



Euro-Latin America & Caribbean Cooperation in Governing Climate and Biodiversity and Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

23-25 March 2026

**Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro
Rua Marques de São Vicente, 225
Gávea – Rio de Janeiro**

Day 1: 23 March

(Room: Auditorium RDC)

15:00 - 15:30 Arrival of Participants

15.30 - 16:00 Welcome and Introduction

*Andrea Ribeiro Hoffmann (PUC-Rio), Andrea Bianculli (IBEI, EULAS
Coordinator), Jacint Jordana (IBEI, EULAS Co-coordinator)*

16:15 - 17:15 Workshop ‘Teaching EU-LAC’

*Chair: Adam Holesch (IBEI)
Participants: Andrea C. Bianculli (IBEI), María Victoria Álvarez
(Universidad Nacional de Rosario), Carolina Salgado (PUC-Rio)*

17:30 - 18:30 Workshop ‘Research Funding’

*Chair: Jacint Jordana (IBEI)
Participants: Gustavo Muller (KU Leuven), Claudia Alvarenga Marconi
(PUC-SP/FECAP), José Briceño (UNAM)*

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Day 2: 24 March

(Room: Auditorium RDC)

8:30 - 9:00 Arrival of Participants

9:00 – 9.30 Welcome and Introduction

Andrea Ribeiro Hoffmann (PUC-Rio), Padre Anderson Antonio Pedroso, S.J. (Rector PUC-Rio)(tbc), Kai Kenkel (Director IRI/PUC-Rio), Jacint Jordana (IBEI, EULAS Coordinator), Andrea C. Bianculli (IBEI, EULAS Coordinator), Amb.Marian Schuegraf (Ambassador of the European Union to Brazil) (tbc)

9:30 - 10:00 Online Welcome Address

Stefaan Hermans (Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission)

10:00 – 11:00 Keynote speech: Crisis of multilateralism and the geopolitics of climate change and energy transition since the Paris Agreement

Eduardo Viola (IEA-USP e FGV)

11:00 - 12:30 Roundtable 1: European Green Deal in Global Context

Chair: Monica Herz (ILAM)

Participants: Jan Wouters (KU Leuven), Benedicte Bull (University of Oslo), Maureen Santos (FASE), José Briceño (UNAM)

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30-15:00 Panels 1, 2, 3 (parallel rooms)

Panel 1 (RDC): European Green Deal: external reception and contestations to EUDR

Chair: Ricardo Oliveira (PUC-Rio)

- To whom is this regulation fair(trade)? Global South Contestation of the European Union's Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)
Maria Martins (KU Leuven), Gustavo Muller (KU Leuven) & Bruno Luciano (UNESP)
- Regulating Sustainability, Reinforcing Inequality? The EUDR's Impact on Gender Inequality in Brazil
Carolina Pavese (Instituto Mauá de Tecnologia)
- Legal Contestation of the EUDR in Brazil: An analysis of normative and regulatory bottlenecks and potential dispute resolution mechanisms
Paula Almeida (FGV-Rio)
- EUDR and Deforestation in Brazil: Are Producers Anticipating the European-Free Deforestation Regulation?
Alan Leal; Ana Flávia Trevizan; Michelle Marcia Viana Martins; Gabriela Zangiski; Carmen Fonseca (FGV Global Business)

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Panel 2 (Padre Anchieta) Producing political spaces across the EU and LA: the role of cities

Chair: Carolina Salgado (PUC-Rio)

- Ambitious cities versus restructuring states - Conflicts and differentiation in São Paulo and Paris
Patrick le Galès (Sciences Po) & Eduardo Marques (University of São Paulo)
- Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) involvement in Transnational and Global Cities Networks: Cities within Global Environmental Governance in Amazonia
Luciana Coube Cardoso (IBEI)
- Estado de situación de la elección de carreras científico-tecnológicas en la Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires de la Argentina. Comparación con la situación de otros países latinoamericanos y de Europa.
Lucila María Teresa Dallaglio (FLACSO Argentina)
- Barnalatina/Latinobarna: Barcelona como plataforma literaria transatlántica
Dunia Gras Miravet (Un.Barcelona)

Panel 3 (IAG) Critical Raw Materials and the Politics of the Energy Transition I

Chair: Maria Elena Rodriguez (PUC-Rio)

- Critical raw materials and the EU-Mercosur and EU-Chile agreements
Detlef Nolte (German Institute for Global and Area Studies)
- The European Union, Chile and Lithium: value-based agreements or simply competing against China?
Arantza Gomez Arana (Northumbria University)
- Lítio e Transição Energética: A disputa normativa entre a China e a U.E. na América do Sul.
Gustavo Alejandro Cardozo (Observa Da China)
- Beyond ISDS: Rethinking EU–Brazil and US–Brazil Investment Protection for Critical Minerals, Cultural Heritage and Indigenous Rights
Joshua Davis (KU Leuven)

15:15-16:45 Panels 4, 5, 6 (parallel rooms)

Panel 4 (RDC) European Green Deal and its external effects

Chair: Carolina Pavese (Instituto Mauá de Tecnologia)

- Brazil's contestation of EU regulatory pressure on the Business and Human Rights agenda: the continuum between environmental protection and green protectionism under tension
Claudia Alvarenga Marconi (PUC-SP/FECAP) & Julia Battistuzzi Penachioni (USP)
- Carbon leakage or competitive advantage? Assessing the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism impact on Brazil's energy-intensive industries
Michelle Márcia Viana Martins (UFV/FGV) & Rodrigo Fagundes Cezar (FGV)
- Colonialismo Verde: Desvelando a agenda por trás do pacto ecológico europeu
Erica Paula Vasconcelos (PUC-Rio) & Fernanda Barbosa (UFRGS)
- Political expediency always wins out? The Simple Rules of EU policy-making and what it means for its climate policy
Kai Enno Lehmann (University of São Paulo)

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Panel 5 (Padre Anchieta) EU-LAC Interregionalism in times of contestation of the global order

Chair: Carmen Fonseca (Universidade Nova de Lisboa)

- Structural challenges for EU-LAC climate cooperation: interregional cognitive biases and the transformation of Latin American regionalism
Frank Mattheis (UNU-CRIS) & Carlos Fonseca (Ghent University, UNU-CRIS)
- El Nuevo Modelo de Cooperación UE - Cuba: en tiempos reconfiguración del sistema internacional y regional.
Alexis Berg-Rodríguez (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)
- Complementing or Upgrading? The Role of Interregionalism in Climate and Biodiversity Governance
Santiago Olarte (University of Lisbon)
- The Crisis of Climate Multilateralism and the Limits of EU-Latin America and Caribbean Inter-regional Cooperation
Anna Beatriz de Sousa (Universidade Federal Fluminense)

Panel 6 (IAG) Critical Raw Materials and the Politics of the Energy Transition II

Chair: Detlef Nolte (German Institute for Global and Area Studies)

- A Economia Política do Hidrogênio de Baixo Carbono na Cooperação Euro-Latino-Americana: Alemanha, Brasil e Chile na Geopolítica da Transição Energética (2020-2025)
Christian Lyrion de Barros Fontão (PUC-Rio), Flávio Augusto Lira Nascimento (Universidade Federal do Pampa)
- Decarbonization and Energy Transition: Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainability in Europe
Nuno Gama de Oliveira Pinto (ISG Business & Economics School)
- União Europeia e América Latina: a transição energética e a busca pelos minerais críticos
Beatriz Fernandes Lira Cavalcante (PUC-Rio)

17:00-18:30 Panels 7, 8, 9 (parallel rooms)

Panel 7 (RDC) Climate Governance in Times of Fragmentation: paths to sustainability

Chair: Gustavo Setrini (FLACSO Paraguay)

- Strategies and coalitions for sustainability
José Mauricio Domingues (IESP/UERJ)
- Governança climática e fragmentação regional na América Latina e no Caribe
Flavia de Campos Mello (PUC-SP) & Terra Friedrich Budini (PUC-SP)
- A diplomacia ambiental na relação UE-CELAC – o caso do Brasil
Carmen Fonseca (Universidade Nova de Lisboa)
- Brazil and the European Union: common aims but divergent instrument on multilateral climate commitments
José Víctor Ferro (IBEI)
- Organizational Limits to Sustainability: Rent-Seeking vs. Productive Upgrading in an European Donor-Funded Agroecology Project in Paraguay. *Gustavo Sentrini (FLACSO Paraguay) & Melisa Vera (FLACSO Paraguay)*

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Panel 8 (Padre Anchieta) Organized crime, sustainable development and climate mitigation

Chair: Paula Sandrin (PUC-Rio)

- Securitization in Latin America – EU relations: organised crime, rare earths and the EU’s policy interests
Christian Kaunert (Dublin City University) & James Fitzgerald (University of South Wales)
- UE e Brasil: cooperação e desafios no combate ao crime organizado transnacional
Vivianne Chagas (Universidade Nova de Lisboa)
- Mudanças Climáticas: Um estudo sobre o desmatamento ilegal e o impacto socioambiental na Guiné-Bissau
Jeilson Djassi (PUC-Rio)
- Crisis climática y globalización: Políticas de mitigación
Ramón Fogel (FLACSO Paraguay), Blas Duarte (FLACSO-Paraguay) & Sandra Valdez Ayala (FLACSO - Paraguay)
- Mitigação Climática em tempo de desordem internacional: possíveis caminhos para progressão
Bianca Chinelli (Universidade Nova de Lisboa)

Panel 9 (IAG) Civil Society, advocacy and EU-LAC climate cooperation

Chair: Andrés Dockendorff (Universidad de Chile)

- Environmental interest groups and lobbies in developing settings: the case of Chile.
Andrés Dockendorff (Universidad de Chile)
- Participatory Strategy-Making? The Role of Civil Society in EU–LAC Relations
Gustavo Muller & Maria Martins (KU Leuven)
- Fortuño, Afrofeminismos latinoamericanos: las intelectuales negras, la Revolución cubana y la crítica a la colonialidad
Cristina Beltrán (Un.Barcelona)
- Theoretical framework: advocacy coalition framework to identify actor coalitions and events leading to policy change
José Victor Ferro (IBEI) & Luciana Cardoso (IBEI)
- EU-Ecuador cooperation, green finance and biodiversity: opportunities for youth and UNESCO Biosphere Reserves.
Emilie Dupuits (Universidad San Francisco de Quito)

18:30 Cocktail (IAG)

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Day 3: 25 March

9:00 - 9:30 Arrival of Participants

9:30 - 11:00 Panels 10, 11, 12 (parallel rooms)

Panel 10 (RDC) Affective Circuits of Climate Politics: Navigating Hope, Optimism, and Responsibility in Latin America–Europe Climate Relations

Chair: Andrea Ribeiro Hoffmann (PUC-Rio)

- Cruel Optimism and Insurgent Hope: Rethinking Climate Cooperation between EU and LA
Paula Sandrin (PUC-Rio)
- Counterproductive hope? Critical perspectives on sustainability transitions
Heidi Sinevaara-Niskanen (University of Lapland)
- Sustainable Development Goals, hope and (de)colonisation: Arctic insights
Marjo Lindroth (University of Lapland)
- How to Save the World in a 9-to-5: Cruel Optimism in Environ Projects within Agribusiness
Karla Resende da Costa (PUC-Rio)

Panel 11 (Padre Anchieta) Multilateralism, environmental laws and the protection of biodiversity

Chair: Felipe Roa-Clavijo (Universidad de los Andes)

- Contested Synergies: Divergent Euro–Latin American Understandings of Climate–Biodiversity Coherence under the Rio Conventions
Juliana Coelho Marcussi; Yago Ferreira Freire; Julia Stefany da Silva Lima - Latin American Climate Lawyers Initiative for Mobilizing Action (LACLIMA)
- Reef Life: The Role of Barbadian Environmental Laws in Protecting Critically Endangered Acropora Reefs
Alois Aldridge Muagadza (University of the West Indies)
- Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing in the Caribbean: Shared Responsibility of States
Makayla Williams (University of the West Indies)
- Climate Litigation as a Decolonial Tool: Rethinking Sovereignty and North–South Inequalities in Climate Governance
Ingrid Valadares da Silva Santos (PUC-Rio)

Panel 12 (IAG) Trade, finance, investment in EU-LAC cooperation

Chair: Carlos Frederico Coelho (PUC-Rio)

- A macro-monetary roadmap to strengthen Euro–LAC cooperation in times of the renewal of imperialism
Christian Ghymers (IRELAC and Robert Triffin International/UCLouvain)
- Cambio climático, comercio y cooperación UE–América Latina: desafíos y respuestas estratégicas de los países latinoamericanos
Julieta Zelicovich (Universidad Nacional de Rosario & CONICET)
- Financiamiento Energ. Público en AL(2013-2022); Menos emisiones o más endeudamiento?
Xavier Cobeña (FLACSO Ecuador)
- Pathways to EU-LAC Collaboration in Green Finance.
Maria Antonieta Lins (USP)

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11:15 - 12:45 Panels 13, 14, 15 (parallel rooms)

Panel 13 (RDC) Euro-Latinoamerican-Caribbean relations and the achievement of SDGs

Chair: Isabel Siqueira (PUC-Rio)

- Cooperación Euro-Latinoamericana y del Caribe: Gobernanza del clima, la Biodiversidad y el logro de los ODS
Amalia Stuhldreher (UDELAR), Bruno T. Luciano (UNESP) & Damián Rodríguez (UDELAR)
- Chile y la Unión Europea juntos frente a los desafíos del comercio internacional y la emergencia climática: el capítulo sobre comercio y desarrollo sostenible (CDS) del Acuerdo Marco Avanzado (AMA) UE-Chile
Witold Janas (University of Warsaw & Université Paris Panthéon Assas)
- Brief notes on opportunities and challenges for 2030 SDG's achievement within the EU-Mercosul Trade Agreement
Raquel Santos (PUC-Rio)
- Uma Ecologia Excludente: Ecofascismo, Democracia e os ODS
Lara Mallet Bellotti Fins (PUC-Rio)

Panel 14 (Padre Anchieta) Crisis of multilateralism and spaces for EU-LAC cooperation

Chair: Andrea C. Bianculli (IBEI)

- Monroe Shock Doctrine: Donald Trump and the US Right Wing's desire to re-homogenize Imperial Dominance in Latin-America
Christian Carreto Cardona (IBEI)
- Sensibility and political numbness: challenging the principles of multilateralism
Christian Leonardo Souza Cantuária; Ana Clara P. F. Faria (PUC-Rio)
- Reassessing GRULAC-EU human rights cross-regional affinity in the United Nations Human Rights Council
Gustavo Gayger Müller (KU Leuven) & Joaquín Capraro (KU Leuven)
- A equiparação entre conhecimento científico e saberes tradicionais na OC-32/25 da Corte Interamericana: ciência, pluralismo epistêmico e direitos humanos
Isabela Soares Bicalho (USP)

Panel 15 (IAG) Climate Hazards, Migration and Protection Deficits

Chair: Florian Hoffmann (PUC-Rio)

- Climate Hazards and (Im)Mobility in Latin America: A Correlational and Case Study Analysis
Victor Cabral (PUC-Rio)
- Intersecting Precarities: Migrant Education, Community Development and Governance Gaps in the Caribbean
Nicole Roberts (University of the West Indies)
- Refugiados Ambientais e o Vazio Normativo: O Déficit de Proteção e o Caso Haitiano
Rosângela Matias Cipola (PUC-Rio)
- Sistemas alimentarios frente el cambio climático y la pérdida de la biodiversidad: desafíos para Colombia
Felipe Roa-Clavijo (Universidad de los Andes)
- Dinámicas territoriales del sistema agroalimentario en los distritos de Coronel Oviedo y J. Augusto Saldivar.
Soledad Martinez (FLACSO Paraguay)

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13:00 - 14:00 Lunch Break

14:15 - 15:45 Panels 16, 17, 18 (parallel rooms)

Panel 16 (RDC) EU-Mercosur agreement and sustainable development

Chair: Bruno T. Luciano (UNESP)

- Cooperação inter-regional para proteção e preservação do oceano: uma análise a partir do Acordo de Parceria Mercosul-UE
Gabriel Ralile de Figueiredo Magalhães (Escola de Guerra Naval)
- Obstruccionismo climático, politización y acuerdos comerciales: Bolsonaro, Milei y las trayectorias divergentes del acuerdo UE–Mercosur
María Victoria Álvarez (Universidad Nacional de Rosario)
- Cooperación estratégica UE-Mercosul: Oportunidades y desafíos entre las agendas de desarrollo sostenible, la estrategia Global Gateway y el Acuerdo de Asociación
Salman Agostina (Universidad Nacional de Rosario)
- Brazilian Environmental Policy in Question: European Criticisms and the Debate over the Mercosur–EU Agreement
João Gabriel Danon Tavares (UERJ)

Panel 17 (Padre Anchieta) Climate Justice, Governance and Regulation in EU–LA Relations

Chair: Regis Dandoy (Universidad San Francisco de Quito)

- Justiça Climática e Cooperação Birregional: O Papel das Instituições Jurídicas na Governança Ambiental UE-CELAC
Fabício Rocha Bastos (Ministério Público do Estado do Rio de Janeiro)
- Fundamentos normativos da cooperação EU–América Latina na governança climática: democracia ambiental entre a Convenção de Aarhus e o Acordo de Escazú
Kayo Isaac Sena Silva (Universidade Estadual do Maranhão) & Thiago Allisson (Universidade Estadual do Maranhão)
- Desenvolvimento, ambição e justiça climática: perspectivas a partir da América Latina
Paula Orrico Sandrin (PUC-Rio), Maureen Santos (PUC-Rio) & Maria Beatriz Peixoto Mello (BRICS Policy Center)
- Inibição de *Greenwashing* Mediante Novos Marcos Regulatórios: Segurança jurídica para investimentos climáticos
Liliane Marins Diniz (Universidade Estácio de Sá) & Wilson Tadeu de Carvalho Eccard (Universidade Estácio de Sá)
- A Repatriação de Bens Culturais como Instrumento de Cooperação Jurídica UE-ALC: o Caso do Manto Tupinambá à Luz do Art. 216 da CF/88 e da Perspectiva Decolonial.
Rebecka Vitória Lima de Souza (Universidade de Fortaleza)

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Panel 18 (IAG) Climate finance and the Amazon

Chair: Julieta Zelicovich (Universidad Nacional de Rosario & CONICET)

- Financiamento climático, florestas tropicais e cooperação birregional: o TFFF como vetor estratégico na relação UE-ALC
Adriano Andrade; Alice Catão (PUC-Rio)
- Redistribuição Climática e a participação da União Europeia no Fundo Amazônia
Paulo José Pereira Carneiro Torres da Silva (UCAM), Wilson Tadeu de Carvalho Eccard (UCAM), Vinícius de Mattos Oliveira (UCAM)
- O Fundo de Florestas Tropicais para Sempre e a Amazônia brasileira
Higor Paiva Nascimento (PUC-Rio)
- Interações entre Europa e Pan-Amazônia no Âmbito da Organização do Tratado de Cooperação Amazônica: Governança do Clima, Biodiversidade e Desenvolvimento Sustentável
Beatriz Caminha dos Santos (PUC-Rio)

16:00 – 17:30 Roundtable 2 (RDC) Obstrução Climática e Negociações Multilaterais

Chair: Ana Paula Tostes (IESP/UERJ)

Participants: Carlos Milani (IESP/UERJ), Maria Isabel Santos (IESP/UERJ), Pablo Saturnino Braga (PPGRI/UERJ)

17:45 - 18:15 Concluding remarks (RDC)

Andrea C. Bianculli (IBEI, EULAS Coordinator), Jacint Jordana (IBEI, EULAS Co-coordinator), Andrea Ribeiro Hoffmann (PUC-Rio)