

## **Latin America Integration Processes and Organizations**

This course provides a comprehensive and comparative analysis of the main regional integration initiatives in Latin America and the Caribbean. It explores the historical evolution, institutional frameworks, achievements, and challenges of Latin American regionalism from the post-Cold War period to the present. The course presents key organizations and mechanisms such as the Andean Community, Mercosur, the Pacific Alliance, CELAC, as well as sub-regional and inter-regional initiatives involving the Caribbean (CARICOM) and relations with external actors like the EU, the United States, and China.

Special emphasis is placed on the theoretical debates surrounding regional integration, the impact of political, economic, and ideological shifts on cooperation processes, and the tension between ambitious integration goals and persistent obstacles such as sovereignty concerns, economic asymmetries, and political polarization.

By the end of the course, students will be able to critically assess the successes and limitations of Latin American integration efforts, understand their implications for global governance and international security, and develop a nuanced perspective on how regional organizations shape development, trade, and diplomatic relations in the Western Hemisphere.

The course combines theoretical insights with case studies and policy analysis, making it particularly relevant for future diplomats, international affairs professionals, and analysts interested in comparative regionalism and emerging powers.