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Europe facing a rising multi-polar world

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- **Content of 2010 Work Programme and calls**
- **Outlook for the future**



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Research in the activity 'Europe in the world' (1)

- **European research to address the new reality of the multi-polar *world* with its economic, social and political developments and upheavals and study the role of *Europe* in this new context**
- **'Est. since 2007'**

Research in the activity 'Europe in the world' (2)

- **Interactions and interdependencies between world regions and their implications (2007-08)**
 - Europe's role in global economic governance (PEGGED)
 - Development paths in an historical and comparative perspective and their impact on Europe (HI-POD, MEDEA)
- **Conflict, peace and human rights (2007-08)**
 - Conflicts and peace (INFOCON, DIASPEACE, JAD-PBP, MULTIPART)
 - Articulation of rule of law and protection of human rights at national, European and international levels (ATLAS, PRIV-WAR, DOMAC)
- **Europe's changing role in the world (2007-08)**
 - Europe seen from the outside (EUROBROADMAP, CHINESE VIEWS OF EU)
 - Multilateralism and the new external relations of the EU (MERCURY, EU4SEAS, EU-GRASP)

Research in the activity 'Europe in the world' (3)

- **Interactions and interdependencies between world regions and their implications (2009)**
 - Competition and collaboration in access to oil, gas and mineral resources (1 project in negotiation)
 - Geopolitics and the role of Europe in a changing world (1 project in negotiation)
- **Conflict, peace and human rights (2009)**
 - Climate induced changes in water resources in Southern Europe and neighbouring countries as a threat to security (1 project in negotiation)
 - Perspectives from outside the EU on human rights, democracy and peace (1 project in negotiation)

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Europe facing a rising multi-polar world (1)

- **Interactions and interdependencies between world regions and their implications (2010)**
 - Deadline: 02.02.2010 (Call 1)
- **Some issues that define the challenge:**
 - The EU takes part in creation of a multi-polar world (cf. rise of China, India) which follows the duo-polar world (USA, Russia)
 - The multi-polar world will be more economically and strategically interdependent but will this lead to more prosperity and stability?
 - How will the key issues that call for a collective action at the world-level be dealt with?
 - Will global governance and multilateralism be strengthened, weakened by multi-polarism?

Europe facing a rising multi-polar world (2)

- **Research dimensions:**
 - The future evolution of global governance and the place of Europe
 - Monitoring and analysis of critical/emerging areas (potential conflicts over resources, areas of influence or values...)
 - Port or new 'hegemony' with regard to the role of the US, the changes in EU 'civil power'...
 - The process by which certain values come to be contested or shared; their influence on international co-operation and multilateral institutions...

Europe facing a rising multi-polar world (3)

- **Points to take into account:**
 - balanced combination of research work and complementary activities: stocktaking, foresight, multi-disciplinarity, international dimension, ideas for stakeholder involvement, gender dimension, ethical aspects
 - Dissemination and exploitation of research results
 - Open access pilot for SSH
- **Why does it matter for Europe?**
 - The EU is challenged: its prosperity and stability will be much more determined by outside forces
- **Stakeholders:**
 - *'Supporting the development of a critical mass of actors, involving a wide range of stakeholders'*
 - Gender
 - Non-European researchers / active participation of teams from third countries

Europe facing a rising multi-polar world (4)

- **Policy relevance:**
 - The EU – A global partner for development: Speeding up progress towards the Millenium Development Goals (COM(2008)117)
 - The EU in the world: some practical proposals for greater coherence, effectiveness and visibility (COM(2006)278)
 - European Commission: Bureau of European Policy Advisers (BEPA), Justice Freedom and Security, External relations (incl. Enlargement, Development, EuropeAid, Trade)...
- **Expected impact:**
 - Advance knowledge & achieve a critical mass of resources
 - Identify the potential paths for Europe to follow
 - Feed and shape formulation and implementation of international policies / of European external relation policies
 - Participate to promotion of mutual understanding through improved co-operation and shared diplomatic culture between different actors in EU external policy

Collective challenges for Latin American & Caribbean Countries

- **Interactions and interdependencies between world regions and their implications (2010)**
 - Deadline: 02.02.2010 (Call 3)
 - SICA (collaborative project for specific co-operation action)
- **Research dimensions:**
 - Common geopolitical challenges
 - Social and economical uses of the environment
 - Role, visions and interdependencies of political, economic and social actors in institutional development
 - Foresight and multi-stakeholder approach whenever necessary
 - Comparisons, conceptual and policy models to improve co-operation between SSH and policy communities within LACC and with Europe...

Understanding urbanisation trends & processes in contemporary China

- **Interactions and interdependencies between world regions and their implications (2010)**
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 - SICA (collaborative project for specific co-operation action)
- **Research dimensions:**
 - Metropolis / Urbanisation in China in the last 30 years and potential for new internal developments
 - Historical and forward looking, including historical and current experience of large cities in Europe
 - At least three cities from different regions in China
 - Of interest: institutional foundations and policies for urbanisation; land property and estate markets; urbanisation and environment; urbanisation, traditions and modern lifestyles...

Cultures of governance and conflict resolution in Europe and India

- **Conflicts, peace and human rights (2010)**
 - Deadline: 02.02.2010 (Call 3)
 - SICA (collaborative project for specific co-operation action)
- **Research dimensions:**
 - How the EU and India face similar challenges in making a democratic political entity function in a context of internal diversity?
 - Examination of how such diverse polities and societies may deal with the common challenge of fostering unity in diversity
 - Roles of the EU, India and other actors in global governance
 - Reciprocal knowledge on political cultures and institutions
 - Relations between democracy and economic development
 - Linguistic policy in multicultural societies
 - Roots and influence of different cultures of governance
 - Recognition of minority rights
 - Conflict resolution...

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Outlook for the future

- **Globalisation: major impact on the evolution of the European society and economy**
- **Mode of governance between EU countries: advantages (demonstration) / reference (?)**
- **Driving forces:**
 - (Not only) economy
 - Other aspects: social (migration...), cultural (historical narratives...), environmental (climate...), geopolitical (access to natural resources...)
 - Role of institutions & global governance
 - Emerging: trade (+ finance, investments), food...
- **Conflicts / (violation of) human rights**
- **(Changing nature and perception of) Borders**
- **Poverty**
- **Media (in relation to conflicts/conflicts prevention)**
- **Regional aspects and coverage (Africa, US...)**
- **Future outlooks about the EU in 2025**

Thank you!

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