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# Introduction

## THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY



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The United Nations University (UNU) is an international community of scholars engaged in research, postgraduate training and the dissemination of knowledge in furtherance of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. The University seeks to contribute, through research and capacity development, towards efforts to resolve the pressing global problems of human survival,

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The United Nations University Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS) is a research and training institute of the United Nations University, a global network engaged in research and capacity development to support the universal goals of the United Nations and generate new knowledge and ideas. Based in Bruges, UNU-CRIS focuses on the provision of global and regional public goods, and on processes and consequences of intra- and inter-regional integration. The Institute aims to generate policy-relevant knowledge about new patterns of governance and cooperation, and

build capacity on a global and regional level. UNU-CRIS acts as a resource for the United Nations system, with strong links to other United Nations bodies dealing with the provision and management of international and regional public goods ([www.cris.unu.edu](http://www.cris.unu.edu)).

The mission of UNU-CRIS is to contribute to generate policy-relevant knowledge about new forms of governance and cooperation on the regional and global level, about patterns of collective action and decision-making, benefitting from the experience of European integration and the role of the EU as a regional actor in the global community.

UNU-CRIS focuses on issues of imminent concern to the United Nations, such as the 2030 Development Agenda and the challenges arising from new and evolving peace, security, economic and environmental developments regionally and globally. On these issues, the Institute will develop solutions based on research on new patterns of collective action and regional and global governance. The Institute endeavors to pair academic excellence with policy-relevant research in these domains.

UNU-CRIS receives its core funding from the Flemish Government and has an alliance with the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and Ghent University since October 2016. Prior to this, it received structural support from the College of Europe.



# Executive Summary



2018 has been a year of growth and dynamism at UNU-CRIS as we have welcomed new team members and noticeably expanded our activities. We continue to enjoy a strong relationship with both our partner institutes Ghent University and the Vrije Universiteit Brussels (VUB), and have coordinated on projects, co-hosted conferences and organised workshops with them both throughout the year. We are also very thankful to the Flemish government for its ongoing support.

In the following pages you will be able to read in more detail about what has been a busy 2018 at UNU-CRIS. In May, two particular activities of note occurred in quick succession. Firstly, we had the privilege of welcoming Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Rector of the United Nations University, Professor David

Malone to Bruges. Rector Malone concluded his visit by delivering a lecture entitled 'The UN Security Council, at Grips with Tectonic Geo-Strategic Change' which was followed by a high-level academic panel presentation, all set in the stunning Bruges' Gothic Town Hall. The event had a broad outreach, attracting students, academics, policy practitioners and diplomats as well as members of the local community and it was very pleasing to witness the stimulating and diverse set of questions that were asked by the attendees. The following day marked the start of the biannual, three day 'European Union in International Affairs' conference in Brussels for which UNU-CRIS was a co-host. This provided an excellent platform to promote the UNU brand to leading academics and policy-makers from around the world who came to participate in the academic panels and attend the keynote speeches and debates.

2018 saw the launch of two new research projects; 'Parliamentary Deliberation in Inter-Regional Relations: an Analysis of Climate Change Debates in the EU's Parliamentary Assemblies with the ACP, the Mediterranean, Latin America and the Eastern Neighbourhood Regions' (PADIRE) and 'Global and Regional Multistakeholder Institutions' (GREMLIN) to complement the ongoing RIKS, AMIREG and EL-CSID projects. The activities of these larger research projects have been augmented by a steady stream of conferences, workshops and training and capacity events, including the first ever UNU Simulation Game, as well as a vibrant academic research output. Furthermore, we relaunched the UNU-CRIS research seminar series in earnest with no less than eleven events spread across the year that offered the opportunity to gain insights into a wide variety of different thematic areas from a range of leading experts.

The UNU-CRIS team also grew in 2018 as we welcomed three new permanent appointees. I am delighted to welcome Dr. Ine Lietaert who joins as a new Assistant Professor and Els Bekaert and Domenico Valenza who have both commenced their PhD fellowships. Since completing her PhD at Ghent University, Dr. Lietaert has been investigating processes of return migration and reintegration with a particular focus on the development of support mechanisms and support policies for people on the move in various regions of the world. Her arrival at UNU-CRIS comes at a time when this topic is at the forefront of global debates.

Looking back at a successful year at the Institute, during which all of our Key Performance Indicators were met, I would like to extend a special thanks to UNU Headquarters, our partners at Ghent University and the VUB, as well as to our Associate Research Fellows for the continued work they do in supporting UNU-CRIS. 2019 looks set to be another exciting year filled with new initiatives, not least the launch of the inaugural UNU-CRIS Summer School.

Let us continue to grow together!

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read 'M. Hosli', written in a cursive style.

Madeleine O. Hosli  
*Director*



## Townhall Lecture & High-Level Academic Panel



Under-Secretary-General of the UN and  
UNU Rector David Malone

On 15 May Under-Secretary-General and United Nations University Rector, David Malone, gave a lecture entitled 'The UN Security Council, at Grips with Tectonic Geo-Strategic Change' in the Gothic Room of Bruges' historic town hall. This was then followed by a high-level academic panel debate with speakers:

- Madeleine Hosli (UNU-CRIS Director)
- Andrew Bradley (International IDEA, Director of the Office to the EU)
- Helen Nesadurai (Monash University)
- Katie Laatikainen (Adelphi University)
- Spyros Blavoukos (Athens University of Economics and Business)
- Sieglinde Gstöhl (College of Europe, Bruges Campus)

Rector Malone's highly engaging lecture covered a broad spectrum of contemporary developments with a specific focus on the shifting global order that has seen the US' hegemony being slowly eroded and new powers, most notably China, rising to contest this preeminent geopolitical position. Within this context, Rector Malone discussed how the UN Security Council often plays a rather precarious role but that it still continues to offer a vital place for dialogue between the global superpowers.

The academic panelists then presented a series of reflections on the topic 'Shifts in Global Power Relations, the European Union and the United Nations' before questions were taken from the floor which further added to the lively academic debate. All of the audience members comprising of students, practitioners, academics and local stakeholders and residents, were then invited to attend a drinks event where they had the chance to interact with all the panelists and Rector Malone and continue to discuss some of the points raised in a more informal setting. The occasion provided an excellent opportunity to showcase the work of the United Nations University in an open, public setting raising awareness and engagement levels among a broad spectrum of local stakeholders.

"Populism and nationalism are on the rise. Populist political parties exploit the electorates' dissatisfaction and fears and capitalise upon increasing polarisation in society."

- Andrew Bradley (International IDEA, Director of the Office to the EU)





Matteo Gomirato (EEAS), Rory Keane (UNLOPS), Madeleine Hosli (UNU-CRIS), Spyros Blavoukos (AUEB) and Robert Kissack (IBEI)



Michel Barnier (EU Chief Negotiator for Brexit)

On May 16-18 UNU-CRIS, in collaboration with the Institute for European Studies at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (IES-VUB), the Institut d'Études Européennes at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (IEE-ULB) and Egmont - the Royal Institute for International Relations, organised the sixth 'European Union in International Affairs' (EUIA) conference held in the Palais des Académies, Brussels. The EUIA conference provided a major forum for academics and policy-makers to come together and debate the role of the EU in the current turbulent realm of international affairs. The overriding theme of this edition was 'Protecting and Projecting Europe'.

No less than 59 Academic Panel Sessions were held across the three days that covered a broad range of seminal topics. Researchers from UNU-CRIS were involved directly in a significant number of these, presenting insights from some of their ongoing research projects. Most notably UNU-CRIS Director Madeleine Hosli moderated a high-level policy link panel entitled 'EU-UN Relations: A Safeguard for a Rule-Based International Order'. The panelists included Rory Keane, Head of the United Nations Liaison Office for Peace and Security in Brussels and Matteo Gomirato from the European External Action Service.

The event afforded the opportunity for UNU-CRIS researchers to interact with their academic counterparts in an interdisciplinary environment and to project their ideas and findings to a broad audience.



The crowd at the EUIA Conference including (L-R) Karel de Gucht (Former EU Commissioner for Trade), Michel Barnier (EU Chief Negotiator for Brexit), Luk Van Langenhove (Founding Director, UNU-CRIS) David Malone (Under-Secretary General of the UN and UNU Rector) and Anthony Antoine (Special Advisor to the Director, UNU-CRIS)



## Challenges and Progress: Implementing the



with Jan Vandemoortele and Peter Wollaert

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) permeate all levels of governance, driving policy decisions in town halls, regional and national parliaments, and in supranational organisations the world over. Building on the goals set by the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in 2000, the SDGs, a collection of 17 goals devised in 2015 for completion by 2030, aim to be a blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future, promoting prosperity while protecting the planet.

UNU-CRIS was honoured to welcome Jan Vandemoortele, a co-architect of the MDGs who has accumulated decades of experience across UN agencies, and Peter Wollaert, Managing Director of CIFAL Flanders, a UNITAR-affiliated training centre, to discuss and evaluate the progress made by the SDGs to date, and the challenges facing their implementation as we move towards 2030.

Jan Vandemoortele's presentation highlighted the achievements and shortfalls of the MDGs, to what extent these persisted in the SDGs, and what can be done to upgrade the latter. Similar to the MDGs, the SDGs were conceived to target developing nations and with this, apply less to the developed world as is usually assumed, somewhat undermining the 'global' nature of the 2030 agenda. Additionally, the SDGs targets are often unverifiable as they lack conceptual clarity, numerical indicators, and exact deadlines for achievement.

Elaborating further, Peter Wollaert addressed the need to enhance the sustainability and feasibility of the SDGs by introducing them at the subnational level, and how this should be reflected in the text of SDGs. Accomplishing the goals, he stressed, relied upon the ability to activate all stakeholders relevant for the SDGs implementation: international organisations, public authorities, private and civil society organisations, with a bottom-up approach allowing for the 'personalisation' and adaptation of the SDGs to local needs and priorities, offering the case of the Vietnam Development Goals as an example.





## Brussels Academy for China and European Studies (BACES) Workshop

In collaboration with the Brussels Academy for China and European Studies (BACES), UNU-CRIS organised a two-day research workshop entitled 'The EU, China and Central Asia: Global and Regional Cooperation in a New Era' on June 7-8. Central Asia is becoming a global region of increasing strategic importance due to its location as the overland link between China and Europe and its significant natural resource reserves.

The workshop began with a keynote speech entitled 'Opportunities for Cooperation between the EU and China in Central Asia' given by Peter Burian, EU Special Representative for Central Asia. Mr Burian gave some interesting insights into the current strategic priorities for the EU in the region.



Fabienne Bossuyt (Ghent University)



Peter Burian (EU Special Representative for Central Asia)

Over the next two days a total of six different Academic Panels discussed a range of thematic areas including; energy, trade and technology, geopolitical considerations and socio-development and digitalization. UNU-CRIS PhD Fellow, Diana Potjomkina, then co-led the final plenary session on the second day.

The event provided an opportunity for academics from both Europe and China to come together to share perspectives on this topical subject, taking stock of current trends and making assessments on future trajectories, all within the stunning setting of the Grootseminarie.



Over the past few years, trade policy and trade agreements have become increasingly contentious topics of debate in Europe and the United States. The GREMLIN Project, in cooperation with the European Network on Inclusive Approaches to Trade Policymaking (ENIATP), coordinated by the Sorbonne Nouvelle University in Paris, organised a roundtable and workshop, hosted by UNU-CRIS on October 4 & 5. These two events brought together a group of international experts to analyse the increasingly-questioned legitimacy of trade policy-making and examine the multiple forms of exclusion in the trade sphere, as well as the potentialities of inclusive approaches such as multistakeholderism.

During the workshop, researchers from the GREMLIN and ENIATP networks gave presentations that will feed into the preparation of a special issue of a reputable peer-reviewed journal. They discussed a range of issues, from civil society inclusion, to the privatisation of public services, to the role of sub-state actors in large-scale regional trade deals. The overall discussion focused on new research trends in the political economy of trade.



UNU-CRIS Director Madeleine Hosli and PADIRE Project Researcher Reinhilde Bouckaert were among a select group of 50 experts from a wide variety of parliamentary and academic institutions, as well as non-governmental organisations, that took part in a conference entitled 'How to Assemble Parliamentary Assemblies: Case Studies for Governments and NGOs', organised by The Center for United Nations Constitutional Research (CUNCR), in partnership with Democracy Without Borders, in Brussels on November 27-28.

The event drew attention to the growing importance and prevalence of international parliamentary institutions (IPIs) as elements of potentially increased democratic features of the global order, by gathering top experts and representatives in this area to explore the opportunities for and challenges to IPIs, their similarities and differences, and to deepen the knowledge of their prospects in terms of enhancing citizens' influence in current processes of global governance.

The presentation by the UNU-CRIS contingent, entitled 'Experiences from the European Union', encompassed a general overview of the European Union's institutional setting, the role of the European Parliament, EU Parliamentary Diplomacy and finally, insights gained from a case study on climate change debates in the EU's Parliamentary Assembly with the Mediterranean, which drew on research from the PADIRE project.





## Graduate Student Workshop: Promoting Peace in Theory and Practice

UNU-CRIS, in collaboration with the Vesalius College of Global Affairs and the Global Governance Institute, hosted a graduate student workshop entitled Promoting Peace in Theory and Practice: The Role of Conflict Resolution, Diplomacy and Mediation on November 23. The event, was animated by three speakers: Joachim Koops (Professor of International Affairs at the Vesalius College of Global Affairs and Director of the Global Governance Institute, Brussels), Mr. Holger Osterrieder (Adjunct Professor of International Affairs and Diplomatic Practice at Vesalius College and Expert in the EU EEAS' Conflict Prevention, Mediation and Peacebuilding Section) and Mr. Halil Kosumi (United Nations Liaison Office for Peace and Security).

The workshop, which drew students from the Vesalius College, the College of Europe and UNU-CRIS researchers, covered the theories of international relations and their relation to the promotion of peace, the practical role of diplomacy and mediation in conflict resolution, and diplomacy in the 21st century. The diversity of speakers, from the academic, policy and diplomatic spheres, allowed for a fostering of new ties and generated a fruitful discussion through its comprehensive coverage of the topic at hand, linking key aspects in the promotion of peace.



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## UNU Simulation Game

On April 7 & 8, UNU-CRIS co-organised the first United Nations University student simulation game in Maastricht for graduate students from UNU-MERIT, UNU-EHS, UNU-IAS and UNU-CRIS' partner institutions; Ghent University and the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. The first edition of the event was a simulation of the XIII Leader's Summit of the Group of 20 (G20) in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and was centred around the topic of the current refugee crises in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. This event aimed to foster the participants' understanding of the international high-level decision making system, and enable them to develop multiple skills such as conducting research, public speaking, teamwork and leadership.

Each delegation was represented by two or three students who acted as Ministers and Heads of Government of the G20 members -- Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the European Union -- or as guests representing International Organisations including the United Nations (UN) and the World Bank (WBG).

The agenda items ranged from seeking to develop a framework for burden sharing, resource mobilisation and fundraising capacity in coordination with the UN and other stakeholders, to the humanitarian and financial support of key refugee host countries. The implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and cooperation with the UNHCR were also included as points of discussion.

The simulation was a resounding success, as it fostered communication between young students dedicated to the domain, deepening their understanding of multilateral cooperation, and advancing their analytical and practical skills. In recognition of their efforts, certificates signed by UNU Vice-Rector Jakob Rhyner were awarded to all participants.



To shed light on the increasingly complex world of research grants Nick Ollivere, a Senior Grant Advisor at Luris, the Research and Innovation Service for Leiden University, came to deliver a workshop at UNU-CRIS on April 19 entitled 'Research Grant Opportunities'. The focus of this presentation was based around how and where to find grant opportunities that related to the research priorities of UNU-CRIS.

He presented a range of different funding sources for both individual and collaborative funding ventures. These included; the European Commission (European Research Council Grants and Horizon 2020 programmes), regional grant providers (the FWO and NWO) and smaller, independent grant providers. This was followed by an in-depth discussion on how the EU determines what its research priorities are and how researchers themselves can influence this process through effective lobbying.

Further highlighted was the importance of having a strategic aim from the outset to help guide any grant search and that this ought to be determined well in advance of any grant deadlines as the application process is often rather protracted. The workshop complemented UNU-CRIS' proactive efforts to pursue and obtain external research funds - one of the Institutes' key performance indicators.



## Grant Opportunities and Grant Writing Workshops

As part of its commitment to not only obtaining external research funding, but to train the researchers of today and tomorrow in how to navigate and excel in the increasingly competitive world of grant acquisition, on October 30 UNU-CRIS organised a Grant Writing Workshop, chaired by its Grant Acquisition Officer, Rory Johnson. This built directly upon Nick Ollivere's earlier workshop on grant opportunities by shifting the focus from where to find funding sources to consider how to then put together a successful application.

Drawing on his experience authoring grant proposals for the European Commission's Horizon 2020 Programme and The Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), among others, the workshop delved into the key facets of a grant proposal, outlining a clear and methodical approach to ensure the best possible chance of success. The presentation touched on how to craft an all-inclusive, jargon-free abstract, a well thought out research plan encompassing realistic research objectives, research questions and a state of the art, original and innovative methodology and finally it discussed what constitutes an effective dissemination strategy.

The relevance of the topic was evidenced by the sheer number and diversity of the participants, as in an ever-increasingly competitive research landscape, the ability to convey the scope, rigor and importance of the proposed research is vital.





## 7th Doctoral School on Latin American, European and Comparative Regionalism



The seventh edition of the Doctoral Summer School on “Latin American, European and Comparative Regionalism” was held from 30 July to 3 August in Quito, Ecuador. This one-week summer school brought together a group of 19 PhD students to attend a series of lectures held by leading senior academics in the field of Latin American, European and Comparative Regionalism and to discuss their research projects in tutorial sessions.

The participants were doctoral students investigating Latin American Regionalism or Comparative Regionalism from different social science subdisciplines who are at various stages of their research projects. The school was co-organised by UNU-CRIS and the Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar (UASB) with UNU-CRIS Associate Senior Research Fellow, Philippe de Lombaerde acting as co-director. The collaborative partners included: the Latin American Trade Network (LATN), the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), and the Universidade de São Paulo (USR).



## IES Strategic Away Days

Twenty-eight researchers, board members and management personnel from the Institute for European Studies (IES), an academic centre within one of UNU-CRIS’ two partner universities, the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), held two Strategic Away Days at UNU-CRIS on 8-9 February. The event was chaired by IES President Karel de Gucht and involved a series of discussions and focus groups which considered in particular the IES’ strategic alliances and collaboration agreements.

In line with this theme, Director Madeleine Hosli presented the UNU-CRIS strategic plan and discussed the beneficial synergies of the partnership agreement between the VUB and UNU-CRIS. As well as working on research projects together, Director Hosli highlighted the potential that could be gained from pooling the two institute’s resources when applying for external funding. Jamal Shahin, a senior researcher at the IES and also a project leader at UNU-CRIS echoed these statements and encouraged the IES to look for innovative ways to further strengthen and expand the successful partnership it has with UNU-CRIS.

VUB Rector, Caroline Pauwels, and Vice-Rector for Internationalisation, Sonja Snacken, also joined the proceedings in the afternoon and stayed for a working dinner to provide their own input on the suggestions made and offer their endorsements.



## VOKA's Legends & Leaders

In evidence of its attempts to strengthen ties with the local business community, UNU-CRIS played host to VOKA, the Flemish Chamber of Commerce, for an event as part of its Legends and Leaders series in October.

Following introductions by UNU-CRIS Director Madeleine Hosli and VOKA Director Bert Mons, the floor was opened to the guest of honour Luc Cortebeek, former President of the ILO, for his speech discussing 'Social Dialogue for the Future', as he addressed a range of West Flanders' most prominent business people, and leaders in their respective fields.

A great success, the event fostered connections not only between local businesses, but grew the community awareness of UNU-CRIS, our work and our potential for collaborative exercises in fulfilling our mission.



## Bruges Triennial

The Grootseminarie, home to UNU-CRIS, was a stop on the Bruges Triennial, a cultural initiative showcasing a series of art installations scattered throughout Bruges, on display from May 5 until September 16.

Drawn by Renato Nicolodi's 'ACHERON I' just outside the gates, and by Monir Shahroudy Farmanfarmaian's Khayyam 'Fountain' in the halls of the Grootseminarie, both locals and tourists alike were exposed to UNU-CRIS and afforded the opportunity to learn more about our mission and our work, with a selection of promotional materials, including brochures in both English and Dutch, the strategic plan and the annual report, made freely available at the entrance to the building.

With official estimates numbering 372,500 participants, the Triennial was a massive success for the city of Bruges, and a great tool in improving the visibility of UNU-CRIS to an international audience.





## African Migration: Root Causes and Regulatory Dynamics (AMIREG)

The African Migration: Root Causes and Regulatory Dynamics (AMIREG) project, divided into two Work Packages, looks respectively at the root causes of migration from Africa and multi-level migration governance in West Africa, particularly in Ghana and Senegal.

Work Package I of the AMIREG Project maintains a twofold objective. First, to provide a deeper understanding of the root causes of African migration (both domestic and regional movements within Africa and international migration to Europe) with a specific focus on the role of non-economic push factors, such as climatic and political shocks. Second, to identify the effectiveness of and the scope for regional agreements to ease mobility responses to such geo-local shocks. After one year of attentive research activity, mostly shared between UNU-CRIS, the Economic Department of Ghent University and with the support of the UNU Migration Network, the team behind Work Package 1 are editing and delivering econometric results through an economic draft and a related policy brief, which will both be available in the early 2019.

Work Package II of the AMIREG Project seeks to understand the interest in, and the consequences of, a tighter regulation of mobility in West Africa as opposed to non-regulation. Moreover, this work package aims to investigate to what extent the regulatory agenda of intra-African migration is a product of interactions with external actors such as the EU (and its Member States) or the United Nations. Fieldwork was conducting in early 2018, as Project Researcher Leonie Jegen undertook a four-months research sojourn in Ghana and Senegal, during which time a total of 38 interviews in Ghana and 44 in Senegal were conducted, and links were built with local stakeholders including policy officials, politicians and academics.

The project has already received positive feedback from European stakeholders. A better understanding of the view and interest of African policy-makers vis-à-vis the EU's migration policy is of high interest not only for academics but also for policy-makers. The AMIREG project is likely to have laid the foundation of a more structured exploration of migration dynamics in West Africa.





## European Leadership in Cultural, Science and Innovation Diplomacy (EL-CSID)

2018 was the culmination of years of solid, high-quality research for EL-CSID Work Package 5 team, tasked with 'Exploring the Effectiveness of the EU's Promotion of Regional and Inter-Regional Processes in the South through Science, Cultural and Economic Diplomacy', with the production and execution of policy briefs, working papers, conferences and training events, each exploring the various facets of the aforementioned work package focus.

Over the course of the year, UNU-CRIS researchers presented their research at several academic and policy events in Belgium, Morocco, the United States and Armenia, demonstrating the scope of the EL-CSID project, and the cross-border importance of its research.

With the project scheduled to finish in February 2019, focus switched in the second half of 2018 to the final deliverables of the broader project: a final report, a foresight analysis, conferences and training events, including a training on science diplomacy delivered at the EU External Action Service in November 2018.

**Regional Integration  
Knowledge System**



Building on the groundwork laid in 2017, RIKS 2.0 moved steadily towards its relaunch over the course of 2018. Following an international procurement process, four firms were shortlisted to develop the new web platform, with the contract ultimately going to DUO, a Belgian company with a proven website development pedigree.

DUO's technical ability and creativity instilled a degree of confidence into the RIKS team that the other firms failed to do, with both sides sharing the same vision for RIKS 2.0: a central hub for regional integration data and information, of great scope and breadth, presented in a variety of visually enticing manners to ensure accessibility for all levels of domain users, from students to journalists to established researchers.

Consultations between DUO and the RIKS team began in the second half of 2018, with development scheduled to begin in early 2019 and the platform aiming to be online in the summer.



## Parliamentary Deliberation in Inter-Regional Relations: an Analysis of Climate Change Debates in the EU's Parliamentary Assemblies with the ACP, the Mediterranean, Latin America and the Eastern Neighbourhood Regions (PADIRE)

Launched in June 2018, the Parliamentary Deliberation in Inter-Regional Relations: an Analysis of Climate Change Debates in the EU's Parliamentary Assemblies with the ACP, the Mediterranean, Latin America and the Eastern Neighbourhood Regions (PADIRE) project focuses on climate change debates in the EU's interregional network.

The Project Researcher, Reinhilde Bouckaert, co-supervised by UNU-CRIS Associate Project Leaders Sarah Delputte (Ghent University, Centre for EU Studies) and Sebastian Oberthür (Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Institute for European Studies), analyses how inter-regional parliamentary deliberation might contribute to addressing the legitimacy concerns surrounding the 2015 Paris Agreement, which have arisen as a result of the slow and difficult negotiations to concretise the agreement.



Inter-regionalism plays an important role in the EU's external policy, especially in its relations with Africa, Latin America and its Eastern and Mediterranean Neighbourhood. As the EU is a major actor in the combat against climate change, it comes as no surprise that climate change figures strongly in the EU's inter-regional relations.

Although inter-regionalism is considered a major instrument for exporting the EU's norms, the EU's inter-regional relations vary greatly in terms of type, cooperation, scope, rationale, and relations with bilateral/multilateral frameworks. This has also been referred to as 'complex inter-regionalism'. Moreover, the EU's approach to regionalism has also suffered from democratic deficits, as has been shown dramatically by the Brexit debates.





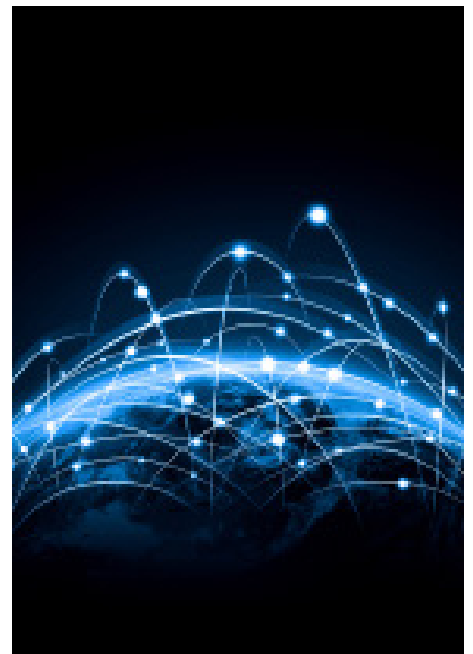
## Global and Regional Multistakeholder Institutions (GREMLIN)

As part of the agreement laid out in the Memorandum of Understanding, the Vrije Universiteit Brussel launched a new project in collaboration with UNU-CRIS entitled Global and Regional Multistakeholder Institutions (GREMLIN), in February 2018.

The GREMLIN project will compare two different policy areas in the broad field of global public goods provision where multistakeholderism has become a defining norm: trade and internet governance. Not only are these areas important in and of themselves, but also comparison of the two policy fields will offer valuable insights for refining theoretical thinking on multistakeholderism. To provide the project with an initial focus, the role of the European Union (EU), one of the architects of the new global institutional framework, will provide the main focal point.

The main output of the project will consist of two PhD dissertations - one on internet governance, by Austin Ruckstuhl, and one on trade governance, by Diana Potjomkina. The dissertations will be developed under the close supervision of Jamal Shahin (Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Institute for European Studies) and Jan Orbie (Centre for EU Studies, Ghent University) respectively.

In 2018, the GREMLIN team submitted two book reviews to peer-reviewed journals, five conference and workshop papers were presented in relevant academic venues, and one interactive panel was hosted by members of the team as part of the UACES conference in Bath, UK. Furthermore, two guest lectures were given on the topic of internet governance by GREMLIN researchers, and one team member also participated in panel discussions at two conferences in Porto and Helsinki, respectively. The PhD Fellows will be moving onto their case study data collection phase at the beginning of 2019.





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**Anja Jetschke** 6 March

A Bird's Eye View of the Elephants: The Comparative Regional Organizations' Project

14 March **Richard Higgott**

Globalism, Populism and the Limits of Global Economic Governance

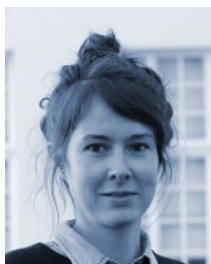


**Ries Kamphof** 28 March

EU and Member State Implementation of the UN Agenda 2030 and Sustainable Development Goals

26 April **Elisabetta Nadalutti**

Cross-Border Cooperation Underpinned by a Cross-Border Governance  
Ethical Code?



**Sarah Delputte** 24 May

Framing the Nexus: An Analysis of the Evolution of Development Policy in the European Project



**Luk Van Langenhove** 19 June

Regionalism and the Statehood-Theory of Regions

27 June **Simon Schunz and Riccardo Trobbiani**

The European Union's Multi-level Cultural Diplomacy vis-à-vis  
the United States of America



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Addressing the 'Arctic Paradox': Environmental Policy  
Integration in the European Union's Emerging Arctic Policy



**Glenn Rayp** 5 November

Globalisation, Regionalisation and the Compensation Hypothesis

18 December **Jamal Shahin**

EU Shapeshifting in Internet Governance







## Assistant Professor

Ine Lietaert joined UNU-CRIS as one of the two new professorial appointments provided by Ghent University as part of the Memorandum of Understanding, chosen following a competitive international selection process. After attaining a Masters degree in Social Work, she went on to work at the asylum and migration department of an International Non-Governmental Organisation. She then returned to Ghent University and completed her PhD on the return and reintegration processes of assisted returnees from Belgium to Georgia and Armenia.

Ine has also previously worked as a postdoctoral researcher on the ERC project 'Childmove' at Ghent University which investigated the trajectories and wellbeing of unaccompanied refugee minors moving through Europe. She will combine her professorship at UNU-CRIS with teaching International Social Work within the Centre for the Social Study of Migration and Refugees (CESSMIR) at Ghent University as well as supervising PhD students investigating processes of return and reintegration.

## Two PhD Fellows

Keeping in line with the agreement set out in the Memorandum of Understanding, Ghent University launched a call in 2018 for two new PhD fellows for UNU-CRIS. With high-quality applicants from across Europe and beyond, the research proposals tackled key issues and topics, integral to the missions of UNU-CRIS and the UN as a whole.

Following a competitive selection process, Els Bekaert and Domenico Valenza were chosen as the newest members of the UNU-CRIS PhD Fellow cohort.

Els' project will seek to improve our understanding of the way climate (both sudden and slow onset hazards) influences migration behaviour (both internally and internationally) differently across countries, and it will map the heterogeneous policy response to climate migration at various levels (national, bilateral and regional), as well as differences in its effectiveness across countries. She will work under the supervision of Ilse Ruysen, Assistant Professor at the Department of General Economics, and Gerdie Everaert, Department of Social Economics.

Domenico's project will examine the presence and the nature of competition of cultural diplomacies between the EU and Russia in the post-Soviet space. He will work under the supervision of Fabienne Bossuyt, Assistant Professor at the Centre for EU Studies, and Olga Burlyuk, FWO Postdoctoral Fellow at the Centre for EU Studies.



# 2019: A Preview

## Summer School

June of 2019 will see UNU-CRIS hold its inaugural summer school, entitled 'The European Union and the United Nations in Global Governance'. It will bring together academics and policy-makers from the highest levels to explore how a regional integration scheme such as the European Union interacts with the United Nations in the provision of public goods, aiming to enhance the conditions for stability, sustainability, peace and justice, and how the two entities interact in practice, focusing on both synergies and challenges to coordination.

## High-Level Lectures

There is no substitute for experience, and insights from leading practitioners and institutional experts offer a window into how those organisations tasked with tackling the greatest global challenges operate. Drawing upon our position as an institute with global and regional connections, we will endeavour to make those at the very top accessible to local academics, policy-makers and the public, through a series of high-level lectures, facilitating the flow of knowledge from the top down, and vice versa.

Confirmed exclusive lectures for early 2019 include Bénédicte Frankinet, former Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations, and Luc Cortebeeck, former President of the International Labour Organization.

## Research Skills Series

Building on our commitment to train the next generation of researchers, UNU-CRIS will launch a Research Skills Series in 2019. Aiming to develop the essential skills required to carry out high-quality, rigorous research, the new series will bring leading experts, with practical experience, to impart their knowledge to researchers at UNU-CRIS, our partner universities, and those from further afield.

The first instalment of the Research Skills Series, to be held in March 2019, will address qualitative research skills, covering the gathering and collating of primary source data. It will be led by Vanessa Newby, Assistant Professor at the Institute of Security and Global Affairs at Leiden University, a researcher with vast experience in the field.

## 2nd UNU Simulation Game

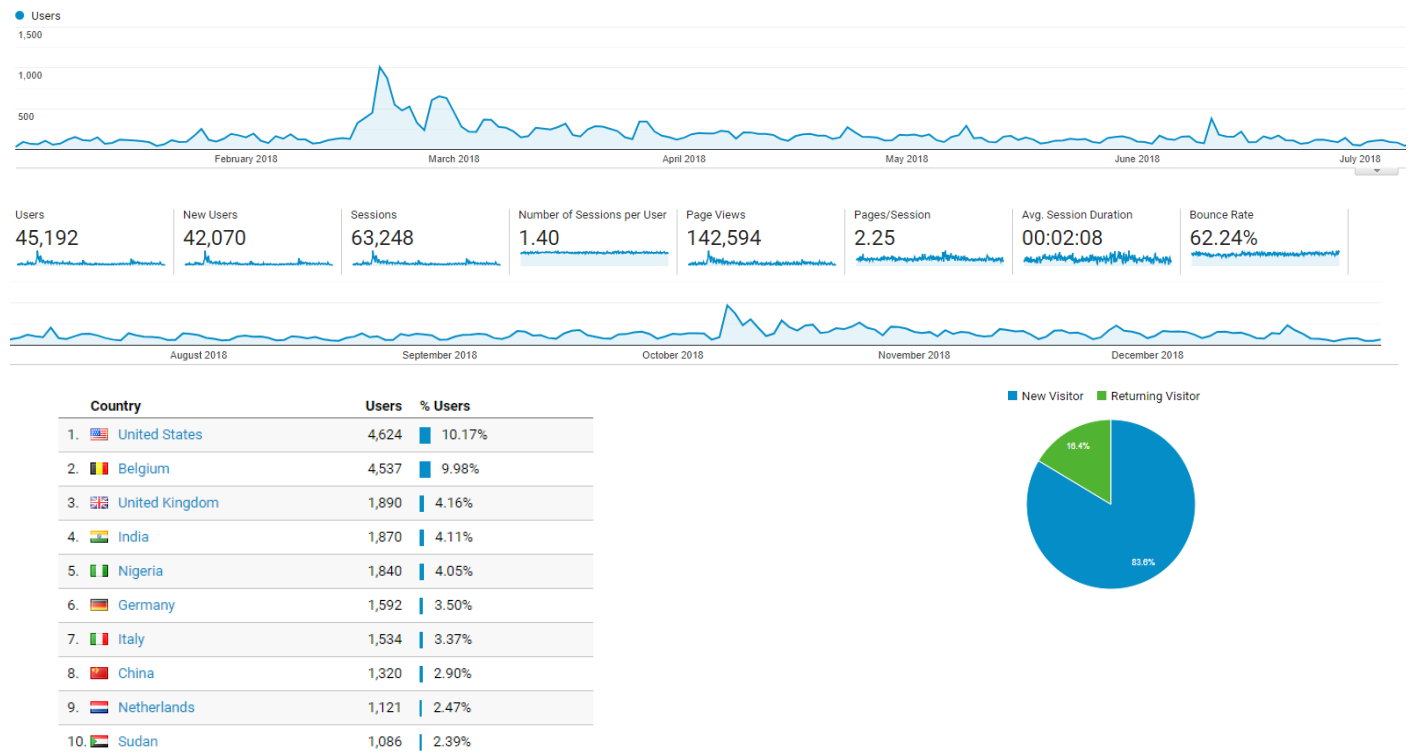
Building on the success of the inaugural UNU Simulation Game, a second edition will be held in Maastricht in April 2019. This edition will simulate the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission, an advisory body of both the UN General Assembly and the UN Security Council that supports peace efforts in conflict affected countries.

As in the inaugural addition, a certain number of participant places will be reserved for master's and PhD students from both Ghent University and the Vrije Universiteit Brussel.

# Communications

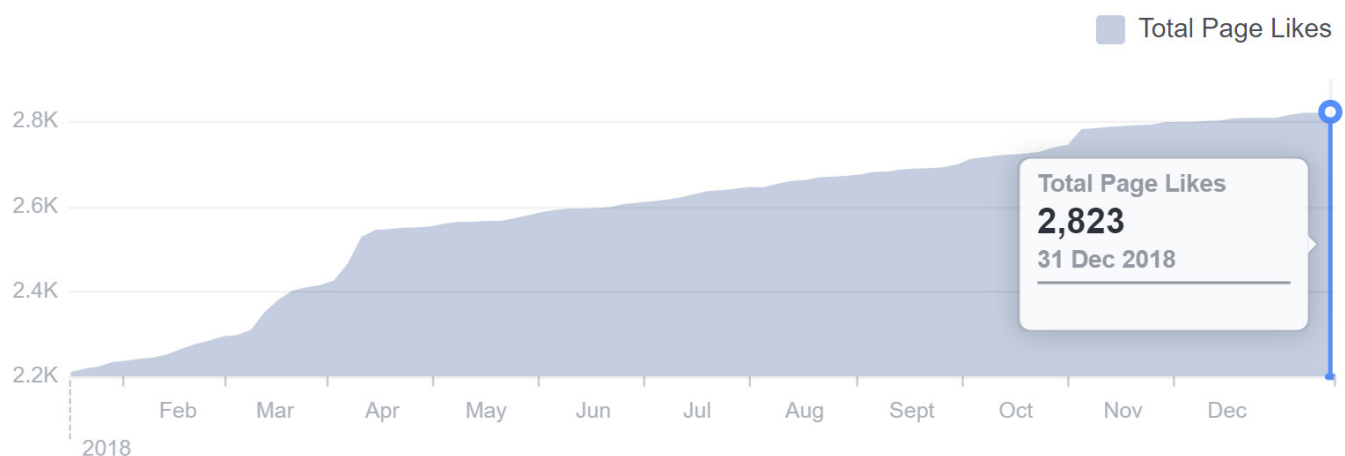
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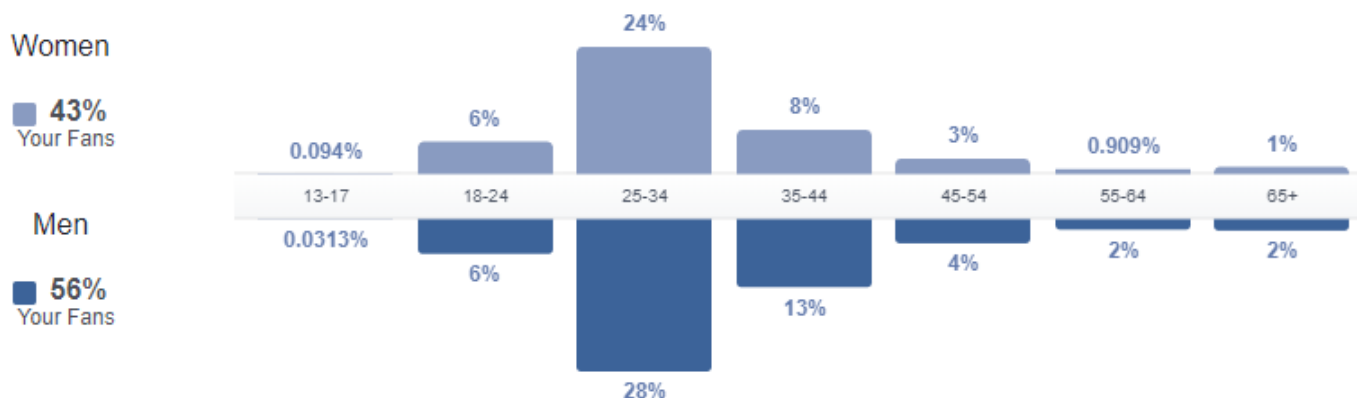
In 2018, 142,594 pages were viewed by 45,192 visitors. Compared to 2017, this represents an increase of 25% in both page views and in the number of visitors. Most of the website visits (10,17%) were made from United States IP addresses, followed by Belgium with 9.98%.



## Facebook

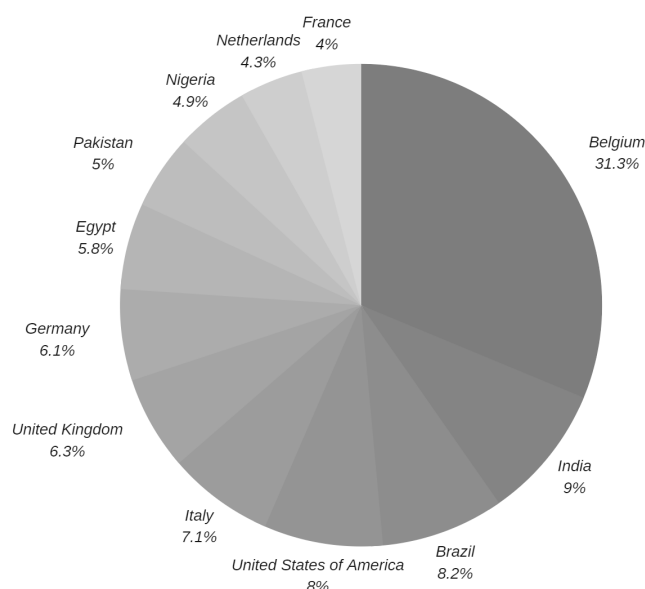
The UNU-CRIS Facebook added a 21% in audience in 2018, with 'likes' up to 2823 from 2210 the previous year. With new Facebook campaigns to be unveiled in 2019, plus a rethink of current practices, the trend looks sets to continue, and grow, in the coming year.





Women make up 43% of the 'fans' of the UNU-CRIS page, and the 25-34 age bracket remains the greatest proportion of those fans.

The data showed Belgium accounts for the most likes, followed by India, Brazil, and the United States.



## Twitter

Drawing on the success of 2017, the UNU-CRIS Twitter account continued to grow in followers, after a re-evaluation of the previous strategy and a renewed focus on visually appealing material. The total number of tweets rose by 20% in 2018 from 591 to 746, the biggest increase in the account's history. Followers increased by just short of 25%, rising from 893 to break the 1000-mark, ending the year at 1178.

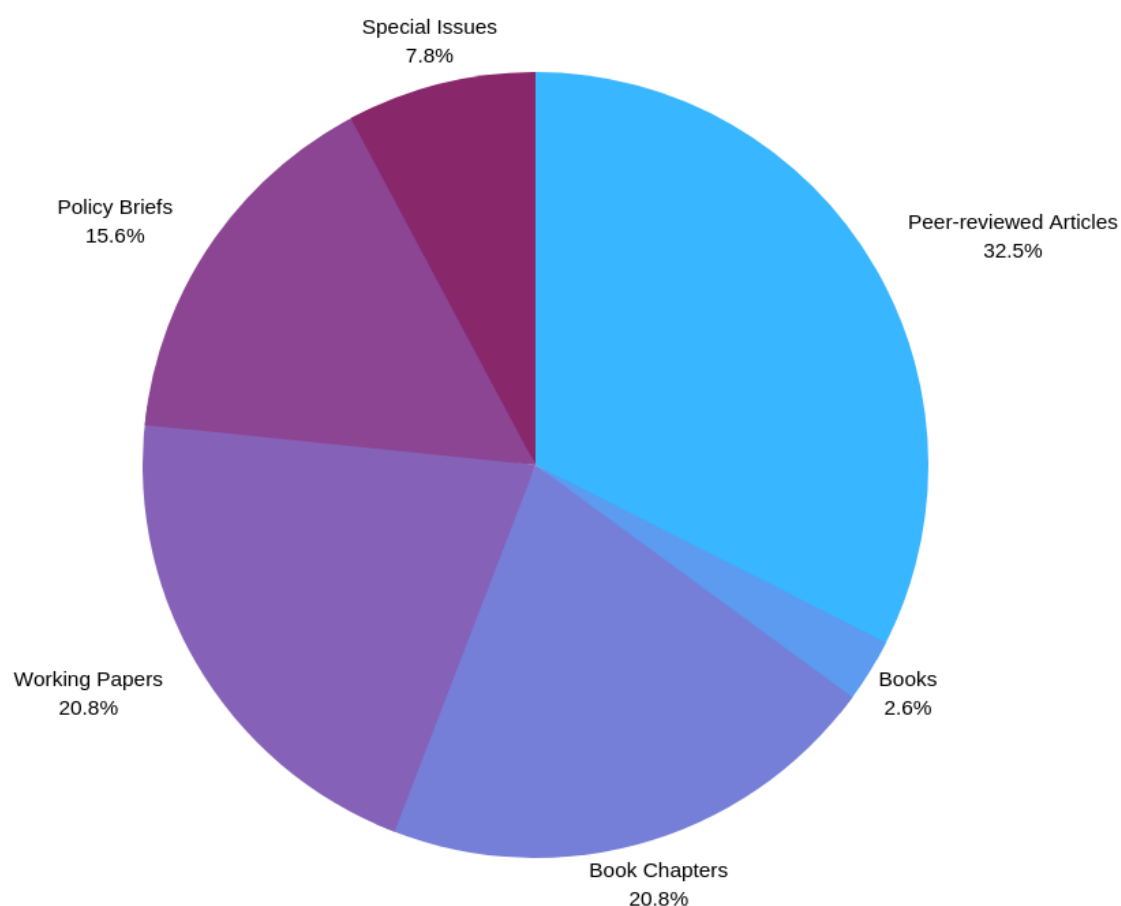
## Newsletter

Following a hiatus in 2017, the UNU-CRIS newsletter was relaunched in the second half of 2018, meeting our target of 6 per year. Building on the work of UNU HQ, and their switch to Mailchimp as their dedicated marketing platform, UNU-CRIS embarked on a outreach drive to procure new subscribers, drawing on existing networks and targeting relevant external stakeholder groups. The result was a great success, increasing subscribers by almost one-third, up to 288 from 203, and drawing in academics, policy-makers and private sector individuals of the highest-levels, ensuring our messages are reaching the right people. As this promotional drive began late in the year, the full extent of its success will become apparent in 2019, with plans to double the subscriber list by year end.

# Scholarly Output

## 1. Introduction

The section below provides a general overview of the academic output of UNU-CRIS in 2018 in terms of publications. For a full overview of UNU-CRIS publications and activities, please consult the 2018 Activity Report.



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De Lombaerde, Philippe. *Latin American Regionalism and the Role of Theory*, Paper presented at Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Conference, 22-25 May 2018, Barcelona .

Cooper, Andrew. *Ex-Leaders as Mediators in the Venezuelan Crisis: Potential and Limitations of 'Clubs' and 'Networks' beyond and from the Region*. Paper presented at panel on Local, Regional and Global Players in the Quest for a Solution to the Venezuelan Crisis, 23 May 2018, LASA Conference, Barcelona.

Hosli, Madeleine O. *European Parliament Elections: Structural Factors and Voter Turnout 1979 to 2014*. Paper presented at Symposium Mathematics and Politics: Democratic Decision Making, 28 May 2018, Hannover.

Hosli, Madeleine O. *UNU-CRIS: Focus and Strategies for the Future*, Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek, 25 May 2018, Brussels.

Valenza, Domenico and Elke Boers. *Assessing the Effectiveness of the EU's and Russia's Cultural Diplomacy towards Central Asia*. Paper presented at The EU, China and Central Asia: Global and Regional Cooperation in a New Era, 8 June 2018, Bruges.

Cooper, Andrew. *Testing the Shared Identity of the BRICS: Competitive Interests versus the Socializing Impact of Club Culture*. Paper presented at Workshop, Emerging Powers, 11 June 2018, University of Bath.

Cooper, Andrew. *The Agency of the Global South: Struggles over Institutional Inclusion/Exclusion*. Keynote Presentation, The 'global South' in the 21st century Rhetoric, political realities and cooperation perspectives, 14 June 2018. Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Berlin.

Lizarazo Rodríguez, Liliana and Philippe De Lombaerde. *New Generation Free Trade Agreements and the Role of Courts in the Protection of the Right to Health*, Paper presented at 5th International Conference on the Economic Analysis of Litigation, 15-16 June 2018, Bucerius Law School, Hamburg .

De Lombaerde, Philippe. *Política comercial, TLCs y regionalismo económico*. Paper presented at the Primer Congreso Latinoamericano de Integración Regional y Desarrollo Sostenible, GRIDALE, 21-22 June, 2018, Bogotá.

Rayp, Glenn. *Building an Index of Migration Policy Selectivity*, CeMIG Conference: Migration as a Global Challenge, 22 June 2018, Göttingen.

Potjomkina, Diana. *Parity in name alone? EU's engagement with partner countries' stakeholders on sustainable development chapters in trade agreements*. Paper presented at the UACES Graduate Forum Conference 2018, 12 July 2018, University of Leuven, Leuven.

Cooper, Andrew. Presentation. *Local, Regional and Global Players in the Quest for a Solution to the Venezuelan Crisis*, FLACSO, 24 July 2018, Quito.

De Lombaerde, Philippe. *Latin American Regionalism and the Role of Theory*. Paper presented at the International Studies Association (ISA)-FLACSO Joint Conference 2018, 26 July, Quito (Ecuador).

Genna, Gaspare, Marcela López-Vallejo Olvera and Daniela Stevens. *Federalism, Climate Policies, and Homogenization in North America* Robert A. Pastor North America Research Initiative Workshop, Center for Latin American & Latino Studies (American University), El Colegio de México, August 23-24, Mexico City.

Shahin Jamal and Austin Ruckstuhl. *The EU's Role in the Global Governance of the Internet*. Paper presented at the 48th UACES Conference, Panel "Internet Governance & Cyber Security inside & outside the EU", 4 September 2018, Bath (UK).

Ruyssen, Ilse. *Migration within and out of Africa in response to climate change policies*. Paper presented at the CESSMIR International Conference 2018 "Needs and Care Practices for Refugees and Migrants", 17-19 September 2018, Ghent.

Potjomkina, Diana. *EU's relations with civil society in its partner countries on the issues of trade*. Paper presented at the Interdisciplinary Doctoral Symposium on Democracy, Rule of Law and Human Rights in Europe and the World in Times of Contestation, 20 September 2018, Leuven.

Lizarazo Rodríguez, Liliana and Philippe De Lombaerde. *The Case of Human Rights Impact Assessments of Trade and Investment Agreements*. Paper presented in Panel on: Corporations, Investment and Law and Development, Third Law and Development Research Network Conference. The Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance & Society (VVI), Leiden Law School, 19-21 September 2018, Leiden (The Netherlands).

Cooper, Andrew. Presentation. *The G20 is dead as a Crisis/Steering Committee, long live the G20 as Hybrid Focal Point*, The G20 @ 10: Benefits, limitations and the future of global club governance in turbulent times, 25 October 2018, Bonn.

Cooper, Andrew. Keynote presentation. *Re-examining the Agency of the Global South: Contestation over Hub/Parallel Summit Institutions*, The G20 @ 10: Benefits, Limitations and the Future of Global Governance in Turbulent Times. 26 October 2018, Bonn.

Cooper, Andrew. Paper Presentation. *Measuring Global Footprints Across the BRICS/MIKTA Cluster of "Rising Countries"*, 6th Blue Black Sea Congress, Marmara University, 26 October 2018. Istanbul.

Genna, Gaspare M. and P.J. Vierra. *US Primary Election Voters' Support for North American Cooperation with Mexico*. Paper presented at Midwest Association for Latin American Studies, 15-17 November 2018, El Paso, TX.

Ruyssen, Ilse. *Just a little respect: Where do female migrants locate?*. Paper presented at the U4 Conference, 21-23 November 2018, Goettingen.

Ruyssen, Ilse. *Migration desires and the role of integration policies*. Paper presented at the Gravity Models Workshop, 28-29 November 2018, University of Luxembourg (Luxembourg).

## 9. Participation in Conferences and Panels as Chair, Moderator, Panelist or Discussant

### 9.1 Chair

De Lombaerde, Philippe. Participant. 1st Comparative Regionalism Stakeholder and Expert Group Meeting, School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute, 12 February, Florence.

Adam, Ilke. Chair. EU Migration Policy: Internal and External Dimensions II, The European Union in International Affairs VI Conference, 16 May 2018, Brussels.

Adam, Ilke. Chair. The EU's External Migration Governance. The African Perspective, The European Union in International Affairs VI Conference, 17 May 2018, Brussels.

Hosli, Madeleine O. Chair. EU, UN and OSCE, The European Union in International Affairs VI Conference, 18 May 2018, Brussels.

Van Langenhove, Luk. Chair. EU Science Diplomacy: Supporting Regionalism in the South, The European Union in International Affairs VI Conference, 18 May 2018, Brussels.

Rayp, Glenn. Chair. Energy, Trade and Technology Dimensions, The EU, China and Central Asia: Global and Regional Cooperation in a New Era, 7 June 2018, Bruges.

Hosli, Madeleine O. Chair. Comparative Perspectives, The EU, China and Central Asia: Global and Regional Cooperation in a New Era, 8 June 2018, Bruges.

Cooper, Andrew. Chair. Small LAC states in global perspective: The shifting trajectory of vulnerability and resilience, FLACSO, 25 July 2018, Quito.

Rayp, Glenn. Chair. Challenges for the UN Global Compact for Migration, CESSMIR annual conference, 19 September 2018 Ghent.

Lietaert, Ine and Joris Schapendonk. Organizer/chair. 3rd Transmobilities-Development Conference, 29 – 30 November, Utrecht.



## 9.2 Moderator

Hosli, Madeleine O. Moderator. High-Level Townhall Lecture and Academic Panel, 15 May 2018, Bruges.

Hosli, Madeleine O. Moderator. Policy Link I: EU-UN Relations: A Safeguard for a Rule-based International Order?, The European Union in International Affairs VI Conference, 18 May 2018, Brussels.

## 9.3 Panelist

Ruyssen, Ilse, Panellist. Debate ``We need to talk about ... Asiel en Migratie'' organized by Het Geuzenhuis, 23 April 2018 Ghent.

Iapadre, Lelio. Panelist. Commercio di beni e commercio di servizi. La posizione dell'Italia, SACE, 10 April 2018, Rome.

Antoine, Anthony, Panelist. New Concepts of Leadership: Distributive & Collective Leadership, LEAD 5th Series of Workshops, 2 May 2018. Ankara

Iapadre, Lelio. Panelist. Handbook on Accounting for Global Value Chains. Meeting of the Expert Group on International Trade and Economic Globalization Statistics, 7 May 2018, Rome.

Adam, Ilke, Florian Trauner, Leonie Jegen and Christof Roos. Panelists. From Ghana to Senegal, Mali and Nigeria. Studying West African State Responses to the EU externalization agenda on migration. 'EU In International Affairs' 2018 Conference, 16-18 May 2018. Brussels

Iapadre, Lelio. Panelist. Integrazione europea, sviluppo locale e patrimonio culturale: il caso dell'Abruzzo, 18-19 May 2018, L'Aquila.

Adam, Ilke, Florian Trauner, Leonie Jegen and Christo Roos. Panelists. From Ghana to Senegal, Mali and Nigeria. Studying West African State Responses to the EU externalization agenda on migration. ECPR Standing Group Conference on Europe, 13-15 June 2018, Paris.

Antoine, Anthony. Panelist. Global Trends in University Governance and Leadership, LEAD Dissemination Conference on University Governance and Academic Leadership, 12 July 2018, Kunming, China.

De Lombaerde, Philippe. Convener. Roundtable on The Budgets of Regionalism: Exploring a New Research Agenda. International Studies Association (ISA)-FLACSO Joint Conference 2018, 25 July, Quito (Ecuador).

De Lombaerde, Philippe. Panelist. Roundtable on La economía política internacional del regionalismo. International Studies Association (ISA)-FLACSO Joint Conference 2018, 26 July, Quito (Ecuador).

De Lombaerde, Philippe. Panelist. Roundtable on Estado actual y perspectivas en la investigación sobre regionalismo latinoamericano, europeo y comparado: Escuela Doctoral UASB-UNU CRIS. International Studies Association (ISA)-FLACSO Joint Conference 2018, 27 July, Quito (Ecuador).

Jegen, Leonie. Panelist. EU Cooperation and migration policy development in West Africa. 22 – 25 August 2018, Hamburg.

Potjomkina, Diana. Panelist. Democratising Global Governance: The EU's Role in Promoting Multistakeholderism in External Relations, UACES 48th Annual Conference, 5 September 2018. University of Bath, Bath, UK.

Antoine, Anthony. Panelist. University Governance in International Context: Training and Learning Models, Sharing and Transferring of Responsibilities, and Risk Management, LEAD Final Conference, 10 September 2018. Brussels.

Amaya, Ana B. Panelist. The Role of Southern Regional Blocs SADC and UNASUR on Health Policy, 5th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research. 8-10 October 2018. Liverpool.

Hosli, Madeleine O, and Reinhilde Bouckaert. 2018. Panelist. How To Assemble Parliamentary Assemblies; Bringing International Parliamentary Institutions to the Next Level. 27-28 November 2018. Brussels.

#### 9.4 Discussant

Salomone, Sara. Discussant. European Parliament. The EU in Libya: A New Migration Policy for Long-term Stability. 21 March 2018, Brussels.

Iapadre, Lelio. Discussant. Fifth Workshop on Global Value Chains. Updating our Knowledge on Global Value Chains, Manlio Rossi-Doria Centre for Economic and Social Research, Roma Tre University, 22 March 2018, Rome.

Salomone, Sara. Discussant. Canadian Mission to the European Union, on behalf of the Office of International IDEA to the EU, Roundtable: "Supporting women leaders for inclusive democracy and sustainable development: Overcoming challenges and measuring progress", 27 March 2018, Brussels.

Van Langenhove, Luk. Discussant. International Workshop Soft Power in Transatlantic Relations, College of Europe, 13-14 April 2018, Bruges.

Schunz, Simon. Discussant. International Workshop Soft Power in Transatlantic Relations, College of Europe, 13-14 April 2018, Bruges.

Iapadre, Lelio. Discussant. Cheese Manufacturing in the Twentieth Century, Biblioteca storica nazionale dell'agricoltura, 20 April 2018, Rome.

Van Langenhove, Luk. Discussant. Cultural Diplomacy in Europe: Institutional and Strategic Considerations, The European Union in International Affairs VI Conference, 17 May 2018, Brussels.

Trobbiani, Riccardo. Discussant. EU Science Diplomacy: Supporting Regionalism in the South, The European Union in International Affairs VI Conference, 18 May 2018, Brussels.

# Self-Assessment

## Introduction

	Target met		Target not met		In process
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## RESEARCH QUALITY

KPI	Time of evaluation	Target	Result 2018
Number of publications in refereed journals	Annually	10 (at least 5 by UNU-CRIS staff)	24 (6)
Number of monographs or contributions to refereed books or edited volumes	Annually	5	16
Number of academic presentations at international conferences (with selection committee) and invited lectures In Flanders Outside Flanders	Annually	15	58 22 36
Ensuring UNU-CRIS' involvement in research applications by organizing focused sessions on research grant acquisition	Annually	2	2
Co-organization of major international conferences	At the end of the MoU, 2021	2	1

## CAPACITY BUILDING

KPI	Time of evaluation	Target	Result 2018
Organization of joint partnership research seminars and colloquia	Annually	20	21
Online Simulation Game aimed at graduate or post-graduate level education, focused on a topic such as the refugee and migration crisis, crisis management in conflict affected regions or on the mitigation of environmental degradation	At the end of the MoU, 2021	1	1
Number of summer schools	At the end of the MoU, 2021	3	2
Hosting of visiting scholars: well-known international academics to be hosted as visiting scholars at UNU-CRIS with a substantial (more than one week) visiting period and with a close scientific cooperation between the visiting scholar and UNU-CRIS of at least three months around the time of visit	Annually	2	2
Number of students conducting an internship at UNU-CRIS contributing to the research activities of the Institute	Annually	20	20



## IMPACT

KPI	Time of evaluation	Target	Result 2018
Attract external research funding through open and competitive financing channels	Annually	25% of core funding from Flemish Government	>25%
UNU-related presentations for stakeholders including think tanks and civil society organizations	Annually	5	5
Participation by UNU-CRIS members in policy expert groups and policy advisory committees	At the end of the MoU, 2021	5 policy expert groups 3 policy advisory committees	>5 2
Major announcements on the value, relevance and impact of the work of UNU / UNU-CRIS to audiences in the form of policy briefs on the UNU-CRIS webpage	Annually	2	5
Publication of UNU-CRIS working papers focusing on topics that are relevant to the Institute's program areas	Annually	10	10

## COMMUNICATION

KPI	Time of evaluation	Target	Result 2018
Presentation on UN/UNU for local schools (secondary education)	Annually	2	2
Public lectures focusing on the work of UNU-CRIS and on challenges to regional or global governance and stability	Annually	10	19
Outcomes communicated in local or international media	Annually	5	9
Young Persons UN meeting, debate in the Flemish Parliament (200 students)	At the end of the MoU, 2021	1	0

## DELIVERABLES

KPI	Time of evaluation	Target	Result 2018
Best Thesis Award	Annually	1	1
Development of the RIKS database, providing indicators of regional integration and organization, to be made available online	At the end of the MoU, 2021	Annual follow-up	
Meeting with the Department of Economy, Science and Innovation (EWI) and other interested Flemish parties, where the UNU-CRIS annual report is presented	Annually	1	1
Publication of bi-monthly UNU-CRIS newsletter	Annually	6	6
The UNU-CRIS website to be actively maintained and kept up-to-date at all times	Annually	Annual follow-up	
Improvement of visibility and accessibility of UNU-CRIS premises	Annually	Annual follow-up	
Gender balance for research activities	Annually	40%	45%
New functions filled by women	At the end of the MoU, 2021	45%	57%

# Human Resources

## 1 Resident Personnel

Name	Position	At UNU-CRIS since
Madeleine Hosli	Director	June 2017
Anthony Antoine	Special Advisor to the Director (since June 2017)	October 2016
Andrew Dunn	Policy and Communications Officer	August 2018
Glenn Rayp	Research Fellow	April 2017
Ine Lietaert	Assistant Professor	November 2018
Riccardo Trobbiani	Project Researcher (since February 2017)	June 2016
Elke Boers	Project Researcher	April 2017
Sara Salomone	Project Researcher	June 2017
Leonie Jegen	Project Researcher	September 2017
Reinhilde Bouckaert	Project Researcher	July 2018
Elke Verhaeghe	PhD Fellow	September 2017
Sofie Vereycken	PhD Fellow	September 2017
Diana Potjomkina	PhD Fellow	December 2017
Austin Ruckstuhl	PhD Fellow	February 2018
Els Bekaert	PhD Fellow (since October 2018)	July 2018
Domenico Valenza	PhD Fellow (since December 2018)	June 2017
Pascale Vantorre	Management Assistant	June 2000
Noël Neven	Financial and Administrative Officer	January 2002
Rory Johnson	Grant Acquisition Officer	May 2018
Cristina Macovei	Project Management Advisor	October 2018
Ajsela Masovic	Administrative Assistant	February 2018
Talitha Annot	Administrative Assistant	August 2018

## 2 Associates

Name	Position	Affiliation	Associate since
Luk Van Langenhove	Associate Senior Research Fellow	Vrije Universiteit Brussel	October 2016
Philippe De Lombaerde	Associate Senior Research Fellow	NEOMA Business School Rouen	January 2016
Fredrik Söderbaum	Associate Senior Research Fellow	University of Gothenburg	April 2006
Lelio Iapadre	Associate Research Fellow	University of L'Aquila	November 2006
Eric Maertens	Associate Research Fellow	ILO	October 2007
Rodrigo Tavares	Associate Research Fellow	Granito Partners	December 2008
Philomena Murray	Associate Research Fellow	University of Melbourne	July 2009
Stephen Kingah	Associate Research Fellow	Pan African University Institute on Governance and Social Sciences, Yaoundé	January 2017
Ludo Cuyvers	Associate Research Fellow	University of Antwerp	December 2011
Timothy Shaw	Associate Research Fellow	University of Massachusetts Boston	January 2012

Tatiana Skripka	Associate Research Fellow	Maastricht University UNU-MERIT	March 2012
Lorenzo Fioramonti	Associate Research Fellow	University of Pretoria	May 2012
Bernard Mazijn	Associate Research Fellow	Ghent University	January 2013
Gaspare Genna	Associate Research Fellow	The University of Texas at El Paso	February 2013
Andrew Cooper	Associate Research Fellow	Centre for Global Cooperation Research University of Waterloo	April 2013
Micha Wiebusch	Associate Research Fellow	University of Antwerp	January 2016
Ana B. Amaya	Associate Research Fellow	Pace University, New York London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	January 2017
Joren Selleslaghs	Associate Research Fellow	Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs	August 2017
Samuel Standaert	Associate Project Leader	Clemson University Ghent University	May 2017
Peter Claeys	Associate Project Leader	Vrije Universiteit Brussel	May 2017
Ilse Ruysen	Associate Project Leader	Ghent University	June 2017
Ilke Adam	Associate Project Leader	Vrije Universiteit Brussel Université Libre de Bruxelles	June 2017
Florian Trauner	Associate Project Leader	Vrije Universiteit Brussel	June 2017
Jamal Shahin	Associate Project Leader	Vrije Universiteit Brussel	December 2017
Jan Orbie	Associate Project Leader	Ghent University	December 2017
Sarah Delpitte	Associate Project Leader	Ghent University	July 2018
Sebastian Oberthür	Associate Project Leader	Vrije Universiteit Brussel	July 2018

### 3 List of UNU-CRIS Visiting Scholars, Trainees and Interns

#### 3.1 Visiting Scholars

Name	Sex	Nationality	Home University	Duration
Wang Zhi	♂	China	Xi'an International Studies University (China)	1 year
Domenico Valenza	♂	Italy	College of Europe (Belgium)	6 months



### 3.2 Trainees

Name	Sex	Nationality	College / University	Academic Program/Degree	Position	Duration
Wouter Seru	♂	Belgian	VIVES Bruges	Bachelor Office Management	Management Assistant	4 days
Bram De Worm	♂	Belgian	Hogeschool Gent	Bachelor Office Management	Management Assistant	14 weeks
Luca Spinosa	♂	Italian	Università deli Studi di Pavia	Bachelor of Political Sciences and International Relations	Research Trainee	3 months

### 3.3 Interns

Name	Sex	Nationality	College / University	Academic Program/Degree	Research Program	Duration
Oleksandra Zmiyenko	♀	Polish	Jagiellonian University College of Europe	Master in Law, Master of Arts in European Interdisciplinary studies	Research Intern	3 months
Geraldina Kimaryo	♀	Tanzanian	University of Bradford	Master of Science in Economics and Finance for Development	Research Intern	5 months
Daria Vostrikova	♀	Russian	Lomonosov Moscow State University	Master's programme in Geography of the World Economy	Research Intern	3 months
Constant Hatenboer	♂	Dutch	University of Groningen	Research Master of Arts in Modern History and International Relations	Research Intern	3 months
Laura Tedde	♀	Italian	Carli University of Rome	Master of Arts in International Relations - Global Studies	Research Intern	3 months
Felicitas Klemp	♀	German	University of Hamburg	Master of Science Geography	Research Intern	3 months
Beatrice Carlesso	♀	Italian	University of Trento	Master's Degree in Law	Research Intern	3 months
Therese Mager	♀	American	Ghent University	Master's Degree, Erasmus Mundus Global Studies	Research Intern	2.5 months
Labesh Kumar	♂	Pakistani	University of Wisconsin	Master of Arts in Economics	Research Intern	1.5 months
Fridon Lala	♂	Kosovan	Central European University	Master of Public Administration	Research Intern	2 months
Lunting Wu	♂	Chinese	University of Lisbon	Masters's Degree in International Relations	Research Intern	3 months
Hira Khan	♀	Pakistani	University of Economics Prague	Masters in Economics of Globalization and European Integration	Research Intern	3 months
David Furnes	♂	English	Durham University	MSc Global Politics	Research Intern	3 months
Sonia Ruan	♀	Chinese	Bocconi University	Master of Science in Economics and Management of Government and International Organizations	Research Intern	3 months

Els Bekaert	♀	Belgian	University of Antwerp	Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in Economics of Globalisation and European Integration (EGEI)	Research Intern	3 months
Adelina Sharipova	♀	Belgian	Tilburg University	MSc in Economics - Sustainability and Growth	Research Intern	5 months
Alice Marinelli	♀	Italian	Carli University of Rome	Master in International Relations	Research Intern	4 months
Nandi Makubalo	♀	Zambian	University of Zambia	Master of Science in Peace, Leadership and Conflict Resolution	Research Intern	6 months
Giulia Cau	♀	Italian	Università degli Studi di Cagliari	Master's Degree in Modern European and American Languages and Literature - Cultural Cooperation and Mediation	Research Intern	3 months