

<b>School/Department:</b>	International Institute of Social Studies (ISS)
<b>Project Title:</b>	Comparative regionalism and the impact of BRICS countries in Africa
<b>Abstract:</b>	<p>The academic literature on comparative regionalism has indicated that various schemes of regionalism have produced highly varying effects on the countries participating in the regional frameworks. The so-called 'new regionalism' developed since the early 1990s in response to the 'unipolar' world order that came into being after the Cold War. Current regionalist frameworks have attempted to position themselves in the context of intensifying rhetorics of South-South cooperations, involving a variety of emerging powers, the BRICS countries being the primary ones among these.</p> <p>This PhD project investigates the existing and new forms of regional governance in Africa against the background of the rise of the BRICS. The main research question is how access to the countries in sub-Saharan Africa impact on the strategies of emerging powers from the South.</p>
<b>Requirements of candidate:</b>	<p><b>Background:</b> political science, international relations, international political economy</p> <p><b>Master's degree:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>EUR requirement:</b>          IELTS: 7.0          (min. 6.0 for all subs.)</p> <p>Or, TOEFL: 100          (min. 20 for all subs.)</p>
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