Detailed Course Description

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Regionalism has become a central feature of global politics. Regional arrangements challenge the centrality of states in international relations, they give rise to new forms of transnational governance and to varying extents they constitute a response to globalization.

The course considers the rise of 'regions' after World War II and the resurgence of the idea in and from the 1980s. It considers the different interpretations, values and expectations assigned to 'region', from regional free trade agreements to security communities to supra-national integrative projects. The participant emphasis will be on considering in comparative fashion when a region is said to have arisen – and by whom. It will also consider how such regions vary across time and geography, assuming different characteristics. The sessions will also consider to what extent regions are a result of globalization and the extent to which they constitute global order. Over the past few decades we have learnt a great deal about the European experience of regional cooperation evolving into integration and in a supra-state model of governance.

The course fosters new approaches to the study of regionalisms in Asia, Africa and the Americas, paying special attention to their origins, specific features, their changing characters, and their effects on world order. Among the key questions discussed in the course are the following: when is a region a region?, how and when do regions rise to international prominence?, how do different regions interact with each other (if at all)?, how do regions and types of regionalism change?

These questions are not purely academic: understanding why regions form, organize and institutionalize can shed light on the process of change such regions undergo, but also contributes to understanding processes of inter-regional relations, so far left at the margins of academic debates. Ultimately they speak to one of the key questions in the study of international relations, namely that of war and peace.

The course also pays special attention to methodological issues arising from inter-regional comparisons, as well as to the extent to which western theories, largely designed to account for the process of European integration, can also explain non-western varieties of regionalism.

The aim of the course is three-fold: first to introduce varieties of new regionalisms in Asia, Africa and the Americas; critically engage extant theories of regionalism and discuss the extent to which western theories and models can be applied to other types of regionalism; examine questions of inter-regional relations and regional change. The course also pays special attention to methodological issues pertaining to the study of comparative regionalism.

The course is aimed for an academic audience and in particular graduate students and early career scholars.

Format and assessment

The course extends over eleven days (nine working days, 32 hours), from June 23 to July 3, 2014. Course participants obtain 2 ECTS. The course combines lectures with workshops, individual and group assignments, simulations, and seminar discussions to create a highly interactive learning environment. Assessment types will include class participation, quality of individual projects, and engagement in group activities and assignments.

Tentative syllabus

1. Instructor: **Amitav Acharya**, *School of International Service, American University, Washington D.C., USA*

Topic 1. Comparative Regionalism: Regionalism and Global Order

Topic 2. Asian Regionalism in Comparative Perspective

- Andrew Hurrell, "Explaining the Resurgence of Regionalism in World Politics," *Review of International Studies*, vol. 21, no. 4 (October 1995), 331-358.
- Amitav Acharya, "Comparative Regionalism: A Field Whose Time Has Come?," *International Spectator*, vol. 47, no.1 (2012), pp. 3- 15.
- Louise Fawcett, "Security Regionalisms: lessons from around the world". EUI Working Papers RSCAS 2013/62. <http://cadmus.eui.eu/handle/1814/27701>
- Amitav Acharya, "Regional Worlds in a Post-Hegemonic Era," SPIRIT Working Papers, No.1 (Bordeaux: Science Po, 2009). Available at: http://spirit.sciencespobordeaux.fr/Cahiers%20de%20SPIRIT/Cahiers%20de%20SPIRIT_1_Acharya.pdf
- Peter Katzenstein, "Regionalism in Comparative Perspective," ARENA Working Papers, 96/1 (University of Oslo, 1996), available on the web. https://www.sv.uio.no/arena/english/research/publications/arena-publications/workingpapers/working-papers1996/wp96_1.htm
- Amitav Acharya, "Foundations of Collective Action in Asia: Theory and Practice of Regional Cooperation," Working Paper No. 344 (Tokyo: Asian Development Bank Institute, 2012). <http://www.adbi.org/files/2012.02.14.wp344.foundations.collective.action.asia.pdf>
- Stephan Haggard, "The Organizational Architecture of the Asia-Pacific: Insights from New Institutionalism," Asian Development Bank Working Papers No.71 (January 2011). Available on the web. http://aric.adb.org/pdf/workingpaper/WP71_Haggard_Organizational_Architecture.pdf
- Amitav Acharya, "Norm Subsidiarity and Regional Orders: Sovereignty, Regionalism and Rule Making in the Third World," *International Studies Quarterly*, vol. 55 (2011), pp. 95–123.
- Amitav Acharya, "Common Security with Asia: Changing Europe's Role from Model to Partner," *International Policy Analysis* (Berlin: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, December 2012). <http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/iez/09525.pdf>

2. Instructor: **J. Andrew Grant**, *Associate Professor, Queen's University, Canada*

Topic 3. Introduction and Overview: Approaches to Governance and Regionalisms

Topic 4. Governance and Regionalisms in Africa

Topic 5. Contemporary Case Studies at the Macro-, Meso-, and Micro-Levels I-II.

- Elke Krahnmann. 2003. "National, Regional, and Global Governance: One Phenomenon or Many?" *Global Governance*, vol. 9, no. 3, pp. 323-346.
- Timothy M. Shaw, J. Andrew Grant and Scarlett Cornelissen. 2011. "Introduction and Overview: The Study of New Regionalism(s) at the Start of the Second Decade of the Twenty-First Century." In Timothy M. Shaw, J. Andrew Grant and Scarlett Cornelissen, eds. *The Ashgate Research Companion to Regionalisms*, Aldershot: Ashgate, pp. 3-30.
- J. Andrew Grant and Fredrik Söderbaum. 2003. "Introduction: The New Regionalism in Africa." In J. Andrew Grant and Fredrik Söderbaum, eds. *The New Regionalism in Africa*, Aldershot: Ashgate, pp. 1-17.
- Sophie Harman and William Brown. 2013. "In from the Margins? The Changing Place of Africa in International Relations." *International Affairs*, vol. 89, no. 1, pp. 69-87.
- J. Andrew Grant. 2013. "Consensus Dynamics and Global Governance Frameworks: Insights from the Kimberley Process on Conflict Diamonds." *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal* vol. 19, no. 3, pp. 323-339.
- J. Andrew Grant and Thomas Kwasi Tieku. 2011. "New Regionalisms and the African Union: Reflections on the Rise of Africrats, Regional Economic Integration, and Inter-Regional Relations." In B.J.C. McKercher, ed. *Routledge Handbook of Diplomacy and Statecraft*, London: Routledge, pp. 264-273.
- J. Andrew Grant, Matthew I. Mitchell and Frank K. Nyame. 2011. "New Regionalisms, Micro-Regionalisms, and the Migration-Conflict Nexus: Evidence from Natural Resource Sectors in West Africa." In Timothy M. Shaw, J. Andrew Grant and Scarlett Cornelissen, eds. *The Ashgate Research Companion to Regionalisms*, Aldershot: Ashgate, pp. 375-396.
- Timothy M. Shaw, Fredrik Söderbaum, Julius E. Nyang'oro, and J. Andrew Grant. 2003. "The Future of New Regionalism in Africa: Regional Governance, Human Security/Development and Beyond." In J. Andrew Grant and Fredrik Söderbaum, eds. *The New Regionalism in Africa*, Aldershot: Ashgate, pp. 192-206.

3. Instructor: **Mary Farrell**, *Plymouth School of Government, University of Plymouth, UK*

Topic 6. Defining and explaining geo-strategic approaches in international relations

Topic 7. Applying geo-strategy to regionalism

Topic 8. Some case studies on geo-strategic issues and challenges in regionalism

Topic 9. The utility of a comparative approach to geo-political and geo-strategic analyses

- Adler, Emanuel and Greve, Patricia (2009) 'When security community meets balance of power: overlapping regional mechanisms of security governance', *Review of International Studies*, 35, 59-84.
- Ba, Alice (2011) 'Staking Claims and Making waves in the South China Sea: How Troubled are the Waters?', *Contemporary South East Asia*, 33:3, 269-291.
- Beeson, Mark (2003) 'ASEAN Plus Three and the Rise of Reactionary regionalism', *Contemporary South East Asia*, 25:2, 251-268.
- Bohr, Annette (2004) 'Regionalism in Central Asia: new geopolitics, Old Regional Order', *International Affairs* 80, 3, pp. 485-502.
- Bouchard, Christian (2004) 'Emergence of a New Geopolitical Era in the Indian Ocean: Characteristics, Issues and Limitations of the Indian-oceanic Order', in Dennis Rumley and Sanjay Chaturvedi (eds.) *Geopolitical Orientations, Regionalism and Security in the Indian Ocean*
- Breslin, Shaun (2010) 'Comparative Theory, China and the future of East Asian Regionalism', *Review of International Studies*, 36:3, 709-729.

- Capling, Ann (2009) 'The Contradictions of Regionalism in North America', *Review of International Studies*, 35, 147-167.
- Chin, Gregory (2012) 'Responding to the Global Financial Crisis: The Evolution of Asian Regionalism and Economic Globalisation', ADBI Working Paper 343 (Tokyo ADB).
- Dodds, Klaus and Sidaway, James (2004) 'Halford Mackinder and the 'geographical pivot of history': a centennial perspective', *The Geographical Journal*, 170:4, 292-297.
- Fawn, Rick (2009) 'Regions' and their Study: wherefrom, what for and where to?', *Review of International Studies*, 35, 5-34.
- Fook Wen loo, Bernard (2005) 'Transforming the Strategic Landscape of Southeast Asia', *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, 27:3, 388-405.
- Gomart, Thomas (2006) 'The EU and Russia: The needed balance between geo-politics and regionalism', IFRI research program Russia/NIS, www.ifri.org.
- Hentz, James J. (2009) 'The Southern African security order: Regional economic integration and security among developing states', *Review of International Studies*, 35.
- Jay, Peter (1979) 'Regionalism as Geopolitics', *Foreign Affairs*, 58:3, 485-514.
- Jessop, Bob (2010) 'Dynamics of Regionalism and Globalism: A Critical Political Economy Perspective',
- Kubicek, Paul (2009) 'The Commonwealth of Independent States: An example of failed regionalism? *Review of International Studies* 35, 237-257.
- Lake, David A. (2009) 'Regional Hierarchy: authority and local international order', *Review of International Studies*, 35, 35-58.
- Milke, Benjamin (2009) 'between the revisionist and the frontier state: regional variations in state-war propensity', *Review of International Studies*, 35, 85-119.
- Mortimer, Robert, 'Regionalism and geopolitics in the Maghreb', Middle East Research and Information Project, MER 184.
- Ravenhill, John (2009) 'East Asian regionalism: Much Ado about Nothing?', *Review of International Studies*, 35.
- Ridolfi, Giovanni (1992) 'Approach to the geo-strategy of the oceans: the case of the Mediterranean', *Ocean and Coastal Management*, 18, 2-4, 291-306.
- Rumley, Dennis (2005) 'The Geo-politics of Asia-Pacific Regionalism in the 21st century', *The Oteman Journal of Australian Studies*, 31, 5-27.
- See Seng, Tang (2012) 'Spectres of Leifer: Insights on Regional Order and Security for Southeast Asia Today', *Contemporary South East Asia* 34:3, 309-337.
- Shaheen, Murad 'Questioning the Water-war Phenomenon in the Jordan basin', *Middle East Policy* 7:3, 137-150.
- Slater, David (1997) 'Geopolitical imaginations across the North-South divide: issues of difference, development and power', *Political Geography*, 16:8, 631-653.
- Taylor Fravel, M. (2011) 'China's Strategy in the South China Sea', *Contemporary South East Asia*, 33:3, 292-319.
- Terhale, Maximilian (2011) 'Understanding the limits of power: America's Middle East Experience', *Review of International Studies*, 37:2, 631-640.
- Thayer, Carlyle A. (2011) 'The Tyranny of Geography: Vietnamese Strategies to Constrain China in the South China Sea', *Contemporary South East Asia*, 33:3, 348-369.
- Tow, William (2008) 'Asia's Competitive 'Strategic geometries' –The Australian perspective', *Contemporary South East Asia*, 30:1, 29-51.
- Tussie, Diana (2009) 'Latin America: contrasting motivations for regional projects', *Review of International Studies*, 169-188.
- Tsantoulis, Yannis (2009) 'Geopolitics, (sub) regionalism, discourse and a troubled 'power triangle' in the Black Sea', *South East Europe and Black Sea Studies* 9, 3.

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Topic 10. Varieties of Post-Soviet Regionalisms

Topic 11. Introduction to the Customs Union Simulation

- Russian Analytical Digest (RAD), Special issue on the Eurasian Union, 146, 7 April (ETHZ/CSS, Zurich)
- Paul Kubicek, The Commonwealth of Independent States: An example of failed regionalism?, *Review of International Studies*, 35(S1), 2009.
- IERES, Central Asia Policy Forum, 'Discussing the Eurasian Customs Union and its Impact on Central Asia', GWU Central Asia Program, February, 2013.
- Rilka Dragneva and Kataryna Wolczuk, 'Russia, the Eurasian Customs Union and the EU: Cooperation, Stagnation or Rivalry?', *Chatham House Papers*, August, 2012.

5. Instructor: **Rick Fawn**, *School of International Relations, University of St Andrews, UK*

Topic 12. Post-communist regional cooperation

Topic 13. NATO, the EC/EU, the Council of Europe and the CSCE/OSCE since 1990

Topic 14. IOs and the idea of internal conditionality

- Rick Fawn. 'Regional Relations and Regional Security', in Sabrina P. Ramet (ed.), *Central and Southeast European Politics since 1989* (Cambridge University Press, 2010), pp. 495-518.
- Rick Fawn, "'Bashing About Rights": Russia and the "New" EU States on Human Rights and Democracy Promotion', *Europe-Asia Studies* Vol. 61, No. 10 (December 2009), pp. 1777-1803.

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Topic 15. Research design in Comparative Regionalisms

Topic 16. Comparative Methodology in comparative regionalisms

Required reading:

- Hopkin, J. (2010). *The Comparative Method. Theory and Methods in Political Science*. D. Marsh and G. Stoker. Basingstoke, Palgrave.

Additional readings (please select one):

- Sartori, G. (1970). "Concept Misformation in Comparative Politics." *Source: American Political Science Review* **LXIV**(4): 1033-1053.
- Collier, D. (1993). *The Comparative Method. Political Science: The State of the Discipline II*. A. W. Finifter. Washington D. C., American Political Science Association.