Regionalism in the Global South and the EU in Comparative Perspective:
The ambivalent Influence of Intra- and Extra-Regional Actors on Regional Integration Processes

10-11th November 2016

Venue:
Johannes Gutenberg Universität Mainz
“Alte Mensa” Building, Johann-Joachim-Becher-Weg 3 – 9, University Campus

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 10th NOVEMBER

10.00-10.30: Introduction and Welcome by Arne Niemann and Johannes Muntschick (University of Mainz)

10.30-12.15: Panel 1: Regionalism and ambivalent Influence of Extra-Regional Actors – Insights from Africa

Andreas von Staden (University of Hamburg): Lost in Translation: The EU’s Supranational Governance Model, Diffusion, and the Institutional Design of African Regional Economic Communities (RECs)
Johannes Muntschick (University of Mainz): Regionalism and External Influence: A Situation-structural Approach
Sören Stapel (University of Gothenburg): Promoting regional economic cooperation and integration in Africa from the outside (with Fredrik Söderbaum)
Malte Brosig (University of the Witwatersrand): Externalities and Organizational Overlap: The Example of African Trade Regimes

12.15-14.00: Lunch at the “Baron” Restaurant (University Campus)

14.00-15.30: Panel 2: Regionalism in Asia and Europe – Organisational Overlap and External Influence

Heidarali Masoudi (Sahid Beheshti University): The U.S. approaches to regionalism in Europe and Asia: a comparative discourse analysis
Jürgen Rüland & Arndt Michael (University of Freiburg): Competitive and Overlapping Regionalism in Asia: Paving the Way towards a “Diminished Multilateralism”
Tobias Hofmann (University of Utah): The Politics of Dispute Settlement Design. Credible Commitment in Asia’s Regional Integration Agreements

15.30-16.00: Coffee break
16.00-17.30: **Panel 3: Regionalism in Africa – The AU, Security Integration and the Impact of the EU**

Gorm Rye Olsen (Roskilde University): The African Union in peacekeeping – between the UN and the European Union

Habibu Yaya Bappah (Ahmadu Bello University): France, EU and the Security (Dis)integration of the African Union

Friedrich Plank (Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz): Interregionalism as Driver of Integration? Assessing the Effectiveness of AU-EU Capacity Building within African Peace Facility

18.00-19.00: **Key Note Speech** by Anja Jetschke (University of Göttingen)

20.00-: Dinner at the “Eisgrub” Restaurant (Weißliliengasse 1, Mainz)

**FRIDAY 11th NOVEMBER**

09.00-10.40: **Panel 4: Regionalism in Latin America – Driven by powerful regional and external Actors**

Mayte Anais Dongo Suiero (Free University of Berlin): EC contradictory discourses and external behaviour promoting regional integration in Latin America in the late 1980s

Wolfgang Muno (Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz): In the Shadow of the Hegemon: Regional Cooperation in Latin America

Allan F. Tatham (CEU San Pablo University): Interactive Learning? Mapping Regional Inter-Parliamentary Networks in Latin America, and the External Role of the European Parliament

Karen Siegel (University of Glasgow): Regional integration and regional environmental cooperation in South America: two separate processes

10.40-10.50: Coffee break

10.50-12.30: **Panel 5: Regional Actorness, Inter-regionalism and Diffusion**

Lukas Maximilian Müller (University of Freiburg): “A riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma” – How the concept of actorness clouds our understanding of inter-regionalism and how inter-organization theory can help

Antonia Witt (Goethe University Frankfurt): Becoming a regional actor: the COI between regional and extra-regional forces

Daniele Vintila (University of Leicester): The diffusion of the EU model of electoral rights for the direct election of members of supranational parliaments

12.30-13.00: Conclusions, Final Discussion, Plans for Publications and future Cooperation

_End of the Conference_

ca. 13.00-14.00: Lunch at the “Baron” Restaurant (University Campus)