

**Consortium for Comparative Research on Regional Integration and Social Cohesion**

**RISC 2010 conference on**

**“Development, Poverty and Global Crises: Reinforcing Governance”**

Cercle Cité (3, rue Génistre – next to Place d’Armes)

Luxembourg, 10-13 November, 2010

**Organizer:**

**IPSE Research Unit, University of Luxembourg (UNILU)**

**Conference Synopsis:**

Throughout the world, the failure of development policies at the local, national, regional and global levels are all tied to weaknesses related to governance. The global economic crisis of 2008-2009 highlighted this fact as global leaders publicly declared the need for new forms of governance and economic regulation. Similar calls for change have recently come in the fields of climate change, food security and human rights. Governance challenges related to development include: 1) political factors such as various forms of corruption, a lack of governmental transparency, weak rule of law, etc., 2) social challenges, in terms of weak social capital, a lack of citizen participation in policy-making processes, etc., 3) economic difficulties which are manifested in terms of unemployment, large informal economies, increasing socio-economic marginalization, etc. Of course, these different arenas are inter-related and these relationships are the points of discussion that have arisen because of the recent economic crisis.

This proposed conference examines poverty and development within the framework of recent global crises and governance. It includes two keynote panels that address: 1) Fragility, Development and Vulnerability and 2) Fragility, Development and Democracy. Also, there six panels organized by RISC’s working groups in association with the conference organizers. They examine topics related to the general conference theme in the following areas: 1) the Management of Strategic Resources, Environment and Society, 2) Comparative Border Politics, 3) Civil Society, Vulnerable Populations and Public Health, 4) Risk and Disasters, 5) Urban Violence and Citizen Security and 6) the Quality of Democracy.

## Preliminary Conference Program

### November 10, 2010

- 9:30-12:30 RISC Scientific Committee Meeting (by invitation only)
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-17:00 RISC Executive Council Meeting (by invitation only)
- 18:00 **Conference Opening and Presentation of *Regions & Cohesion*** (followed by reception)
- Carmen Maganda**, Executive Director of RISC, University of Luxembourg
- Rolf Tarrach**, Rector, University of Luxembourg
- Marc Bichler**, Director, Development Cooperation Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
- Susanne Rick**, Fonds National de la Recherche, Luxembourg

### November 11, 2010

- 9:00-9:15 Welcome, **Harlan Koff**, President, RISC Consortium, University of Luxembourg
- 9:20-11:00 **Fragility, Development and the Quality of Democracy in Cross-Border Regions I** (Co-organized by working groups: Quality of Democracy and Comparative Border and Migration Politics)

**Chair: Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly**, University of Victoria, Canada

- 1) **Anastasia Obydenkova**, University Pompeu Fabra, Spain "The European Dimension in Eurasian Context: The Quality of Democracy in Northwestern Cross-Border Regions of Russia"
- 2) **Alain Seckler**, MONUC- United Nations, Congo "Is local democracy in Africa's cross-border regions a viable proposition?"
- 3) **Bob Deacon, Philippe De Lombaerde, Maria Cristina Macovei and Sonja Schröder**, CRIS-UNU, Belgium "Globalisation and the emerging regional governance of labour rights"
- 4) **Olivier Walther**, CEPS, Luxembourg "Doing Business Across Borders: The Entrepreneurial Landscape of a West African Border Region"

- 11:00-11:20 Coffee Break

11:20-13:00            **Fragility, Development and the Quality of Democracy in Cross-Border Regions II** (Co-organized by working groups: Quality of Democracy and Comparative Border and Migration Politics)

**Chair: Raffaella Del Sarto**, Oxford University, UK

- 1) **Lyndsay Scorgie**, Cambridge University "Peripheral Pariah or Regional Rebel?: The Allied Democratic Forces in the Uganda/Congo Borderland"
- 2) **Leonardo Rioja**, Universidad de Quintana Roo "La cooperación transferiza en materia seguridad en el sur de México: los retos de la gobernanza"
- 3) **Marcela Ceballos Medina**, Universidad Nacional de Colombia and **Gerardo Ardila**, Universidad Nacional de Colombia "Migrantes y Politicas de seguridad en la frontera colombo-equatoriana: los limites de la protección"
- 4) **Kazuyo Mori**, Kyoto University, Japan, "Impact of Border Management Toward Concept Formation of Border: A Case Study from Cross-Border Region in Northwestern Laos and Northern Thailand"

13:00-14:30            Lunch

14:30-16:00            Keynote Panel I: **Fragility, Development and Vulnerability**

**Chair: Virginia Garcia Acosta**, CIESAS, Mexico

- 1) **Bruno Boidin**, Clersé Université de Lille 1, France "Health as a global public good? Between imperfect local governances and emerging global governance"
- 2) **Andrew Maskrey**, UNDP, Switzerland "Social risk, development and disaster prevention"
- 3) **Sarah Brooks**, Ohio State University, USA "Insecure Democracy: Risk Protection and Inequality in Developing Countries"
- 4) **Isabel Yopez**, GRIAL, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium "Pobreza, migración y desarrollo. Vulnerabilidades y agencia social"

16:00-16:20            Coffee Break

16:20-18:00            Keynote Panel II: **Fragility, Development and Democracy**

**Chair: Lauri Siitonen**, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

- 1) **Yolanda Sadie**, Department of Politics, University of Johannesburg, South Africa "Student perspectives on issues of governance in Southern African states: Implications for development"
- 2) **Ronald Jaubert**, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland "Water management in Niger: Smallholder versus Medium and Large Scale Irrigation"
- 3) **Michel Misse**, NECVU, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil "Democracia y Mercancías Políticas en Brasil"

- 4) **Maria Lucinda Cruz Santos Fonseca**, CEG, Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal “Immigration, poverty and social exclusion in Lisbon: the area-based approach of urban regeneration policies”

19:30 **2010 RISC Consortium Art Exhibition Opening Reception:**

Sophie Feyder (photo)

Luigi Mastroserio (painting)

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9:00-10:40 **Informal Powers, Citizenship and Poverty: The Challenge for Contemporary Cities** (Working group: Urban conflict, citizen security and violence).

**Chair: Juan Carlos Vélez Rendón**, Universidad de Antioquia, Colombia

- 1) **Frank Moolaert**, KU Leuven, Belgium “Can neighbourhoods save the city? Toward a multiscalar approach of governance in urban Europe”
- 2) **Jorge Giraldo Ramírez**, Universidad Eafit, Colombia “Cambios en la interpretación, el comportamiento y las políticas públicas respecto a la violencia homicida en Medellín.
- 3) **Piet Croucamp**, University of Johannesburg, South Africa “The operational interface between violent crime and civil war in South Africa”
- 4) **Patricia Ravelo**, CIESAS, Mexico, **Héctor Domínguez**, University of Texas at Austin, USA and **Sergio Sánchez**, CIESAS, Mexico “Violencias urbanas, diversidades culturales y cuerpos marcados en la Frontera norte de Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua/El Paso, Texas”

10:40-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:40 **Global South Public Health and Welfare Policies: Issues of Identity, Autonomy and Autochthony** (Working group: Civil society, vulnerable populations, and state policies of health and well-being)

**Chair: Robert Dover**, Universidad de Antioquia, Colombia

- 1) **Tracy Kolbe-Alexander**, University of Cape Town, South Africa “Socio-ecological model for health-seeking behaviour and the epidemiological, nutrition, and demographic transition: a new model from the Global South perspective”
- 2) **Solange Ngo Yebga**, Université Catholique d’Afrique Centrale, Cameroon “Initiatives locales de la société civile en santé reproductives au Cameroun : étude de cas des structures associatives en milieu urbain”
- 3) **Magdalena Hurtado**, Arizona State University, Arizona State University “Global health sciences and indigenous health in the 21st Century”

- 4) **Robert VH Dover**, Universidad de Antioquia, Colombia, **Estelle Victoria Lambert**, University of Cape Town, South Africa, **Claudia Puerta Silva**, Universidad de Antioquia, Colombia, "Approximations toward an integral perspective of urban environmental justice, health choice, and public policy"

12:40-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:40 **Environmental Fragility, Development and Poverty Concerns behind the Global Environmental Crisis** (Working group: Management of Strategic Resources, Environment and Society)

**Chairs: Patrick Thill and Adrien Thomas**, CEPS, Luxembourg

- 1) **Enrique Pérez Campuzano**, Centro Interdisciplinario de Investigación sobre el Medio Ambiente. IPN, México "Periferia Urbana e Incentivos Económicos para la Conservación Ambiental"
- 2) **Annette Disselkamp**, Université de Lille 1, France "L'écologie es-elle compatible avec la démocratie?"
- 3) **Nadine Feyder**, United Nations, Congo "The price of peace for the second lung of the planet"
- 4) **Hayyan ul Haq**, University of Mataram, Indonesia and **Tri Hayati**, University of Indonesia, "Managing Chaos in the Exploitation of Strategic Resources in Indonesia"

15:40-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:40 **Poverty, (under-)Development and Marginalization: Challenges of Governance when faced with Risks and Disasters** (Working Group: The Social Construction of Risk and Disaster)

**Chair: Fernando Briones Gamboa**, CIESAS Mexico

- 1) **Razia Sultana**, Research Officer, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS), Bangladesh "Poverty, Underdevelopment, Marginalization and Existing Challenges of Governance during Natural Disasters: Evidence from Bangladesh"
- 2) **Julie Hermesse**, l'Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium "Inégalité foncière au Guatemala et inégale distribution de la vulnérabilité aux catastrophes"
- 3) **Joel Audefroy**, ESIA-Tecamachalco del IPN, Mexico "La política de vivienda en México y la construcción de riesgos"
- 4) **Francisco J. Aceves**, IPN, Mexico "A Comparative Systemic Analysis of 2010 Earthquakes in Haiti and Chile"

19:00 Official Conference Dinner (number limited)

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Luxembourgish Cultural Activity for Conference Participants (number limited)



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