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# Social Partnerships and Regional Integration

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## Conference Program

### ‘Social Partnerships and Regional Integration’

**2021 International Conference of the Consortium for Comparative Research on Regional Integration and Social Cohesion-Social Elevation (RISC-RISE)**

29-30 November 2021

**Organized by LISER, University of Luxembourg, University of Johannesburg**

**Summary:** The central theme of the RISC-RISE conference in 2021 in Luxembourg will be devoted to cross-border social partnerships broadly defined. It will therefore highlight collaborations between various regions and countries. These collaborations are arranged between associations of citizens or social partners (trade unions and employers) or even by public authorities with the help of citizens.

The aim of the event is to see how cooperation amongst social groups are set up with the intention of working for specific purposes across national borders within a region or between different regions. For example, the area called the "Greater Region" in Europe brings together various associations and public institutions that deal with problems of mobility, cross-border labor markets in general, and administrative obstacles affecting workers from various regions and countries.

**29 November 2021**

**Welcome (8:45-9:00)**

*Suzanne Graham (University of Johannesburg), Co-President, RISC-RISE Consortium*

*Franz Clément (LISER), Co-organizer of Conference*

**RISC Panel I: Reinventing cooperation and partnerships to Address Environmental Insecurity I (9:00-10:30)**

*Working Groups: Management of Strategic Resources, Environment and Society and Social Construction of Risk and Disasters*

*Chair: Dr. Sandra Häbel (RISC-RISE)*

Adrien Thomas (LISER), European trade unions and employer organisations and the politics of the just transition.

Gbenga Peter Sanusi (Anchor University/University of Ibadan), Natural Resources in Border Settings: Resolution of Nigeria-Cameroon Oil Rich Peninsula

S. Megens Santos (Wageningen University), Understanding polycentric governance to water scarcity in selected transboundary water governance; a case study in the North of Ecuador

Julia Ros-Cuéllar (University of Luxembourg), Policy coherence and Antifragility: a path to the safe and just space

Sergio Moldes-Anaya (University of Malaga) and Harlan Koff (University of Luxembourg), Policy coherence for climate action: How democratic is it?

**Coffee Break: 10:30-11:00**

**RISC Panel II: Freedom and equality: Partnering to promote good quality democracy (11:00-13:00)**

**Working Group: The Quality of Democracy**

*Chair: Victoria Graham (University of Pretoria)*

Sandra Häbel (RISC-RISE Consortium), “A city in crisis? Participative policy coherence for development in Vietnam’s coastal city Danang”

Neha Bhardwaj Upadhayay (Université de Paris Est) and Tamanna Adhikari (Al Akhawayn University), From ‘world’s largest democracy’ to ‘electoral autocracy’ : the role of civil society in India

Victoria Graham and Roland Henwood (both of University of Pretoria), Assessing the quality of civil society participation in South Africa’s democracy

Zimkhitha Manyana, (University of Johannesburg), The Civic Space in Cameroon during the 2020 Democratic Election

Alejandro Agudelo Calle (Universidad de Antioquia) #SOSCOLOMBIA Democracias alternativas: el papel de los medios de comunicación en el paro nacional

**Lunch Break: 13:00-14:00**

**RISC Panel III: Emphasizing three “P’s” in PCD: Policy partnerships for participative policy coherence for development (14:00-15:30)**

*Working Group: Development, Equity and Policy Coherence*

*Chairs: Lauri Siitonen (University of Helsinki, Finland) and Harlan Koff (University of Luxembourg)*

Lauri Siitonen (University of Helsinki), “National identity reconstruction and normative policy coherence for development – Finland and Luxembourg compared”

Ieva Skubina (University of Luxembourg), “Policy Coherence for Gender-Equal Development in Baltics: The example of Latvia”

Germán Darío Valencia Agudelo and Fredy Chaverra Colorado (both of the Universidad de Antioquia), Coherencia normativa para la construcción de paz en Colombia: análisis del punto uno del Acuerdo de paz con las Farc-ep

Santiago Mejía Idárraga, (Universidad de Medellín). “Región estándar disfuncional” desde el sistema de ciudades.

Robert Compton, (SUNY Oneonta) Dissonance or Qualitative Change: Using the Political Economy Analysis (PEA) for Promoting Democracy in Semi-Authoritarian Zimbabwe

**Coffee Break: 15:30-16:00**

**RISE Panel I: Community Engagement Grants (16:00-16:30)**

*Chair: Victoria Graham (University of Pretoria)*

**RISC Panel IV: Reinventing cooperation and partnerships to Address Environmental Insecurity II (16:30-18:00)**

*Working Groups: Management of Strategic Resources, Environment and Society and Social Construction of Risk and Disasters*

*Chairs: Carmen Maganda (INECOL, Mexico) and Edith Kauffer (CIESAS Sureste, Mexico)*

Ma. del Socorro Aguilar Cucurachi and Carmen Maganda (both of INECOL) Percepciones ciudadanas en contextos urbanizados y biodiversos de municipios fronterizos, desde el enfoque de Una Sola Salud, propuesto por PNUMA (2021)

Sandy A. Medina Valdivia, (UAGRO), Carmen Maganda (INECOL), Columba Rodríguez Alviso, (UAGRO), Lissette Juárez Islas (UAGRO), Explorando nuevas asociaciones y vías de cooperación para el manejo integrado de lagunas y humedales costeros en Guerrero

Edith Kauffer and Víctor Gallardo Zavaleta (both of CIESAS), La extracción de arenas y gravas de ríos y sus actores colectivos: adaptaciones e innovaciones ante la regulación estatal en la cuenca del río Usumacinta en México

Ramiro Salvador Gómez-Villerías, Erick Alfonso Galán Castro, Manuel Ignacio Ruz Vargas, José Luis Rosas Acevedo, Maximino Reyes Umaña (all of UAGRO), Reconstruction of the narratives involved in the construction of the citizen agenda for climate risk management in Acapulco, Guerrero.

Indra Morandín-Ahuerma, (UNAM), Miguel Equihua-Zamora (INECOL), Miguel Martínez-Ramos (UNAM), Enrique Martínez-Meyer (UNAM), Ileri Suazo-Ortuño (UMSNH). Las fronteras materiales e inmateriales desde la sustentabilidad socio-ecológica.

**18:00-19:00 : Keynote Lecture- Xóchitl Molina González (Veracruz Institute for Indigenous Affairs)**

### 30 November 2021

**RISC Panel V: Spatial and social convergences in border regions through civic engagement  
Panel sponsored by the Migration and Inclusive Societies Research Group, University of Luxembourg (9:00-10:30)**

*Working Group: Comparative Migration and Border Politics*

*Chairs: Dr. Christian Wille and Dr. Koku Gnatuloma Nonoa (both of the University of Luxembourg).*

*Discussant: Peter Ulrich (Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg)*

Tapiwanashe Hadzizi (University of Zimbabwe), Government failure and Informality: An investigation of the role played by informal trading in the developmental processes of people's livelihoods mechanisms in urban cities. A case study of Harare, Zimbabwe.

Leon Mwamba Tshimpakam (University of Pretoria), Intercontinental Citizenship Networks in the South: People-to-people Regionalism Through Self-built BRICS

**Coffee Break: 10:30-11:00**

**RISE Panel II: Policy Engagement (11:00-12:00)**

*RISC-RISE Contribution on South-South Cooperation to UNDP Report on Development Finance*

*Chair: Suzanne Graham (University of Johannesburg)*

**Lunch Break: 12:00-13:00**

**RISC Panel VI: Transnational civil society initiatives against crime (13:00-14:00)**

**Working Group: Conflict Violence and Citizen Security**

**Coordinator: Dr. Juan Carlos Velez Rendon (Universidad de Antioquia, Colombia)**

Bhumika Sharma, (Himachal Pradesh University) and Niteesh Kumar Upadhyay (Galgotias University)  
Non-governmental Organizations and Sexual Crimes,

Animesh Jha (Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University), Child Rights through the lens of UN

**Coffee Break (14:00-14:30)**

**RISE Panel III: JUNTOS (14:30-15:00)**

*Chair: Sandra Häbel (RISC-RISE)*

**RISC Panel VII: Addressing humanitarian crises amongst autochthonous and local communities through cross-border social partnerships (15:00-17:00)**

*Working Group: Civil society, Vulnerable Populations, and State Policies of Health and Well-being*

*Chairs: Dr. Claudia Puerta Silva (Universidad de Antioquia, Colombia) and Dr. Catherine Alès (EHES, Paris, France)*

Alejandra González (Universidad de Antioquia), Women's voices and COVID-19. Exploring the potential of the interlocution methodology to conduct feminist research with undocumented immigrant women.

Dudziri Nhengu (Africa University) Women's networks, subjunctive technologies and online digital platforms: Fighting Covid-19 in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Josiah Asa Okal K'Okal, (FLACSO Ecuador), Entre vulnerabilización y resistencia: el caso de la migración transnacional de los warao.

Claudia Puerta Silva (Universidad de Antioquia), Esteban Torres Muriel (Universidad de Antioquia), Iliá Gómez, (Universidad de La Guajira and Universidad de Antioquia, Víctor Valencia (Universidad de Antioquia), María José Rubiano (Universidad de Antioquia), Crisis alimentarias y pandemia en la frontera colombo-venezolana: el fracaso de las alianzas transnacionales y de las políticas públicas

Olga Gonzalez (Université de Paris), Comment aborder les problèmes liés au genre dans une zone de frontière à haute vulnérabilité ? Expériences des femmes migrantes vénézuéliennes en Colombie.

María Ochoa Sierra (Universidad de Antioquia and El Colegio de Michoacán) ¿Migraciones o retorno? una mirada del movimiento desde la perspectiva de un pueblo indígena binacional

**Coffee Break: 17:00-17:30**

**17:30-18:00 Conclusions**

**18:00-19:30 Kapuscinski Lecture: Bandana Rana (United Nations CEDAW Committee)**

**Registration Required with UNDP**

**Conference Scientific Committee:** Dr Franz Clement (LISER), Dr Harlan Koff (University of Luxembourg); Dr Suzy Graham (University of Johannesburg), Dr Victoria Graham (University of Pretoria)