

Background: Economic stagnation, risks of deflation, persistent high unemployment, protest, rise of new social movements, increased xenophobia, euroscepticism and polarization of (new) political parties, are the expression of the perceived “democratic deficit” and the need for urgent action.

Rationale: Latin America and Europe can both learn from their respective experiences on crisis response and the distributive and democratic implications at national and regional level. Democratic and distributive aspects of crisis response (monetary, financial & economic policies and institutional reforms) are key but have not been adequately addressed in the literature.

Project objectives:

1. Research & teaching on EU crisis management, equity and democracy.
2. Compare experiences in LA and EU.
3. Comparatively analyze the impact of crisis, EU crisis response on integration and regionalism.
4. Create an EU-Brazil network for cultural exchange, knowledge transfer and building.
5. Connect it into IRI’s Latin America networks and co-organise events to further stimulate EU research in LA.
6. Collaborate with EU institutions and regional.
7. Elaborate policy recommendations on financial, economic and political governance responding to contemporary challenges.
8. Increase the public awareness on regional and bi-regional issues contributing to create peer pressures for regional and bi-regional cooperation.

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