

Alta Scuola di Economia e Relazioni Internazionali (ASERI)

**Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milano**

Master in International Relations, 2009–2010

### **Comparative Regional Integration: Theories and Cases**

Andrés Malamud (Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon)

What is regional integration? What causes it and what consequences does it produce? And why has it developed so heterogeneously across regions and over time? This module will examine the origins and development of regionalism in order to account for its rationale and cases. To do so, it adopts an eclectic approach that combines insights from international relations, comparative politics, political economy, political sociology and law in context. Whereas the European experience with integration remains a reference in the field, among the cases to be studied are MERCOSUR, the Andean Community, the Central American Integration System, and NAFTA in the Americas, plus ASEAN and NEAR in Asia.

#### **References:**

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- Moravcsik, Andrew (1998) *The Choice for Europe: Social Purpose and State Power from Messina to Maastricht*. London: UCL Press.
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A detailed reading list will be provided during the course.

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**Schedule:**

**Class 1 - Monday 3 May, 11:30 - 13:30**

Regional integration: introduction to main concepts and debates. Disciplinary framework: international relations vs. comparative politics.

**Conference - Monday 3 May, 18:00**

*A Prophet in His Own Land? Brazil, Farther from Latin America and Closer to the Global South*

**Class 2 - Tuesday 4 May, 09:30 - 11:30**

Integration theories: approaches, dimensions, application. Introduction to comparative regionalism.

**Class 3 - Wednesday 5 May, 09:30 - 11:30**

Regional integration in Latin America and Asia: cases and analysis. Mercosur, UNASUR and multi-level regionalism.

**Class 4 - Wednesday 5 May, 14:30 - 16:30**

Student presentations: Middle East, Central Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia.

**Class 5 - Thursday 6 May, 09:30 - 11:30**

Comparative regional institutions: the case of supranational parliaments. Lessons from European integration to other regions and viceversa.

**Class 6 - Thursday 6 May, 14:30 - 16:30**

Student presentations: NAFTA, the Caribbean, UNASUR, interregionalism.

**Evaluation:**

Students will be graded following two assignments: an oral presentation (the class will be divided into eight groups, each of which will pick a regional organization or process to discuss) and a short written paper to be delivered two weeks after the course's end. The former will be worth 30% of the final grade and the latter 70%.