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## **New Book: The EU as a Global Player: The Politics of Interregionalism by Fredrik Söderbaum and Luk Van Langenhove (eds)**



A new look at the European Union's role as a global actor, with special focus on the theme of interregionalism in its relations with key regions around the world: Africa, Asia, South America, North America and Central-Eastern Europe. This new collection clearly shows how, since the end of the Cold War, the European Union has gradually expanded its external relations and foreign policies and become a global actor in world politics. During the last decade interregionalism has become a key component of the EU's external relations and foreign policies. In fact, the EU has quickly become the hub of a large number of interregional arrangements with a number of regions around the world. Promoting regional and interregional relations not only justifies and enhances the EU's own existence and efficiency as a global 'player', the strategy also promote the legitimacy and status of other regions, giving rise to a deepening of cross-cutting interregional relations in trade and economic relations, political dialogue, development cooperation, cultural relations and security cooperation.

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## **Global Governance, Regional Integration and Social Policy**

In February 2006, a high-level symposium on the social dimensions of regional integration was organised in Montevideo by UNESCO, MERCOSUR, GASPP and UNU-CRIS.

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The conclusions of the workshop can be found [here](#).

## More new on-line publications

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## Call for papers: LABEL Conference, Université de Liège (deadline: 15 June 2006)

UNU-CRIS organises a session on "Economics, Regional Integration and International Relations" at the Annual Study Day of the Belgian Association of Latin-Americanists, organised by the Université de Liège, UNU-CRIS, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) and Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL) on 12 October 2006.

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