

Synopsis

The Consortium for Comparative Research on Regional Integration and Social Cohesion (RISC) will hold its first annual conference at the European Commission's headquarters in Luxembourg (Bâtiment Jean Monnet) from November 13-15, 2008.

This meeting will examine leadership and social cohesion politics cross-regionally in specific subject areas. Each of the panels is topically defined and each includes four presentations and a chair/discussant in order to promote comparative discussions of social cohesion issues.

The afternoon session on Friday November 14 will focus specifically on leadership. First, panel five will focus on social cohesion politics in Europe, North America, and South America with a specific focus on the events of 2008. It will examine the role of leadership in specific contexts related to these happenings.

Second, panel six will comparatively analyze styles of leadership and the impacts that they have on social cohesion. The papers presented in these panels will be published in 2009 as a book in the series entitled Regional Integration and Social Cohesion (Bruxelles: P.I.E./Peter Lang).

The remaining panels correspond to RISC's working groups (see www.risc.lu for full descriptions) and they have been organized by the groups' coordinators.

The conference will include presentations made in English, Spanish and French with simultaneous translation.

Registration

In order to attend, conference registration is free but obligatory.

For registration, general questions about the conference or for more detailed information,

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**Comparative Perspectives
on Leadership**



13-15 November 2008

Bâtiment Jean Monnet

Rue Alcide de Gasperi • Luxembourg (Kirchberg)



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14:00 Welcome **Rolf Tarrach**, Rector,
Université du Luxembourg

14:15 Introduction **Harlan Koff**, Université du Luxembourg

14:30 **Panel I: Social Risk and Disasters**
Chair: **Virginia García Acosta**, CIESAS, Mexico

Fernando Briones Gamboa, CIESAS, "El estado del arte" de la investigación sobre desastres en Latinoamérica y Europa • **Sébastien Brunet**, SPIRAL, Université de Liège, The Social Construction of Risk and Disasters • **Paula Vasquez Lezama**, EHESS - IRIS, Université Paris Descartes (Paris V), La experiencia de la "dignificación": Antropología política de la asistencia a los damnificados de la catástrofe La Tragedia (1999) en Venezuela • **Fabien Nathan**, Institut des Hautes Etudes Internationales et du Développement (IHEID), Dans les quartiers pauvres périphériques de la ville de La Paz (Bolivie), la survie des populations est partiellement facilitée par les risques de catastrophe

16:15 **Panel II: Civil Society, Vulnerable Populations, and State Policies of Health and Well-being**
Chair: **Robert Dover**, INER, Universidad de Antioquia

Freddy Mariñez Navarro, ITESM, Bienestar como gobernanza • **Olga L. Gonzalez**, GAC (Groupe Actualités Colombie), Les droits sociaux et les étrangers en France: entre reconnaissance et discriminations légales • **Florence Jany-Catrice**, Clersé, Université de Lille 1, Un indicateur de santé sociale pour les régions françaises: genèse et légitimation • **Naomi S. Levitt, Krisela Steyn, Estelle V. Lambert**, University of Cape Town, The epidemiological transition: co-prevalence of infectious and noncommunicable disease in South Africa: public health implications for prevention and management and models of care

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09:00 **Panel III: The Quality of Democracy**
Chair: **Leonardo Morlino**,
Istituto Italiano di Scienze Umane

Juan Carlos Centeno Maldonado, ITESM, Chacao: Un Modelo de Innovación en la Gestión Municipal de los Recursos Humanos • **Franz Clément**, CEPS, Gouvernance et Cadre Legislatif • **Johannes Kananen**, Renvall Institute, University of Helsinki, The Democratic Legitimacy of Workfare Policies in Sweden and Finland • **Harlan Koff**, Université du Luxembourg, The Impact of Local Power Structures on the Effectiveness of Regional Integration in Border Communities

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10:45 **Panel IV: Urban Conflict and Citizen Security**
Chair: **Juan Carlos Velez Rendón**, IEP,
Universidad de Antioquia

Magali Lehnert, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich, L'école dans son contexte social. Programmes scolaires et extrascolaires d'intégration dans des quartiers défavorisés de la ville de Luxembourg • **Tara Smith**, Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway, The Environmental Consequences of Armed Conflict: Do Conflict Zone Classifications Make a Difference to Citizen Security? • **Consuelo Adelaida García De la Torre** and **Luis Portales Derbez**, ITESM, El impulso del capital social por el sector gubernamental y privado como medio de restitución del tejido social Urbano en Nuevo León

14:00 **Panel V: RISC Book Panel I**
- **Regional Integration and Social Cohesion 2008**
Chair: **Carmen Maganda**, Université du Luxembourg

Lucelly Villegas Villegas and **Claudia Puerta Silva**, INER, Universidad de Antioquia, Populist Leadership and The 2008 Andean Political Crisis • **Juan Carlos Velez Rendón**, IEP, Universidad de Antioquia, ¿Un nuevo liderazgo simbólico? Ingrid Betancourt, las organizaciones de víctimas y el conflicto armado en Colombia • **Maria de Lourdes Dieck Assad**, ITESM, Mexico's War on/of Violence and its Economic Impacts

15:45 **Panel VI: RISC Book Panel II**
- **Leadership in Comparative Perspectives**
Chair: **Harlan Koff**, Université du Luxembourg

Leonardo Morlino, Istituto Italiano di Scienze Umane, Berlusconi's Return and The State of Leadership in Contemporary Italy • **Humberto González**, CIESAS, Economic Leadership in Mexican export agriculture: the polarization of local and transnational enterprises and state policy • **Deon Geldenhuys**, University of Johannesburg, Challenging the status quo: South Africa's ideational leadership in foreign policy

18:00 Cocktail and Keynote Speakers: Examining European Leadership in Global Immigration Politics (by invitation only)

Nicolas Schmit, Delegate Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration, Luxembourg • **Johan Ketelers**, Secretary General, International Catholic Migration Commission

19:30 Official Conference Dinner (by invitation only)
Offered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration, Luxembourg

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09:00 **Panel VII: Management of Strategic Resources, Environment and Society**
Chair: **Martha Corrales**, ITESM

Tobias Chilla, Université du Luxembourg, "Europeanisation" and the Environment – opportunities and risks of a scale shift • **Constanza Parra**, Clersé, Université de Lille 1, The role of ecotourism within the governance of natural resources: reflexions from the morvan Regional park case • **Robert Dover**, INER, Universidad de Antioquia, Inequitable patrimonies: the politics of resource extraction, sustainable development, and territory in the Colombian Guajira • **Abigail York**, SHESC, Arizona State University, Changes and Intransigence in Urban Landscape Institutions

10:45 **Panel VIII: Comparative Migration Politics**
Chair: **Alessandro Silj**,
Consiglio Italiano per Le Scienze Sociali

Héctor Rodríguez Ramírez, ITESM, Migrantes Mexicanos en Estados Unidos y su Papel en la Promoción del Desarrollo Economico y Social de Sus Comunidades de Origen • **Adriana González Gil**, IEP, Universidad de Antioquia, Colombianos en España: la condición de inmigrante y los desafíos de la construcción de lo colectivo • **Takeyuki Tsuda**, SHESC, Arizona State University, Ethnic Return Migration and the Nation-State: Encouraging the Diaspora to Return "Home" • **Emilie Duvivier**, Clersé, Université de Lille 1, Analyse comparée des logiques de protection des jeunes étrangers isolés : Le cas de la France et de la Belgique

12:15 Conclusion **Harlan Koff** and **Carmen Maganda**,
Université du Luxembourg

12:45 Closing Reception
Musée d'Histoire de la Ville de Luxembourg offered by the City of Luxembourg

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Conference Program

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