

GARNET MOBILITY: Fourth Call

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Host Institution. UNU-CRIS, Bruges. Prof Luk Van Langehove.

Level, duration and date of Mobility. Senior, two weeks, April 2007.

Research Proposal.

1. This application flows from the collaboration already commenced between the applicant and the host. In February 2006 UNU-CRIS and GASPP together with a colleague from the Open University convened on behalf of UNESCO a High Level Symposium on The Social Dimension of Regional Integration in Montevideo. This resulted in a call from the Symposium that the UN should facilitate inter-regional dialogues on the social dimension of regional integration. Arising from the Symposium the three of us have proposed to Routledge (GARNET series) an edited book entitled *Global Governance, Regional Integration and Social Policy*. This is being considered by the series editors. Subsequently it has been agreed that the applicant should present a paper on Regional Social Policy and Global Governance Reform: the role of the EU at the first JERP 5.2.3 workshop on 'Theoretical Issues on the EU, UN, Global Governance and Political Multilateralism' in Bruges on September 21-22 2006. This might become a chapter in the book that will flow from this work programme.
2. The purpose of these two weeks mobility is threefold:
 - a) Advance work on the projected edited volume.
 - b) Prepare a bid together with the third convenor of the UNESCO Symposium to the ESRC/UKDFID third call (due in June 2007) to further the study of the development of regional social policies including within that the role the EU has and might play in advancing such regional social policies.
 - c) To assess how the Sheffield-based GASPP programme and Bruges based UNUCRIS might better collaborate, together with other GARNET partners in advancing both theoretical and policy advocacy work in the UN and EU on the social dimension of regionalism.
3. The research outcomes that will flow from this mobility are:
 - a) An edited book in the GARNET series
 - b) An application for additional research funds to advance an element of the work on regionalism and global governance
 - c) Scholarly articles(s) on the topic