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## **1) UNU-CRIS lecture series on "Global Governance and Regional Security" at the College of Europe (Bruges, Belgium)**

- Thursday, 30 September from 17.00-18.00 "Towards an Architecture of Peace- Evolving Concepts of Security"
- Thursday, 7 October from 17.00-18.00 "A Regional/Global Security Mechanism - An Instrument for the 21st Century?"
- Thursday, 28 October from 11.00-12.00 "The Concept of 'Security Regions' - Dividing the World for Peace?"
- Thursday, 4 November from 17.30-18.30 "Regional Security and UN Reform - Reviving the Charter?"

Lectures will be given by Dr. Kennedy Graham and Ms. Tania Felicio. All lectures will take place at the College of Europe (room E). For further information, please contact Dr. Kennedy Graham at [kgraham@cris.unu.edu](mailto:kgraham@cris.unu.edu) and/or Tania Felicio at [tfelicio@cris.unu.edu](mailto:tfelicio@cris.unu.edu)

## **2) Seminar on Regional Environmental Cooperation on 13 November 2004**

ECOSPHERE, The European Centre for Sustainable Policies on Human and Environmental Rights, is organising in collaboration with the Institute for European Studies (IES-VUB) and UNU-CRIS a one-day seminar in Brussels entitled: "**Does the EU Lead Europe on Environmental Policy? Supranationalism and Intergovernmentalism in Regional Environmental Cooperation**".

Saturday 13 November will mark the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the 1979 Geneva Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution, which entered into force in 1983 and has become one of the main regional MEAs in Europe, spawning an impressive series of protocols laying down specific emission

reduction measures for various air pollutants. This convention was negotiated in the framework of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (ECE). Contrary to common perceptions, the ECE was way ahead of the then EEC in the late 1970s on air pollution. At a recent joint meeting of the bureaux of the ECE environmental conventions a lot of concern was expressed about the consequences of EU enlargement for future multilateral environmental work within the ECE and Environment for Europe framework.

Beside ECE, a number of other regional and sub-regional intergovernmental organisations have played a crucial role in the development of environmental policy since the late 1970s, such as the Oslo, Paris and Helsinki Commissions for the protection of the marine environment.

This conference will be held in Brussels.

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### **3) Workshop on the Interaction between Regional Agreements and the Multilateral Trading System on 17 December 2004**

Regional agreements are assuming a more important role in the international trading system at a time when efforts are still underway in the Doha development Agenda of the World Trade Organisation. This raises the question of how the regional and multilateral processes interact?

This workshop will discuss how the two interact in the important area of rulemaking in international trade and investment regimes. In papers based on research funded by UNU-CRIS, the workshop will seek to deepen our understanding of the interaction between regional and multilateral regimes. There will be papers on case studies of investment, services, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, intellectual property and rules of origin. Participants in the workshop will include academic researchers, policy makers, international organisations, business and civil society groups.

This UNU-CRIS workshop will be held at Centre Borschette, Brussels.

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### **4) News about the network of excellence "GARNET"**

UNU-CRIS has been one of the initiators of a proposal to establish a network of excellence on "**Global Governance, Regionalisation and Regulation: the role of the EU**" (GARNET). This proposal of 44 leading research centres has been submitted to the European Commission by the University of Warwick Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation. After a successful evaluation, the Commission has agreed to award GARNET up to 5.4 million Euro. Richard Higgott (Warwick) and Luk Van Langenhove are starting contract negotiations with the Commission on 1st October. When operational, the network will create a large community of scholars and practitioners working on the issues of global governance and the regulatory framework and the place of regional integration in the management of them.

For more information on other activities of the UNU, please consult <http://update.unu.edu>. Do note that a French edition of the UNU electronic newsletter is now also available at <http://update.unu.edu/fr>.

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