



# Research Seminar Authority and African Regionalisms

24th January 2024 | 10:00-17:00 | Bruges



# Organizing institutions

University of Tours (France) / Institut de Recherches Juridiques  
Interdisciplinaires (IRJI)

United Nations University Institute on Comparative Regional  
Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS)



# What is REGPOL-ALA Project?

The project focuses on the analysis of international authority in regionalisms. It explores regional organizations in Latin America and Africa through a relational and actor-based approach. This research aims to go beyond the formal institutional approaches of IOs and ROs' authority, not only by focusing on specificities of regional authority but also by accounting for the sociological aspects and practices of authority within regional organizations.

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# General Information

- **Date** : 24 January 2024 (10:00 – 17:00)
- **Venue** (in presence) : UNU-CRIS - United Nations University CRIS, Potterierei 72, 8000 BRUGGE, Belgium
- **Registration** : <https://urlr.me/bwQXc>
- **Working language** : English

# Welcome speeches

10:00 – 10:30

- Philippe De Lombaerde - UNU-CRIS Director
- Kevin Parthenay - Professor of Political Science (University of Tours) and REGPOL-ALA's Principal Investigator.



# Morning Session: The African Union

10:30-12:30

- Frank Mattheis (UNU-CRIS) & Ueli Stager (University of Amsterdam)
- Antonia Witt (Peace Research Institute Frankfurt)
- Open debate

# Afternoon Session

14:30 - 16:30

- David Subudubudu (University of Botswana) – Southern African Development Community (to be confirmed).
- Emmanuel **Balogun** (Skidmore College) – Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
- Mariel **Reiss** (University Marburg) – East African Community (EAC)

16:30-17:00 – Authority and African Regionalisms: Concluding keynote  
by Fredrik **Söderbaum** (University of Gothenburg)

# What to expect?

2<sup>nd</sup> REGPOL-ALA Research Seminar – « Authority and Latin American Regionalisms »

- Date : April 2024 (to be confirmed)
- Venue : University of Tours

A website to access forthcoming publications and open-access data.