

PolyCIVIS Brussels Conference

30 January 2024 to 2 February 2024 / Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 30 January	Meeting 9:00-17:00 & Dinner LILY's
Wednesday 31 January	Meeting 9:00-17:00
Thursday 1 February	Meeting 9:00-17:30 & Concert JAZZ STATION
Friday 2 February	Meeting 9:00-16:30

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Meeting venues (all located within ULB Solbosch campus)

K building, room 3.401, Avenue Adolphe Buyl 87a, 1050 Ixelles
 R42 building, room 2.103, Avenue Franklin Roosevelt 42, 1050 Ixelles
 Institute for European Studies of the ULB (IEE), Avenue Franklin Roosevelt 39/41, 1050 Ixelles

Dinner and concert venue

[LILY'S](#) : Avenue Emile De Mot 1, 1000 Bruxelles
 Jazz Station Big Band [JAZZ STATION](#), Chaussée de Louvain 193A-195, 1210 Bruxelles

Internet access

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2. Choose "Université libre de Bruxelles" for the "Institution you wish to visit";
3. Choose "ALL" for the "Department/Event you wish to visit". Add Sebastian Seiffert as "Contact person". You will receive the codes within a few minutes.

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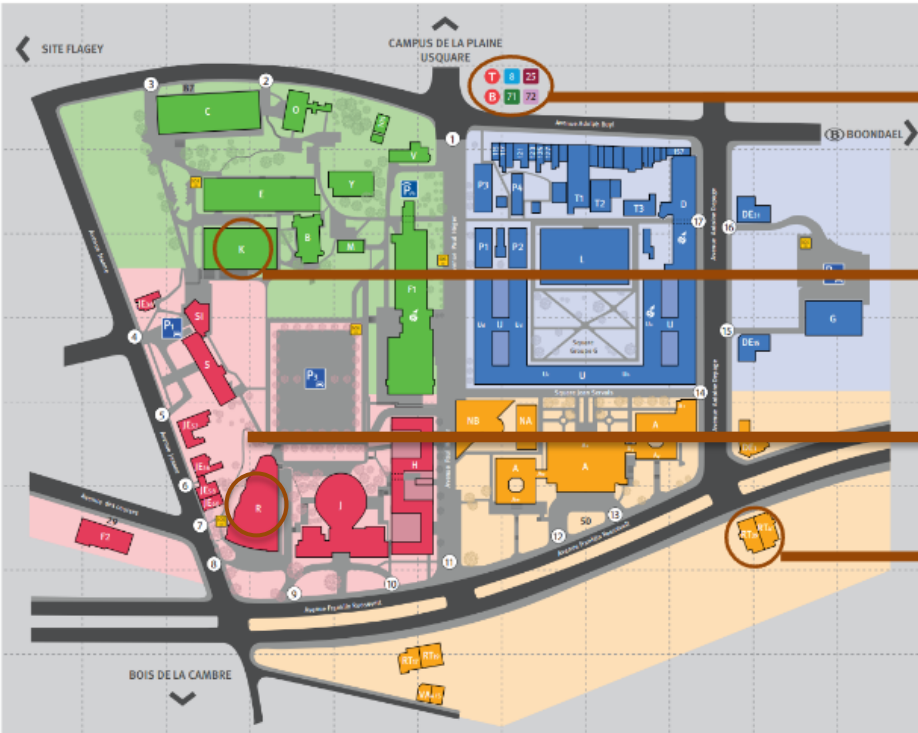
You can find information about the urban transport in this link: STIB - [Société des Transports Intercommunaux de Bruxelles_\(stib-mivb.be\)](http://stib-mivb.be)

Brussels Airport Zaventem à IEE

Train to Brussels Central station, then bus 71 (direction 'Delta', 11 stops) to  'ULB' then 10'

Brussels South Railway Station (Bruxelles Midi) à IEE

Metro line 2 or 6 (direction 'Elisabeth', 3 stops) to 'Louise', then tram 8 (direction 'Roodebeek', 8 stops) to 'Cambre Etoile' then  10'



The map shows the ULB Solbosch Campus layout with various buildings labeled (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, AA, AB, AC, AD, AE, AF, AG, AH, AI, AJ, AK, AL, AM, AN, AO, AP, AQ, AR, AS, AT, AU, AV, AW, AX, AY, AZ, BA, BB, BC, BD, BE, BF, BG, BH, BI, BJ, BK, BL, BM, BN, BO, BP, BQ, BR, BS, BT, BU, BV, BW, BX, BY, BZ, CA, CB, CC, CD, CE, CF, CG, CH, CI, CJ, CK, CL, CM, CN, CO, CP, CQ, CR, CS, CT, CU, CV, CW, CX, CY, CZ, DA, DB, DC, DD, DE, DF, DG, DH, DI, DJ, DK, DL, DM, DN, DO, DP, DQ, DR, DS, DT, DU, DV, DW, DX, DY, DZ, EA, EB, EC, ED, EE, EF, EG, EH, EI, EJ, EK, EL, EM, EN, EO, EP, EQ, ER, ES, ET, EU, EV, EW, EX, EY, EZ, FA, FB, FC, FD, FE, FF, FG, FH, FI, FJ, FK, FL, FM, FN, FO, FP, FQ, FR, FS, FT, FU, FV, FW, FX, FY, FZ, GA, GB, GC, GD, GE, GF, GG, GH, GI, GJ, GK, GL, GM, GN, GO, GP, GQ, GR, GS, GT, GU, GV, GW, GX, GY, GZ, HA, HB, HC, HD, HE, HF, HG, HH, HI, HJ, HK, HL, HM, HN, HO, HP, HQ, HR, HS, HT, HU, HV, HW, HX, HY, HZ, IA, IB, IC, ID, IE, IF, IG, IH, II, IJ, IK, IL, IM, IN, IO, IP, IQ, IR, IS, IT, IU, IV, IW, IX, IY, IZ, JA, JB, JC, JD, JE, JF, JG, JH, JI, JJ, JK, JL, JM, JN, JO, JP, JQ, JR, JS, JT, JU, JV, JW, JX, JY, JZ, KA, KB, KC, KD, KE, KF, KG, KH, KI, KJ, KK, KL, KM, KN, KO, KP, KQ, KR, KS, KT, KU, KV, KW, KX, KY, KZ, LA, LB, LC, LD, LE, LF, LG, LH, LI, LJ, LK, LL, LM, LN, LO, LP, LQ, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, LW, LX, LY, LZ, MA, MB, MC, MD, ME, MF, MG, MH, MI, MJ, MK, ML, MM, MN, MO, MP, MQ, MR, MS, MT, MU, MV, MW, MX, MY, MZ, NA, NB, NC, ND, NE, NF, NG, NH, NI, NJ, NK, NL, NM, NN, NO, NP, NQ, NR, NS, NT, NU, NV, NW, NX, NY, NZ, OA, OB, OC, OD, OE, OF, OG, OH, OI, OJ, OK, OL, OM, ON, OO, OP, OQ, OR, OS, OT, OU, OV, OW, OX, OY, OZ, PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PG, PH, PI, PJ, PK, PL, PM, PN, PO, PP, PQ, PR, PS, PT, PU, PV, PW, PX, PY, PZ, QA, QB, QC, QD, QE, QF, QG, QH, QI, QJ, QK, QL, QM, QN, QO, QP, QQ, QR, QS, QT, QU, QV, QW, QX, QY, QZ, RA, RB, RC, RD, RE, RF, RG, RH, RI, RJ, RK, RL, RM, RN, RO, RP, RQ, RR, RS, RT, RU, RV, RW, RX, RY, RZ, SA, SB, SC, SD, SE, SF, SG, SH, SI, SJ, SK, SL, SM, SN, SO, SP, SQ, SR, SS, ST, SU, SV, SW, SX, SY, SZ, TA, TB, TC, TD, TE, TF, TG, TH, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TM, TN, TO, TP, TQ, TR, TS, TT, TU, TV, TW, TX, TY, TZ, UA, UB, UC, UD, UE, UF, UG, UH, UI, UJ, UK, UL, UM, UN, UO, UP, UQ, UR, US, UT, UY, UZ, VA, VB, VC, VD, VE, VF, VG, VH, VI, VJ, VK, VL, VM, VN, VO, VP, VQ, VR, VS, VT, VU, VV, VW, VX, VY, VZ, WA, WB, WC, WD, WE, WF, WG, WH, WI, WJ, WK, WL, WM, WN, WO, WP, WQ, WR, WS, WT, WU, WV, WW, WX, WY, WZ, XA, XB, XC, XD, XE, XF, XG, XH, XI, XJ, XK, XL, XM, XN, XO, XP, XQ, XR, XS, XT, XU, XV, XW, XX, XY, XZ, YA, YB, YC, YD, YE, YF, YG, YH, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YM, YN, YO, YP, YQ, YR, YS, YT, YU, YV, YW, YX, YY, YZ, ZA, ZB, ZC, ZD, ZE, ZF, ZG, ZH, ZI, ZJ, ZK, ZL, ZM, ZN, ZO, ZP, ZQ, ZR, ZS, ZT, ZU, ZV, ZW, ZX, ZY, ZZ.

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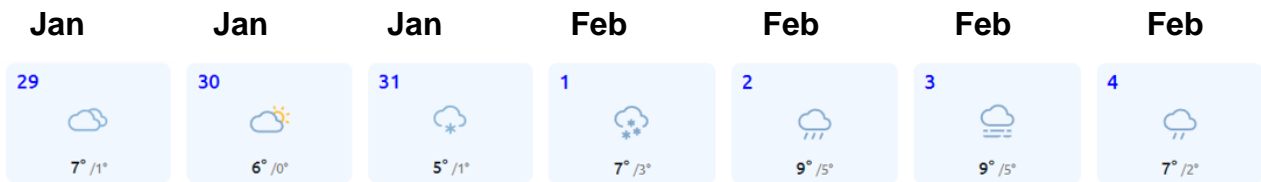
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Day 1 - Consortium Council meeting (in-presence)

Date : Tuesday, 30 January 2024

Location : K building, room 3.401 (Avenue Adolphe Buyl 87a, 1050 Ixelles)

Context : This first day of the conference will be the occasion for the key administrative, academic and scientific staff of the project to meet in person and to gain a detailed understanding of priorities over the lifetime of the project, as well as procedures and resources to organise the network's working.

The day will include guidance from WP5 co-leaders on aspects of internal and external communication.

It will end with a project dinner allowing colleagues to exchange informally and socialise.

9:00- 9:30 Welcome coffee

9:30-11:00 Opening session (chaired by Anne Weyembergh, Project Director)

- Opening words and overview of conference programme (Anne Weyembergh)
- Tour de table (All participants)
- Overview of project governance (ULB team / WP co-leaders)
- Setting up the project advisory board (ULB Team)
- State of play on project-related recruitments (ULB Team)

11:00-12:30 Project work programme (chaired by Anne Weyembergh)

- Presentation and discussion of Project work programme, including estimated results, milestones and deliverables (Dan Schreiber, Sebastian Seiffert / WP co-leaders)

12:30-13:45 Lunch

13:45-15:00 Project budget and reporting (Sebastian Seiffert)

- Budget structure and way of implementation
- Reporting obligations towards EACEA
- Cloud storage (PolyCIVIS box)

15:00-15:15 Coffee break

15:15-17:00 Project communication (chaired by François Heinderyckx)

Project communication (Ines Ellouze & Dimitris Gouscos) :

- Website
- Social media and other tools
- Templates and workflows

19:30 Project Dinner

[LILY'S](#) : Avenue Emile De Mot 1, 1000 Bruxelles

Day 2 - Methodological bootcamp : Framing the Polycrisis (hybrid)

Date : Wednesday, 31 January 2024

Location : Building R42, room 2.103 (Avenue Franklin Roosevelt 42, 1050 Ixelles)

Context: The workshop will help the network to conceptually refine the polycrisis approach. It will start with a keynote speech looking not how the approach can help guide our research activities, and continue with oral contributions network academics submitted under the call issues by the research WP co-leaders. The workshop is bilingual, with contributions either in English or in French, with a number of contributions being made remotely. The afternoon will be dedicated to discussing the deliverables foreseen within the research WP.

Connection link (Teams): [Click here](#)

9:00-10:30 Workshop opening and keynote speech

- Workshop opening (Mauve Carbonell & Fadma Ait Mous)
 - Workshop objectives
 - Link with work programme
- Keynote speech “From Neologism to Promising Research Agenda? The Global Polycrisis and IR” (Malte Brosig)
- Discussion

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-12:30 Researching polycrisis: roundtable discussion

Researching polycrisis: roundtable discussion based on oral contributions by network academics.

- Law as a Method to Tackle the Polycrisis (Gudrun Zagel & Roman Puff, PLUS)
- Communication matters in polycrisis (Dimitris Gouscos, NKUA)
- *Migration as a crisis discourse in Morocco (Youness Ben Mouro, Hassan II University of Casablanca) - **online***
- Crise multiple dans le monde : regards croisés sur les pratiques discursives en Afrique (Michaël Kasombo Tshibanda, Université de Lubumbashi)
- China and African strategy of emergence (Antoine Kernén, University of Lausanne)
- Panarctic Permafrost Thaw: Tipping point dynamics and the Arctic (Sandra Arndt, ULB)

- The importance of mutual trust in the management/resolution of crises/polycrises: the case of crises linked to internal security (Frederik Ponjaert & Anne Weyembergh, ULB)

12:30-13:30 Lunch, rectorate building

13:30 Group photo (outside rectorate building)

13:45-14:45 Researching polycrisis: roundtable discussion (continued)

- *Cultural institutions and exiled artists in France : responses to political crises from Afghanistan, Ukraine, Gaza and at European borders (Adélie Chevéé, AMU) - **online***
- *Multidisciplinary Research as Effective Tool for Polysolutions Linked to Environmental Degradation: the PhytoKat Project in Katanga/DRC (Salvius Bakari Amuri, Université de Lubumbashi) - **online***
- *De la polycrise aux polysolutions en Afrique subsaharienne. Le cas de l'Union africaine" (Germain Ngoie Tshibambe, Université de Lubumbashi) - **online***
- *Gender-sensitive crises responses? The case of Covid-19 in the EU (Matilde Ceron, PLUS) – **online***

14:45-15:15 Coffee break

15:15-17:00 Organising the Research work package

How to set in motion the Research work package, related milestones and deliverables (Mauve Carbonell & Fadma Ait Mous)

- Setting criteria for choosing publications to be included in the Polycrisis database (D2.1)
- Scientific and programmatic orientation of the PolyCVIS research programme (leading to preparatory workshop – MS5 and edited volume – D2.2)
- Participation in conferences

Day 3 - Agora Forum: The EU-Africa Joint vision for 2030 in the face of polycrisis: democracy and security challenges (in-presence)

Date : Thursday, 1 February 2024

Location : Institut d'études européennes, Spaak, Kant & Geremek rooms (Avenue Franklin Roosevelt 39/41, 1050 Ixelles)

Context : Two parallel all-day roundtables with researchers, officials and civil society figures to discuss different dimensions of the polycrisis.

- Roundtable 1: DEMOCRACY AND RULE OF LAW IN AFRICA AND EUROPE (moderated by Andrew Bradley & Bruno Theodoro Luciano)
- Roundtable 2: ADDRESSING THE POLYCRISIS IN SETTINGS OF INTRACTABLE VIOLENT CONFLICT (moderated by Dan Schreiber & Darlington Tshuma)

The questions raised at the forum will feed into the upcoming series of policy papers (D3.2).

Briefing papers for both roundtables have been distributed to Agora forum participants (you have indicated in the registration form whether or not you are interested to participate in the Agora Forum).

For a number of conference participants and following their request, alternative (bilateral) meetings with ULB representatives have been organised on this date.

9:30-10:00 Agora forum opening in plenary (Spaak room)

- Opening words (Anne Weyembergh & Malte Brosig)
- Welcome address – The Jean Monnet perspective on Africa-EU relations (Walter Zampieri, Head of Unit for European Higher Education, EACEA)

10:00-10:30 Coffee break followed by split in parallel roundtables

10:30-12:30 Parallel roundtables

Roundtable 1 (Kant room)
DEMOCRACY AND RULE OF LAW IN
AFRICA AND EUROPE
Session 1

Roundtable 2 (Geremek room)
ADDRESSING THE POLYCRISIS IN
SETTINGS OF INTRACTABLE VIOLENT
CONFLICT
Session 1

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:30 Parallel roundtables (continued)

Roundtable 1 (Kant room)
DEMOCRACY AND RULE OF LAW IN
AFRICA AND EUROPE
Session 2

Roundtable 2 (Geremek room)
ADDRESSING THE POLYCRISIS IN
SETTINGS OF INTRACTABLE VIOLENT
CONFLICT
Session 2

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:00 Parallel roundtables (continued)

Roundtable 1 (Kant room)
DEMOCRACY AND RULE OF LAW IN
AFRICA AND EUROPE
Wrap-up session

Roundtable 2 (Geremek room)
ADDRESSING THE POLYCRISIS IN
SETTINGS OF INTRACTABLE VIOLENT
CONFLICT
Wrap-up session

17:00-17:30 Agora forum closure in plenary (Spaak room)

- Key takeaways from each roundtable and concluding words (roundtable moderators)
- Next steps (Anne Weyembergh, Malte Brosig, Frederik Ponjaert)

Dinner not provided – please make your own arrangements prior to the evening activity

20:00-22.30 Social activity (jazz concert)

[Jazz Station Big Band](#), Chaussee de Louvain 193A-195, 1210 Bruxelles



Day 4 – Policy and teaching work packages / closing session (in-presence)

Date : Friday, 2 February 2024

Location : Institut d'études européennes, Spaak room (Avenue Franklin Roosevelt 39/41, 1050 Ixelles)

Context : This final conference day will provide opportunities to discuss upcoming work in the policy and teaching work packages. The closing session will draw conclusions from the different meetings and set priorities and follow-up actions in the run-up to the 2nd year conference in Dakar.

9:30-11:00 Policy work package

Policy work package (Anne Weyembergh, Dan Schreiber, Malte Brosig, Darlington Tshuma)

- Short summary of Agora forum experience (for those that did not participate) – what worked well, what can we improve?
- Mapping of relevant policy actors – D3.1
- Tentative mechanism to select topics and authors for policy papers – D3.2
- “High-profile meetings of African-EU policymakers” to which PolyCIVIS may give input

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:30 Teaching work package

Teaching work package (Edward Bbaale, Ibrahim Okumu, Gudrun Zagel, Roman Puff)

- Introduction to Teaching work package
- Necessary network input into the work-programme
 - MS 9: Survey and showcase of relevant courses
 - D 4.1: Euro-African Window
 - D 4.2: Development of 3+ credited short-duration joint teaching programmes
 - D 4.3: Development of full-cycle degree awarding joint teaching programme

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:30 Teaching work package (continued)

- Making PolyCIVIS-teaching available to the students of the network universities
- Practical/organisations issues with regard to teaching

14:30-15:00 Coffee break

15:00-16:30 Conference closing session

The road to Dakar

- PolyCVIS conference at Dakar (Idrissa Sarr & Ndiack Fall)
- How to consolidate our links while working remotely until the 2nd year meeting in Dakar (except for to be defined event at Civi Days in Salzburg - September 2024) ? (ULB and PLUS teams)
- How to work with the enlarged list of contacts? (Dan Schreiber & Sebastian Seiffert)