



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Latin America-Europe Relations in Global Reordering

16-20 September 2024

FLACSO Argentina

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Relations between Latin America and Europe, as well as their own regional dynamics, are embedded in an ever more complex global system that is undergoing fundamental changes. Global reordering, emerging powers, and reconfigurations in the economic and political landscapes bring old and new challenges to the international level. International trade, global value chains, financial flows, and developmental gaps are challenging global, regional, and inter-regional relations. Environmental degradation and climate change are posing existential threats to the planet. The commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals is declining. Great power competition and, in particular, the growing US-China rivalry are creating new fault lines in global politics.

In July 2023, the EU-CELAC Summit fostered bi-regional cooperation on areas such as enhanced cooperation in multilateral for a; global peace and security; trade and investment; efforts to combat climate change; justice and security for citizens. At the same time, European links with Latin America are indissociable from and significantly impacted by the 'other' transatlantic relation, between Europe and North America and the United States. Arguably, these three regions form a dense web of relationships and connectivities in and around the Atlantic Ocean amidst a global reordering that shifts the global 'centre of gravity' towards the Pacific Ocean and the so-called Indo-Pacific.

Against this backdrop, the Department of International Relations at FLACSO Argentina, in association with the Jean Monnet Policy Network EU-RENEW (<https://eu-renew.eu/>), welcomes you to the Conference ***Latin America-Europe Relations in Global Reordering***. The conference aims to explore the complexities of the relationship between Latin America and Europe, and to examine how this bi-regional relationship is shaped by the changing global landscape. Interested scholars from across disciplines are invited to submit proposals for papers to be presented at the general conference.



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PROGRAMME IN A NUTSHELL*

DATE	TIME*	EVENT
Day 1 Monday 16/9	9:00	Opening Ceremony (Auditorium)
	10:00	Conference Plenary "Rethinking Multilateralism in Times of Geopolitical Change" (Auditorium)
	12:00	Lunch
	14:00	Conference Panel 1 (Room 2)
	15:45	Coffee break
	16:15	Conference Panel 2 (Room 2) Conference Panel 3 (Room 4)
	Day 2 Tuesday 17/9	9:00
10.30		Coffee Break
10:45		Conference Panel 4 (Room 2)
12:30		Lunch
14:00		Conference Panel 5 (Room 2) Conference Panel 6 (Room 4)
15:45		Coffee break
16:15		Conference Panel 7 (Room 4)
Day 3 Wednesday 18/9	9:00	Conference Panel 8 (Room 2)
	10.30	Coffee Break
	10:45	Conference Panel 9 (Room 2) Conference Panel 10 (Room 4)
	12:30	Lunch
	14:00	Conference panel 11 (Room 2)
	15:45	Coffee break
	16:15	Roundtable "Transatlantic relations in the Indo-pacific Century: between old and new cooperation" (Auditorium)
	18:30	Conference Reception
EU-RENEW Project Events (by invitation only)		
Day 4 Thursday 19/9	9:00	EU-RENEW Young Scholars Training Workshop (Room 6)
	12:00	Lunch
	13:30	EU-RENEW Management and Planning Meetings (SR1)
	19:00	EU-RENEW Dinner
Day 5 Friday 20/9		EU-RENEW Social Event (TBD)

* Local time, Buenos Aires.

CONFERENCE PANELS

DAY 1 - Monday 16/9

9:00

OPENING CEREMONY

Valentina Delich, Director, FLACSO Argentina

Jan Wouters, Director, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, KU Leuven
The European Union at the Crossroads: a New Role in International Affairs?

Diana Tussie, Director, Department of International Relations, FLACSO Argentina
Latin America's dilemmas in global re ordering: power, plenty and beliefs

Chair: Melisa Deciancio, Fellow Researcher, Department of International Relations, FLACSO Argentina

Room: Auditorium

10:00

CONFERENCE PLENARY

Rethinking Multilateralism in Times of Geopolitical Change

Amador Sanchez Rico, Ambassador of the European Union to Argentina.

Maurício Fávero, Minister-Counsellor, Embassy of the Federative Republic of Brazil to Argentina.

Federico Villegas Beltrán, Argentine Diplomat, former president of the United Nations Human Rights Council.

Chair: Diana Tussie, Director, Department of International Relations, FLACSO Argentina

Room: Auditorium

12:00 - LUNCH



14:00
Inter-regional Synergies and Variable Geometries of Cooperation: Trade, Health, and Environmental Goals in a Connected World
Chair: Christopher Nshimbi (University of Pretoria)

PANEL 1
 (Room 2)

Gulshan Sachdeva	Jawaharlal Nehru University	Exploring India-EU Partnership in Triangular Development Cooperation in Latin America
Juan David Vinasco-Marin	University of Turin	Dual-use items Export Control framework in Europe, challenges and possibilities for the European Union - Andean Community trade relations
Magdalena Bas Vilizzio	Universidad de la República	The Role of Regionalism in Investor-State Dispute Resolution
María Belén Herrero; Juliana Peixoto Batista; Sol Lanzieri Rodriguez	FLACSO Argentina	South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Latin America: Towards the Sustainable Development Goals in Health and Environment
Michel Levi Coral	Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar Sede Ecuador; Universität Rostock	The Andean Regional Bloc: Between European Experience and South American Regionalism Theory

15:45 – Coffee Break
16:15
New Frontiers in Goeconomics and Inter-regionalism: Strategies and Impacts from Europe to South America
Chair: Adam Holesch (Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals)

PANEL 2
 (Room 4)

Bárbara Carvalho Neves	Universidade Positivo	Global Competition and infrastructure development in Latin America: an assessment of the role of the USA and EU initiatives.
Gabriel Cohen	Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals	After the commodities boom: Sino-European Investment in Argentina & Brazil
Jesús Salgado-Criado; Carolina Aguerre	Universidad Politécnica de Madrid; Universidad Católica de Uruguay	The Global Landscape of AI Governance: A proposal for multi-regional cooperation on enforcement infrastructure
Juliana Gonzalez Jauregui	FLACSO/CONICET	Chinese Investments in the Argentine Lithium Sector: Implications for Development in a Global Strategic Competition Scenario
Melisa Deciancio	FLACSO/CONICET	European strategies in developing countries: The promotion of the bioeconomy in South America
Christian Neubacher	University of Cambridge	European and Latin American Relations in the Context of Multilateral Voting Patterns

DAY 2 - Tuesday 17/9
9:00
Environment and Sustainability in Regional Governance
ROUNDTABLE

Regiane Nitsch Bressan (UNIFESP) "Mercosur and Environment: Progress in Promoting the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda"

Karina Mariano (UNESP) "Regionalism and the 2030 Agenda (SDGs): Sustainable Development, Equity, and Democracy in Regional Governance"

Axel Marx (KU Leuven) "Governing through Goals. Roles and Challenges for Regional Organizations"

Gulshan Sachdeva (JNU) "Challenges of Energy Transition in South Asia"

Chair: Bárbara Carvalho Neves (Universidade Positivo)

Room 2

10.30 - Coffee Break
10:45
Trade Dynamics and Regulatory Strategies: Examining EU-Latin America Commercial Relations

Chair: Andrea Bianculli (IBEI)

PANEL 3
(Room 2)

Axel Marx	KU Leuven	The European Union's Directive on Corporate Sustainable Development Due Diligence: An Institutional Design Effectiveness Analysis
Gustavo Muller; Maria Martins	KU Leuven	Discursively Negotiating Trade Agreements in Geo-economic Times: The EU Legitimation of the EU-Mercosur Association Agreement
Patrícia Nasser de Carvalho; Mario Schettino Valente	Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG); Instituto Brasileiro de Mercados de Capitais (IBMEC BH)	The role of Brazilian agribusiness interest groups in concluding the Mercosur-EU FT Agreement
Rafael Vieira da Silva; Andrea Califano	Universidade Federal da Bahia (UFBA)	A disintegrative regional integration paradigm: "Dependent interregionalism" in EU-Latin American relations
Pablo Nemiña	FLACSO	European Influence on Green Financing by the IMF: Implications for Latin America and the Caribbean in the Post-COVID Era

14:00

Bridging Perspectives on Education, Justice, and Democracy in Europe-Latin America Relations

Chair: Jan Wouters (KU Leuven)

PANEL 4
(Room 2)

Ana Werkstetter Caravaca	Freie Universität Berlin	The OECD's Education and Skills from a Southern Lens –the case of Chile and Mexico
Bhaswati Sarkar	Jawaharlal Nehru University	Democracy promotion in European Union - Latin America Relation Reset
Guilherme Boscardin Espindola; Danielle Jacon Ayres Pinto	Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC)	Regulation of digital platforms in Brazil and the EU: the struggle with Big Tech in the building of digital sovereignty
Julieta Mira	CONICET; UNLa	Universal Jurisdiction as a Tool in the Fight Against Impunity for International Crimes: The Argentine Experience in Dialogue with European Practice
João Gabriel Danon Tavares	Instituto de Estudos Sociais e Políticos (IESP-UERJ)	The Influence of the New Right in Latin America and Europe: the risks to multilateral regional institutions

Inter-regional Dialogues on Technology, Trade, and Environmental Governance

Chair: Juliana González Jáuregui (FLACSO Argentina)

PANEL 5 (in Spanish)
(Room 4)

Karina Lilia Pasquariello Mariano; Marcelo Passini Mariano	UNESP	La Unión Europea y la regulación de la inteligencia artificial: ¿Un modelo para el mundo?
Leonardo E. Stanley	CEDES - EEEyN UNSAM, UNMDP	Cambio climático, pérdida de biodiversidad y modelos de desarrollo: comparando caminos de gobernanza en América Latina y la UE
Nevia Vera; María Paz López; Ignacio de Angelis	CEIPIL – UNICEN - CONICET / CEIPIL – UNICEN / EG - Universidad Internacional de Valencia	América Latina como espacio de disputa tecnológica y geopolítica global: el rol de las megainiciativas infraestructurales de Estados Unidos y la Unión Europea
Regiane Nitsch Bressan / Cairo Gabriel Borges Junqueira	UNIFESP / UFS	El Acuerdo Mercosur y la Unión Europea y las percepciones de las elites en Argentina y Brasil.
Tomás Bontempo	Universidad del Salvador	Un análisis actual sobre los desafíos a la integración en Europa y el cono sur: la UE y el MERCOSUR, un largo acuerdo en discusión y la importancia estratégica de la autonomía.

15:45 – Coffee Break

16:15

Rule of Law and Populism: Comparative Perspectives on Inter-regional Democratic Challenges

Chair: Alejandro Fuentes (Raoul Wallenberg Institute)

PANEL 6
(Room 4)

Benedetta Arrighini	ULB; Fundação Getulia Vargas; LUISS Rome	Building interregional rule of law through cooperation in criminal matters: EU-Mercosur and EI PAcCTO
Giuliano Vosa	University of Catania	Comparing “Transformative Constitutionalism”: Latin America and the European Union between Democracy and the Rule of Law
Muhammet Dervis Mete	University of Edinburgh	Cross-Continental Crises: Comparative Analysis of Constitutional Referendums and the Evolution of Competitive Authoritarian Regimes in Latin America and Eastern Europe
Xavier Philippe	Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne	Majority Coalitions in Presidential & Semi-Presidential Regimes: a new dilemma for the stability of democracies
Régis Dandoy	Universidad San Francisco de Quito	The EU missions of election observation in Latin America
Zdzislaw Mach, Lucja Piekarska	Jagiellonian University Krakow	Populism: hopes, threats and the meaning of life.

DAY 3 - Wednesday 18/9

9:00

Gender, Migration, and Transnational Networks in Inter-regional Relations

Chair: Ana Werkstetter Caravaca (Freie Universität Berlin)

PANEL 7
(Room 2)

Andrea C. Bianculli	Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals	Gender, regionalism and interregionalism: Moving beyond formal MERCOSUR and UE-MERCOSUR dynamics through transnational women's activism
Francis Espinoza Figueroa	Universidad Católica del Norte	“Soft Power in migration (post-migrations) and borders. The cases of the EU and Chile”
Sofia Gonzalez Chiroux	Université Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas	Perspectives on Bi-regional Cooperation to Promote Care Societies: Opportunities and Challenges
Jorgelina Loza	FLACSO/CONICET	Care as a Global Phenomenon and Transnational Strategy: The Consolidation of an International Care Agenda and the Mobilization of Domestic Workers in Latin America and Europe

10:45

PANEL 8
(Room 2)

Unpacking Foreign Policy and Inter-Regional Relations in Geoeconomic and Geopolitical Times

Chair: Gulshan Sachdeva (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

Joana Ramos	Universidade Católica Portuguesa	Latin America and Peace Missions: A New Model of Participation
Matheus de Oliveira Pereira; Guilherme Augusto Guimarães Ferreira	UNIFESP	Beyond Mercosur Agreement Negotiations: The European Union in Brazilian Foreign Policy during Lula da Silva's Third Administration
Nicolás Pose-Ferraro	Universidad de la República	When political economy trumps geopolitics: the EU-Mercosur stalemate
Letícia Britto dos Santos	Universidade Federal do Pampa	The EU-Latin America Global Gateway Investment Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Strategic Partnership and Global Solutions through International Cooperation between the European Union and Latin America

Inter-regional Alignments? EU-Latin America Relations in a Changing Global Order

Chair: Melisa Deciancio (FLACSO Argentina)

PANEL 9
(Room 4)

Andrea Bianculli; Jacint Jordana	Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals	Solidarity in EU-LAC cooperation: A long-term perspective
Bruno Theodoro Luciano; Bárbara Carvalho Neves	Université libre de Bruxelles; Universidad Positivo Paraná	EU-Latin American relations: beyond postcolonial roots
Dr. Alexander Loengarov	KU Leuven	Between global ambition and need for coordination: Latin American and European policy in the Middle East
Iliana Olivié; María Santillán O'Shea	Elcano Royal Institute	A common future for Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean
Christopher Nshimbi; Leon Tshipaka	University of Pretoria	Europe in a World of Regions: Regionalisms and inter-regional relations in Europe, Africa and Latin America

12:00 - LUNCH

14:00

Rights, Resources, and Regulations in Energy and Environmental Governance

Chair: Axel Marx (KU Leuven)

PANEL 10
(Room 2)

Alejandro Fuentes	Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law	Balancing Indigenous Rights and Environmental Protection: The Evolution of Inter-American Court Jurisprudence.
Alejandro Pelfini; Santiago Caetano	FLACSO Argentina/Universidad del Salvador; HU Berlin/USAL	Critical Raw Materials and the Relaxation of EU Environmental Governance Standards
Astrid Yanet Aguilera Cazalbón; Henry Iure de Paiva Silva	Universidade Estadual do Rio de Janeiro (UERJ); Universidade Federal da Paraíba (UFPB)	Europe in Brazilian Energy Diplomacy: Analysis of Brazil's Energy Agreements with European Countries (1990-2022)
Ignacio Sabbatella; Clara García; Rafael Fernández Sánchez; Guillermo Rojo; Reto Bertoni y Emiliano Dicósimo	FLACSO/CONICET; Universidad Complutense de Madrid; Universidad de la República; IGEHCS-CONICET	Latin America as a Green Hydrogen Supplier for the European Union: Scenarios and Challenges
Hezron Makundi	University of Dar es Salaam	Enclaved or linked? Examining local linkage development in the Tanzanian off-grid solar market
Christopher Nshimbi; Leon Tshimpaka	University of Pretoria	Underdog green alliances in the shadow of mega pollutants: Green regionalism and the EU's Global Gateway

15.45 – Coffee Break

16:15

Transatlantic Relations in the Indo-Pacific Century: between old and new forms of cooperation

Andrea Bianculli (Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals)

Christopher Nshimbi (University of Pretoria)

Jan Wouters (KU Leuven)

Melisa Deciancio (FLACSO Argentina)

Chair: Gustavo Müller (KU Leuven)

ROUNDTABLE

Room: Auditorium

18.30 – CONFERENCE RECEPTION