

MODELLING & MEASURING REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

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RATIONALE AND AIMS

The AGORA Forum “MODELLING & MEASURING REGIONAL LEADERSHIP” is **organised within the framework of the GR:EEN - Global Re-ordering Evolution through European Networks integrated research project**. The GR:EEN project is the largest project within the European 7th Research Framework Program (FP7) funded by the European Commission in the field of Social Sciences and Humanities. The GR:EEN project brings together 16 leading universities and think tanks worldwide.

By **fostering two-way interaction between an academic research and policy**, the rationale for the GR:EEN AGORA forum is twofold:

1. To make the policy implications drawing from recent research more tangible
2. To provide the research community with a rapid and targeted feedback by the policy actors working in their field of academic inquiry

The GR:EEN AGORA Forum aims at **improving policy making** by providing policy suggestions based on an academic research and effective dialogue among a limited number of participants (academics; EU policy makers and civil society representatives) who were selected thanks to their expertise in the area of comparative regionalism and/or their participation in the previous GR:EEN research activities.



CORE QUESTIONS

- How to identify and quantify emerging regional leaders?
- How to identify and quantify convergences and divergencies among regional leaders?
- How to interpret the measures signifying the BRICS' rise in global trade networks and which implications for EU policy making?
- Which challenges to existing models of security and stability following the rise of regional powers can be identified? How should the EU adapt?

BACKGROUND RESEARCH AND POLICY PLATFORMS

In order to provide an academic groundwork for the GR:EEN AGORA forum on “MODELLING & MEASURING REGIONAL LEADERSHIP”, around **25 academics and researchers**, who are representing **12 universities** from around the globe, have conducted a scientific workshop with parallel sessions on “**Quantitative indicators: European Power** through a Taxonomy of its Multilateral Capacities” under the academic leadership of the **United Nations University - CRIS** in Bruges (Belgium).

The **aims of said workshop** were to:

- Clarify the measurable dimensions of power in an inter-regional and global context
- Contribute to the assessment of power in international networks
- Develop a comparative set of indicators to monitor and assess European power in an inter-regional and global context

- Quantitatively assess Europe's relative position in international institutions (multilateral organisations and transnational networks)
- Discuss availability and quality of relevant data on resources invested by the EU in international organisations and networks; be they financial, political, human, regulatory or military
- Present cost-benefit analyses of EU external policies

In addition to this, doctoral and post-doctoral researchers regularly publish a series of GR:EEN working papers. The most relevant ones will also serve as background for the present AGORA forum.

They are included in the following list of individual scientific outputs which form the backbone of the detailed event:

WORKSHOP ARTICLES (To be published in a special issue of the Journal of Policy Modeling)

- Hierarchical Regional Orders: An Analytical Framework, by Jorge GARZÓN (GIGA, Germany)
- The Systemic Financial Importance of Emerging Powers, by Leslie Elliott ARMIJO (Portland State University, USA), Laurissa MÜHLICH (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany), and Daniel C. TIRONE (Louisiana State University, USA)
- The BRIC Phantom. A Comparative Analysis of the BRICs as a Category of Rising Powers, by Lindsay Marie JACOBS and Ronan VAN ROSSEM (University of Ghent, Belgium)
- Emerging Countries and Trade Regionalization. An application of network analysis, by Lucia TAJOLI (Politecnico di Milano, Italy) and Lelio LAPADRE (University of L'Aquila, Johns Hopkins and UNU-CRIS)
- Testing the Relationships between Globalization, Regionalization and the Regional Hub-ness of the BRICs, by Lurong CHEN and Philippe DE LOMBAERDE (UNU-CRIS, Belgium)
- The Margins of Export Competition: A New Approach to Evaluating the Impact of China on South African Exports to Sub-Saharan Africa, by Lawrence EDWARDS (University of Cape Town, South Africa) and Rhys JENKINS (University of East Anglia, UK)

GR:EEN WORKING PAPERS SERIES

- Multiple Principles for Multilateral Interventions: The Ideational Divergences between EU and China, by Zhun ZHONG (ULB & LUISS Guido Carli; Belgium & Italy)
- How does the ICN accommodate its increasing diversity? Putting benchmarking into practice, by Hikaru YOSHIZAWA (ULB & UNIGE, Belgium & Switzerland)
- Regional Cooperation and the Web of Joint Initiatives in Northeast Asia, by Anna CHUNG (ULB & LUISS Guido Carli, Belgium & Italy)
- A tool for security governance: how is the EU fostering and shaping ECOWAS security and defense regionalization process?, by Elisa LOPEZ LUCIA (ULB & LUISS Guido Carli, Belgium & Italy)

FORMAT

2 THEMATIC ROUNDTABLES BASED ON “BACKGROUND NOTES”

- Each roundtable is framed with **4 background notes**, which will be provided to participants prior to the event
- Background notes are **drafted by academics and/or researchers** having participated in the roundtables’ underlying research (“background note givers”)
- Each background note consists of (1) a **summary of underlying research** (2) **policy assessment** (3) a set of pre-defined **policy suggestions**

COMPOSITION OF ROUNDTABLES

12 registered participants each:

- ca. **4 background note givers** (academics / researchers)
- ca. **4 policy makers** hailing from governmental organisations (EU institutions and/or Diplomatic Representations)
- ca. **4 civil society representatives** (Think Tanks and/or NGOs)

NB: participants in the 1st roundtable can assist as audience to the 2nd one and vice-versa

SEQUENCE

2 hours per roundtable:

- ca. **10 min introduction** by academic chair
- ca. **5 min presentation per background note** by the “background note givers” = 20 min
- ca. **1 h 30 min discussion** between roundtable participants

DRAFT PROGRAM

10.00-10.15	<i>Registration & Coffee</i>
10.15-11.00	INTRODUCTORY PANEL - Work and Publications’ Presentation
11.00-13.00	ROUNDTABLE 1 - MEASURING THE BRICS IN THE GLOBAL TRADE NETWORKS
13.00-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00-16.00	ROUNDTABLE 2 - MODELING THE EMERGENCE OF REGIONAL POWERS

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