

The EURÉGIO project deals with regions and regionalism in the European Union. It addresses regions as territorial units and socio-political entities situated at an intermediate scale, between the local and State (central, federal) levels. At a time of regional reform in France, the objectives are to appraise the knowledge, foster the debate and consider the evolutions of regions and regionalism in the context of the European construction, with examples and illustrations from the member-States of the European Union.

The project is based on a network of academic, professional stakeholders and civil partners developed by University of Lille 1, one of the most internationalised universities in France. The project is particularly linked to the master curriculum EUROSStudies (European Studies for Territorial and Urban Development), within the master in Urbanism and Planning (Lille Institute of Planning and Urbanism, University of Lille 1).

The project combines teaching, research and public events with project partners. Several deliverables for diffusion and dissemination will impact on target groups : scientific and academic publications, reports on the events and activities, outcomes of the student workshops linked with the labour market and conference in order to engage dialogue with civil society.

The Lille Jean Monnet Conference is the key event of the project EURÉGIO, led by the University of Lille 1 since September 2015 in the framework of the European programme Erasmus + Jean Monnet, with the objective to appraise the knowledge, foster the debate and consider the evolutions of regions and regionalism in the context of the European construction

This international conference concludes the series of events - study days, courses and workshops for students - that have reached both academic (teachers, researchers and students) and professional (local representatives and other public and civil bodies active in the field of European cooperation).

The conference brings together international participants: researchers, experts, practitioners and representatives of public authorities and civil society. The aim is to combine discourses and experiences and to constitute a corpus of analyses and reflections that will help to appraise and put into perspective the regional fact in today European Union.

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Access :

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Registration :

<http://euregio.univ-lille1.fr/en/project-events/closing-conference>

The conference is bilingual French-English with direct translation

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Monday 26th June

8h30 : Reception
9h-9h30 : Welcome address

9h30-10h : Introductory conference « **Shaping the territory in Catalonia, Scotland, and Flanders. Devolution, spatial planning and sub-state nationalism in contested European states** », Claire Colomb, Bartlett School of Planning, University College London

10h-11h : Panel I : Europe and the regions. Concepts and realities

- « **Europe of the States, Europe of the Regions, Europe with the Regions** », Carlos E. Pacheco Amaral, Jean Monnet Chair, University of the Azores
- « **The mobilisation of local authorities in EU multi-level governance : Promoted or constrained by regional government ?** », Tom Verhelst, Ghent University

Chair : Jan Ullrich, University of Tübingen

11h-11h30 : Break

11h30-12h30 : Panel II : Outlook on European regions and regionalism (1)

- « **L'Europe dans le débat constitutionnel écossais** », Edwige Camp-Pietrain, University of Valenciennes
- « **Occitanie deux en une, comment faire région ? Histoire, société, culture, politique, économie** », Catherine Bernié-Boissard, University of Nîmes

Chair : Didier Paris, University of Lille 1

12h30-14h : Lunch break

14h-16h : Panel III : Outlook on European regions and regionalism (2)

- « **Regionalism in a unitary state. Construction of identity in Polish western border areas** », Elżbieta Opiłowska, University of Wrocław
- « **Entre décentralisation et autogouvernement, les conceptions de région. Une comparaison de l'organisation régionale en France et « autonomique » en Espagne** », Rafael Giménez-Capdevilla, Societat Catalana de Geografia
- « **La nouvelle Région Grand Est face à la résistance des départements alsaciens** », Olivier Vergne, University of Paris VIII Vincennes-Saint Denis

Chair : Carlo Salone, University of Turin

16h-16h30 : Break

16h30-18h : Panel IV : Outlook on European regions and regionalism (3)

- « **Régions et régionalisations en Bulgarie. Dix ans après, les enjeux de l'intégration européenne d'un pays d'Europe centrale et balkanique** », Emmanuelle Boulineau, University of Lyon-ENS
- « **Les jeux d'échelle dans la communication politique des présidents des régions italiennes de l'Emilie-Romagne et du Latium** », Dorian Bernadou, University of Paris VII Diderot
- « **L'activité paradiplomatique de la Catalogne** », Jordi Gomez, University Paris II Panthéon-Assas

Chair : Véronique Vergès, Métropole européenne de Lille, University of Lille 1

Tuesday 27th June

9h : Reception

9h30-11h : Panel V : Regional policies, policy within regions

- « **La contribution des collectivités locales à la transposition des directives. Vers une acceptabilité renforcée de la norme européenne ?** », Amalia Mitselou, University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas
- « **Les institutions culturelles au prisme des réformes territoriales : le cas des Opéras** », Guy Saez, UMR PACTE CNRS
- « **Transfert des fonds européens et affirmation du pouvoir régional. L'exemple des investissements territoriaux intégrés en Île-de-France** », Brice Lamenie, University of Paris VII-Diderot

Modération : Catherine Bernié Boissard, University of Nîmes

11h-11h30 : Break

11h30-13h : Panel VI : Cross-border regions, euroregions. New scale for new regions ?

- « **Le Rhin supérieur : la construction d'une région métropolitaine transfrontalière** », Pauline Pupier, University of Artois
- « **L'imagibilité de l'Eurométropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai : la place des régions** », Bénédicte Grosjean, ENSAP of Lille
- « **Les eurorégions dans le discours de presse : analyse des procédés sémiotiques de séduction des publics médiatiques** », Marie-Hélène Hermand, Université libre de Bruxelles

Modération : Rafael Giménez-Capdevilla, officer of cross-border cooperation, Generalitat de Catalunya

13h-14h : Lunch break

14h-16h : Round table : Perspectives and challenges of regions and regionalism in the current European Union

- Gilles Pargneaux, MEP
- François Decoster, vice-president of Région Hauts-de-France
- Dominik Fanatico, vice-director of bilateral relations in UE, Land of North-Rhine-Westphalia
- Marti Anglada i Birulés, delegate of Catalonia in France
- Representative of the NGO Mouvement européen

Discussant : Anne-Cécile Douillet, University of Lille 2

16h-16h30 : Break

16h30-18h : Presentation of the Special Issue « **L'Europe des régions. Quel retour ?** », journal Pôle Sud.

With the editors and some authors of the Special Issue
<http://pole-sud.edu.umontpellier.fr>

19h-22h : Cocktail dinner open to all

Wednesday 28th June

Excursion Day in the Métropole européenne de Lille: “Innovation and creative economy: urban projects and planning schemes”.

9h: departure by bus, appointment at the MEL (European Metropolis of Lille), 1 rue du Ballon, 59000 LILLE
9h30-10h30: visit of Euratechnologies in Lomme
11h-12h30: visit of Plaine Images in Roubaix
13h: return by bus to the MEL for a moment of conviviality around a cocktail reception

• **Plaine Images** : Plaine Images is a cluster entirely devoted to moving images in all their forms, and in particular to the creative industries : virtual reality, video games, animation, audiovisual projects, serious games, web development, events, graphic-design, digital marketing, sound-music...The cluster hosts and supports companies of all sizes: from start-ups to international companies and fosters the convergence of know-hows, companies, screens and formats.

• **Euratchnology** : Euratchnology is an economic cluster dedicated to information and communication technologies (ICT). This business park gathers stakeholders and corporates from research, higher education, and economy : startups, SMEs, French and international firms.

Excursion organised in partnership with the Métropole européenne de Lille

Places are limited and subject to availability

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