

**Poverty Reduction, Health and Regional Integration: Comparative Perspectives on Southern Africa and South America, 29 April 2015, UNU-CRIS, 72 Potterierei, 8000 Bruges**

**Goal**

- To discuss analytical perspectives and methodological challenges arising from comparative regional studies research focused on social policy with particular reference to poverty reduction and health
  
- Main Questions
  - What is the place of social regionalism in the context of global and national governance and policy?
  - What theoretical and methodological approaches and perspectives best help understand the social equity and policy dimensions and effects of regionalism/ regional organisations?
  - What methodological challenges arise in the course of researching comparative social regionalism?
  - What impacts do regional integration processes have on social equity and access to health and welfare services?

*Morning (09:15-12:30): (tea/coffee available at 9)*

- Opening: Nicola Yeates (Open University/ OU)

*Morning (09:15-10:45)*

*Chair: Nicola Yeates (OU)*

- SAIIA (Pieter/Erica) presentation of their research findings (Discussants: Bob Deacon and Molefe Phirinyane)
- FLACSO (Diana) presentation of their research findings (Discussants: Mariana Faria and Andrew Cooper)

*Tea/ coffee break: 10:45-11:00*

*Morning (11:00-13:00)*

*Chairs: Molefe Phirinyane (BIDPA)*

- Pia: paper comparing UNASUR and SADC (Discussants: Matt Ryan and Gorik Ooms)
- UNU-CRIS (Ana, Stephen, Philippe): presentation of their research findings on using PAR methodology to construct regional indicators of pro-poor regional health policies (Discussants: Stephane Vandam and Marie Lamy)
- Matt Ryan (University of Southampton): “Fuzzy calibration of indicators for comparison” (Discussant: Erica Penfold)

*Lunch: 13:00-14:00*

*Afternoon (14:00-15:15)*

*Chair: Diana Tussie (FLACSO Argentina)*

- Danius Puras (UN SR Right to Health): “Challenges in pursuing the right to health at the global and regional levels: Experiences of the special rapporteur on the right to health” (Discussant: Stephen Kingah)
- Stephane Vandam (WHO, Brussels): “Universal Health Coverage and Poverty Reduction” (Discussant: Ruth Stern)
- Andrew Cooper (Balsillie School of International Affairs, University of Waterloo): “Opportunities and constraints in researching regional health governance” (Discussant: Pia Riggirozzi)

*Tea/coffee break 15:15-15:30*

*Afternoon (15:30-17:00)*

*Chair: Philippe De Lombaerde (UNU-CRIS)*

- Bob Deacon (University of Sheffield): “Trust, time and participatory research in regional policy processes. A SADC case study in a transnational social policy space” (Discussant: Pieter Fourie)
- Gorik Ooms (ITM): “Global mixed constitutionalism in global health governance and regional responses: can we create African and UNASUR compulsory licenses regimes?” (Discussant: Andrew Cooper)
- Marie Lamy (LSHTM): Southeast Asian cooperation in health: Regional efforts towards drug safety and security (Discussant: Ana Amaya)