



GEM STONES

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**FINAL
CONFERENCE**

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WELCOME

The 2020 annual conference will be the concluding event of the GEM-STONES (MSCA-ITN) program, the latest iteration of a decades-old research effort (2010-2020) funded by the European Commission focusing on 'Globalization, Europe, and Multilateralism'. This year's Assembly at the Institut d'études européennes of the Université libre de Bruxelles (IEE-ULB) will start with a stock-tacking exercise regarding the project's various achievements, notably the fact that:

- Nearly all GEM PhD fellows funded by the Erasmus Mundus program have either already successfully defended or delivered their doctoral work. Many of the program's 41 Alumni have moved on to building academic careers in universities across Europe and other continents.
- The 15 GEM-STONES PhD fellows funded by the MSCA program are finalizing their doctoral work based on the principles of academic freedom, pluralist theoretical frameworks, interdisciplinary perspectives and comparative empirical analysis. In this respect, the meeting is a further opportunity to assess their individual progress and organize the final stages of their doctoral work.
- GEM-STONES ambitious publication agenda nears completion as it can confirm:
 - A Methods textbook published with Oxford University Press, scheduled to come out in the first semester of 2021.
 - Four edited Volumes to be published by Routledge, over the second half of 2020 and the first half of 2021. The topics covered by these books reflect the project's 4 constituent work packages:
 1. *Supranational Governance at Stake. The EU's External Competencies caught between Complexity and Fragmentation*
 2. *Global Networks and European Actors. Navigating and Managing Complexity*
 3. *Unraveling Ties? The Unintended Consequences of Interregionalism*
 4. *Framing Power Europe? EU External Action on Democracy and Human Rights in a Competitive World*

The five publications will remain for many years as evidence of the project's interdisciplinary and intergenerational research agenda.

A further key objective of this meeting is to assess the state of advancement of the aforementioned research agenda, identify the implications of the most recent findings and crystalize future avenues of research.

A final goal of the event is to present the project's outcomes and deliverables (i.e. its publications, findings and recommendations) to wider audiences. With this in mind the conference will include:

- Four book panels, each dedicated to one of the project's edited volumes.
- A set of roundtables involving both researchers and policy-makers focusing on inter-sectoral dialogue
- Two Keynotes seeking to link the research community and its research agenda with prevailing debates within the international community

Each of the four book panels will see one of the edited volumes discussed by both contributors to the manuscript as well as external academics. The meaningful inter-sectoral dialogue with decision-makers and non-governmental organizations, will be reflected in both the AGORA forum hosted on Friday afternoon and a student-lead activity organized on Thursday afternoon. After having welcomed Nathalie Tocci, Peter Katzenstein, John G. Ikenberry, and Amitav Acharya over the past years - the 2020 annual conference is delighted to welcome Michael Zürn as its keynote speaker on Thursday evening. A leading member of the German and European communities of post-realist international relations scholars, M. Zürn will deliver a speech on the current state of Global governance some thirty years after the end of the bipolar world. Organized once again in partnership with the Royal Academy of Belgium, the keynote will once again be hosted in the institution's hallowed halls in the Rue Ducale. On Friday evening, a concluding on global health governance will discuss the current corona-virus crisis and the role of the EU in its response. It will address how the crisis is challenging international cooperation, between the temptation of strengthening border controls and the necessity to strengthen multilateral cooperation. It will show how alive and dynamic the shared research agenda is.

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Emeritus Professor & Emeritus President of the Institut d'Etudes Européennes of the ULB (IEE-ULB)

Professor of EU Studies and International Relations at the LUISS Guido Carli

Member of the Royal Academy of Science, Belgium

President of the H2020 MSCA GEM-STONES European Joint Doctorate's Supervisory Board

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Ms. Ulla Härmälä

GEM & GEM-STONES Project Officer

Thursday 5 March 2020

9:00 - 9:30	COFFEE & TEA	
9:30 - 12:00	ESR STUDENT MEETING GEM-STONES Doctoral Researchers @ Kant Room @ Kant Room	
12:00 - 13:00	LUNCH	
13:00 - 17:00	ESR ACTIVITY GEM-STONES Doctoral Researchers	BOARD MEETING Supervisory Board Members @ Kant Room
13:00 - 14:50	Roundtable 1 CIVIL LIBERTIES & NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY @ Spaak Room	
15:10 - 17:00	Roundtable 2 INTERNATIONAL TRADE @ Spaak Room	
18:00 - 20:00	KEYNOTE & RECEPTION @ Royal Academy of Belgium «30 YEARS AFTER THE FALL OF THE WALL: GERMANY, EUROPE AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE» By Prof. Michael Zürn (Freie Universität Berlin)	

Friday 6 March 2020

9:00 - 9:15	COFFEE & TEA	
9:15 - 13:00	GEM-STONES RESEARCH PANELS	
9:15 - 10:30	EMERALD: <i>The Supranational at Stake? The EU's External Competences caught between Complexity and Fragmentation</i> @ Spaak Room	CITRINE: <i>Global Networks and the European Union: Threats and Opportunities of Complexity</i> @ Kant Room
10:45 - 12:00	RUBIES: <i>Unraveling Ties? The unintended consequences of interregionalism</i> @ Kant Room	SAPPHIRE: <i>Framing Power Europe? EU External Action on Democracy and Human Rights in a Competitive World</i> @ Spaak Room
12:00 - 13:00	CONCLUDING WORDS	
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 - 17:30	AGORA FORUM	
14:00 - 15:30	ROUNDTABLE 1: <i>Future of the Multilateral Trade System and the EU</i> @ Kant Room	ROUNDTABLE 2: <i>Future of the Neighbourhood and the EU</i> @ Spaak Room
16:00 - 17:30	ROUNDTABLE 3: <i>Future of Regionalism and the EU</i> @ Kant Room	ROUNDTABLE 4: <i>Future of Citizen Participation, the Rule of Law and the EU</i> @ Spaak Room
18:00 - 20:00	CONCLUDING PANEL @ Spaak Room «GLOBAL HEALTH GOVERNANCE, THE EU AND THE UNFOLDING CORONAVIRUS CRISIS»	

PROGRAMME |
DAY 1

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DAY 2

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Thursday 5th of March 2020

From 18:00 till 20:00

Royal Academy of Belgium, Auditorium Albert II, Rue Ducale 1

Bus from the IEE will leave at 17:00

«30 YEARS AFTER THE FALL OF THE WALL: GERMANY, EUROPE AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE»

Chair: Prof. Mario TELÒ

*ULB-IEE & LUISS Guido Carli
GEM-STONES Supervisory Board President*



Prof. Michael ZÜRN

*Director at the WZB Berlin Social Science Center and
Speaker of the Cluster of Excellence "Contestations of the
Liberal Script", Freie Universität Berlin*

About the keynote

In our increasingly complex and unstable world, it is important to understand how each region, each culture, each relevant State articulates local concerns and global issues. It is important to know the various perceptions and visions of the relationships that exist, or could be developed, between global performers.

In the heart of the European capital, the Royal Academy of Belgium is committed to hearing and discussing different readings, and measuring their convergence as well as their antagonisms. It is the ideal place for the gathering of scientists, politicians, diplomats, officials of European and World institutions, or any curious mind. The «Rencontres internationales de l'Académie royale de Belgique» allows participants to build their own representation of the complexity of relations between states, regions and cultures of the globalized world.

PANEL

Friday 6th of March 2020
From 18:00 till 19:30
Spaak Room, IEE-ULB

«GLOBAL HEALTH GOVERNANCE, THE EU AND THE UNFOLDING CORONAVIRUS CRISIS»



**Dr. Sameea
AHMED HASSIM**

Researcher, EHESS



**Prof. Véronique
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REPI Recherche et Etudes
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**Prof. Marius
GILBERT**

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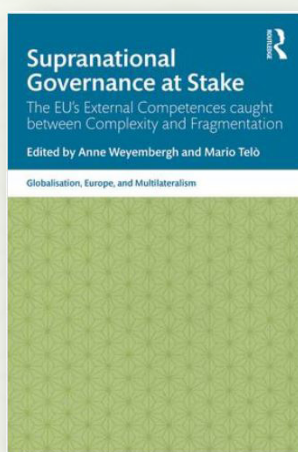
BOOK PRESENTATIONS

Friday 6th of March, 2020

From 9:15 till 10:30

Spaak Room, Institut d'études Européennes of the ULB

Supranational Governance at Stake The EU's External Competences caught between Complexity and Fragmentation



Chair: Anne WEYEMBERGH (ULB-IEE)

Panelists:

Mario TELÒ

(ULB-IEE & LUISS GUIDO CARLI)

Laurence MARQUIS

(LUISS GUIDO CARLI & UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL)

Michael ZÜRN

(WZB BERLIN SOCIAL SCIENCE CENTER)

About the Book:

This edited volume published by Routledge examines the varied competences of the European Union in relation to its capacity to externalize its policy preferences. Specifically, it explores the continued resilience within the EU's policy toolbox of supranational modes of governance beyond the State.

The book first situates European experiences of supranationality in relations to the wide variety of regional and global modes of governance it comes into contact with when seeking to deal with an increasingly complex and fragmented international environment. Over the course of its subsequent sections, the book analyses the resilience, flexibility and adaptability of the EU's supranational practices across a significant cross-section of policy fields - e.g. Area Freedom of Justice, Justice and Security; Socio-economic Governance; or Trade Policies. Overall, these chapters unpack the impact of the EU's internal institutional complexity on the EU's external capacity to export its preferences in an increasingly fragmented international environment. This in turn, sees the book also question whether the EU has the institutional tools to guarantee and implement consistency between its internal and external policies.

Friday 6th of March, 2020

From 9:15 till 10:30

Kant Room, Institut d'études Européennes of the ULB

Global Networks and European Actors

Navigating and Managing Complexity



Chair: George CHRISTOU (UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK)

Panelists:

Guillaume BEAUMIER

(UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK & UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL)

Jacob HASSELBALCH

(COPENHAGEN BUSINESS SCHOOL & LUND UNIVERSITY)

Frederik PONJAERT

(ULB-IEE)

About the Book:

The central aim of the edited volume is to assess the EU's networked capacity to contribute towards greater policy coherence on the international stage. The common and overarching question that it will seek to address is: How has increased regime complexity in the global order impacted on the ability of the EU and European networks to act strategically, coherently and effectively? Overall, the edited volume will explore if and how – in the face of increasing regime complexity across a range of regulatory, policy and foreign and security issue areas – networks have facilitated strategic, coherent and effective action.

The volume's empirical scope is to cover several symptomatic policy fields involving a variety of policy networks which are to be unpacked in light of: (1) the developments shaping the network/complex regime, its importance and the relative position of the EU and European actors within it; (2) the shifting interactions and relationships that the EU and European actors entertain through the network/complex regime (which includes contestation, cooperation, competition); and (3) the relative outcomes of EU and European actor actions associated with the network/complex regime (coherence, effectiveness).

BOOK PRESENTATIONS

Friday 6th of March, 2020

From 10:45 till 12:00

Kant Room, Institut d'études Européennes of the ULB

Unraveling Ties?

The Unintended Consequences of Interregionalism



Chair: Cord JAKOBEIT (UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG)

Panelists:

Philippe DE LOMBAERDE

(UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE ON COMPARATIVE REGIONAL INTEGRATION STUDIES)

Dominik GIESE

(UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG & UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK)

Frederik PONJAERT (ULB-IEE)

About the Book:

In the context of growing interactions between regional actors, organisations, projects and institutions, the study of interregional relations is increasingly present on the agenda of comparative regionalism and, more broadly, global governance studies. This book contributes to this agenda while providing a new analytical angle that will complement the usual topics of interests in comparative regionalism and interregionalism which often focus on the causal determinants of (inter)regionalism, the dynamics of norm diffusion between regional organisations and the central role of the EU in this dynamics, and the relative efficiency, capacity and legitimacy of regional organisations. One of the sources of originality will come from the edited volume's distinctive focus on the unintended consequences of interregional relations.

While some chapters of the book analyse interregional relations with the EU, others focus on interactions between a variety of other regional organisations and initiatives. A broad range of empirical cases is represented as contributions include empirical research on the African continent, Latin America, Russia, the Caucasus, and Asia.

Friday 6th of March, 2020

From 10:45 till 12:00

Spaak Room, Institut d'études Européennes of the ULB

Framing Power Europe?

EU External Action on Democracy and Human Rights in a Competitive World



Chair: Raffaele MARCHETTI (LUISS GUIDO CARLI)

Panelists:

Ramona COMAN
(ULB-IEE)

Aysel KÜÇÜKSU
(UNIVERSITÉ DE GENÈVE & LUISS GUIDO CARLI)

Nicolas LEVRAT
(UNIVERSITÉ DE GENÈVE)

About the Book:

This edited volume intends to assess if, how, and to what extent, despite its limited military means and numerous political constraints, the EU has exercised a normative impact beyond its borders. It aims at assessing EU foreign policy from an IR and output perspective, both through empirical data and by measuring perceptions by competing actors of the effectiveness of EU external action. This means gauging EU foreign policy not only according to competing IR theories, or with regard to EU specific nature and constraints as an original foreign policy actor, but mostly in a comparative perspective.

In order to reach such objective, researchers contributing to this volume will mobilize process-tracing and interpretative evidence analysis to apply a set of constructivist assessments to the EU's capacity to argue in favor of the appropriateness of specific policy options on the global stage. Collective analysis will be structured along three main questions centered on the policy focus of democracy and human rights: 1) How has the EU sought to frame global norms on these topics and to what extent has it succeeded in its endeavor? (2) How has the EU sought to frame global practices on these topics and how has it succeeded in its endeavor? (3) How has the EU reacted to the emergence of new global competitors and how successful has it been in adapting to the new multipolar order?

AGORA FORUM

Friday 6th of March, 2020

From 14:00 till 17:30

Kant Room & Spaak Room, Institut d'études Européennes of the ULB

GLOBALISATION, EUROPE AND MULTILATERALISM: WEATHERING THE STORM?

AGORA FORMAT

Rooted in original scientific research, AGORA© Fora endeavour to improve policy making by fostering suggestions based on academic research and effective dialogue among a limited number of participants hailing from the research, policy making and civil society communities.

Based on original research accomplished within the GEM-STONES programme (European Joint Doctorate funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions), this Forum aims to expand on research findings and thus strengthen the integrity of the underlying research while contributing towards its dissemination towards new audiences. This will ultimately allow for substantiated and clearer recommendations to emerge from the research conducted by the 15 GEM-STONES-funded Early Stage Researchers.

ROUNDTABLE FORMAT

Discussions will be based on a short document to be circulated prior to the event; beyond this participants are not expected to prepare a specific presentation but are free to structure their contribution as they see fit.

PARTICIPATION

Beyond the participants listed here, members of the GEM-STONES and GEM community are welcome to join the roundtables as observers.

PRACTICALITIES

VENUE

Institut d'études européennes (IEE)

Université libre de Bruxelles
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ACCOMMODATION

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TRANSPORTATION

Arrival at NH Hotel Brussels Stephanie

From Brussels-South Railway Station (Bruxelles-Midi)

Taxi: 10-15 minutes (3 km)

Public transportation by subway: 15-20 minutes, including around 10 minutes of walking.

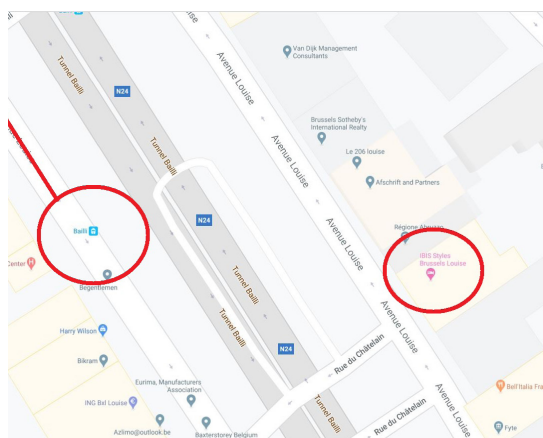
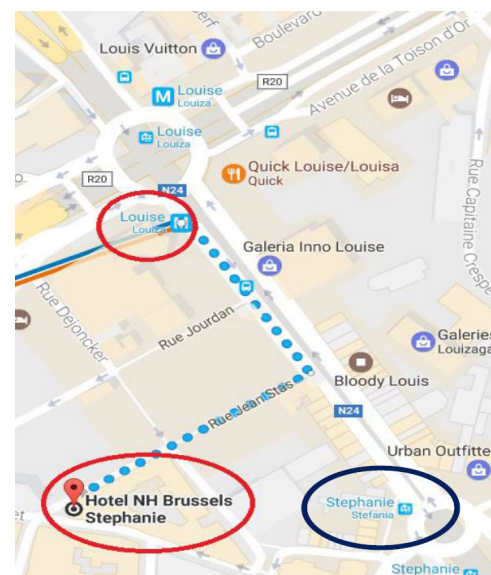
Upon arrival at the train station, follow guide-signs to the metro station and take metro line 2/6 (direction 'Elisabeth', 3 stops) to 'Louise', then walk to the hotel.

From Brussels Airport (Zaventem)

TAXI: 20-30 minutes (16 km)

Public transportation by train & subway: 40-50 minutes, including around 10 minutes of walking.

Start from Brussels Airport and take the train (every 15 min) to Brussels-South Railway Station.



Arrival at Ibis Styles Brussels Louise

From Brussels-South Railway Station (Bruxelles-Midi)

Taxi: 15-20 minutes (4 km)

Public transportation by tram: 20 minutes, including around 3 minutes of walking.

Upon arrival at the train station, follow guide-signs to the tram station and take tram number 81 (direction 'Montgomery', 10 stops) to 'Bailli', then walk to the hotel.

From Brussels Airport (Zaventem)

TAXI: 30-35 minutes (15 km)

Public transportation by train & tram: 40-50 minutes, including around 3 minutes of walking.

Start from Brussels Airport and take the train (every 15 min) to Brussels-South Railway Station.

Going to the IEE from NH Hotel Brussels Stephanie

TAXI: Around 15 minutes (4 km)

Public transportation: 25-30 min, including around 10 minutes of walking.

Walk to the 'Stephanie'-station and take the tram line 8 (direction Roodebeek, 9 stops) to 'Solbosch', then walk to the IEE.

Going to the IEE from Ibis Styles Brussels Louise

TAXI: Around 10 minutes (2.5 km)

Public transportation: 20 min, including around 5 minutes of walking.

Walk to the 'Bailli'-station and take the tram line 8 (direction Roodebeek, 7 stops) to 'Solbosch', then walk to the IEE.



REIMBURSEMENTS

For reimbursements, please contact Ms. Härmälä

Kindly prepare to provide original receipts or tickets, as well as proof of payment.

We strongly recommend that You take pictures/scans of any original documents before sending them via post.

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