



POSITIONING REGIONS AND REGIONALISM IN A DEMOCRATIC EUROPE

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JEAN MONNET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

In September 2015 the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence Positioning Regions and Regionalism In a Democratic Europe (PRRIDE) was established at Tübingen University's Institute of Political Science. Supported by the European Commission's Erasmus Plus-Program, the centre brings together Tübingen-based researchers from several fields such as political science, geography, and law.

Through partnerships with European, regional, and federal studies, scholars in more than a dozen European countries PRRIDE strengthens old and builds new networks in order to improve teaching, research, and activities reaching out to civil society regarding questions of multi-level governance, regionalism, and democracy in Europe.

The PRRIDE centre's director is Prof. Dr. Gabriele Abels, Jean Monnet Chair at Tübingen University's Institute of Political Science.

PRRIDE TOPICS

PRRIDE focuses on regions and regionalism in the European Union (EU) and on how they contribute to democratic governance in the EU.

Today processes of territorial decentralization are underway in many EU member states. Also many regions aim to become more active players in EU affairs at both the domestic and the EU level (e.g. within the subsidiarity monitoring mechanism). In addition, the formation of trans-border macro-regional strategies is a prominent tool in EU regional policy for many regions across Europe.

Through various research and teaching activities, PRRIDE sheds light on these trends. PRRIDE brings together expertise from political science scholars working in various fields such as European integration theory, theories of democracy and participation, comparative politics and comparative federalism, and regionalization and decentralization studies, and serves as a link to other disciplines dealing with regionalism such as law and geography.

Topics

Regions and regionalism, democratic governance in the European Union, territorial decentralization, trans-border macro-regional strategies

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INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH NETWORK

The Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence PRRIDE serves as the European focal point of researchers working in the field of federalism, multi-level governance, (comparative) regionalism, and regionalization.

Thus, PRRIDE gathers the multi-disciplinary expertise and competences of these high-level experts from different countries and disciplines (political science, law, and political geography) by building on and further developing an international research network linking scholars from more than a dozen European countries. Thereby, synergies between academic disciplines are developed among researchers and learners across the whole continent.

Please visit "PRRIDE Network" on the PRRIDE webpage for a current list of European partners in the network:

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Network

European network of researchers in the field of federalism, multi-level governance, comparative regionalism, and regionalization

PRRIDE ACTIVITIES

PRRIDE consists of a number of interconnected activities for different target groups. PRRIDE activities cover:

- international conferences and workshops to bring together scholars from different disciplines, institutions, and countries to discuss (further) cutting-edge research in the area of regionalism
- short-term research stays for young (international) scholars from various disciplines to build and strengthen research networks and to give them the opportunity to teach their areas of expertise in a new stimulating (international) environment
- public (guest) lectures by renowned faculty and visiting scholars to reach out to students and scholars as well as to civil society in order to engage in democratic dialogue and to foster mutual understanding between academia and citizens
- academic teaching of BA and MA courses on diverse PRRIDE-related topics to establish regionalism as a core area in teaching European Studies
- training seminars/workshops for public administrators and policy-makers to help build awareness for regions and regionalism among (European) decision-makers



Activities

International conferences and workshops, short-term research stays, public (guest) lectures, academic teaching on BA and MA level, seminars & workshops