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DEPARTMENT OF DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
EU-AU MODULE SUMMER SCHOOL
MA STUDENTS OF DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
A Comparative Analysis of the European Union and African Union
Regional Integration Models

6th - 10th July 2026
66 Hours (55 contact, 11 preparation)
Time: EAC 7.30 a.m. – 18.30 p.m.
Mode: Hybrid (Physical and Virtual)
Venue: University Towers, Room 1001

	DAY 1 Monday 6th July 2026 Activity
7:30 – 8:30	Arrival and Registration
8:30 – 9:30	INTRODUCTION & WELCOME (Moderator: Prof. Patrick Maluki/ Lynette Odondi) OFFICIAL OPENING Prof. Jack Odhiambo <i>Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences</i> Prof. Eng. Ayub Gitau <i>Vice Chancellor</i> <i>University of Nairobi</i> Key Note Speech: Ambassador Caitriona Ingoldsby <i>Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland</i> <i>President of the Council of the EU</i>
9:30 – 10:30	PANEL DISCUSSION 1 (Moderator: Amb. Johnson Weru) Panelists: <i>Prof Asteris Huliaras (AfrikuEurope/University of the Peloponnese)</i> <i>Prof. Amb. Maria Nzomo (Emeritus UoN)</i> THEME: FOUNDATIONS OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION Implications of the historical foundations of the EU and AU on their objectives and structure

	a) Philosophical Foundations of EU and AU i. Identity and Culture ii. Values iii. Role of state iv. EU's vision v. Pan African vision b) Impact of the 2nd World War for Europe c) Impact of the 2nd World War for Africa
10:30 - 11:00	MORNING TEA/NETWORKING
11:00 – 13:00	PRESENTATION 1 (Moderator: Martin Nguru) Presenters: <i>Prof Asteris Huliaras (AfriquEurope/University of the Peloponnese)</i> <i>Amb. Johnson Weru (UoN)</i> THEME: FOUNDATIONS OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION Implications of the historical foundations of the EU and AU on their objectives and structure a) Objectives and structure of the EU b) Objectives and structure of the AU
13:00-14:00	LUNCH/NETWORKING
14:00 – 18:30	PRESENTATION 2 (Moderator: Martin Nguru) Presenters: <i>Dr. Bruce Byiers (European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM)</i> <i>Morris Odhiambo (UoN)</i> THEME: FOUNDATIONS OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION a) Implications of rising nationalism for the integration of the EU [BREXIT] b) Implications of rising nationalism for integration of Africa [South Africa, Ghana, Tanzania, SAHEL states]
18:30	END OF DAY 1
	DAY 2-Tuesday 7th July 2026
	Activity
7:30 – 8:30	Arrival and Registration
8:30 – 10:30	PRESENTATION 3 (Moderator: Amb. Robert Ngesu) Presenters: <i>Prof M. P. Van Dijk (AfriquEurope/Maastricht)</i> <i>Lynette Odondi, FIHRM (AfriquEurope/UoN)</i>
	THEME: GOVERNANCE, INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES OF THE EU AND AU

	Presentation 1 Topics: a) The rise of China and its implications for EU policy b) Africa's agency in the face of the ' <i>the new scramble for Africa</i> '
10:30 -11:00	MORNING TEA/NETWORKING
11:00 – 13:00 <i>(1 hour debate, 1 hour commentaries)</i>	DEBATE 1 (Moderator: Dr. Kizito Sabala) Panelists: 4 DDIS students Expert Commentaries: <i>Prof M. P. Van Dijk (AfrikuEurope/Maastricht)</i> <i>Lynette Odondi, FIHRM (AfrikuEurope/UoN)</i>
	THEME: GOVERNANCE, INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES OF THE EU AND AU Debate 1 Topic: "The rise of China poses an existential threat to EU engagements in Africa."
13:00 -14:00	LUNCH/NETWORKING
14:00 – 16:00 <i>(1 hour debate, 1 hour commentaries)</i>	DEBATE 2 (Moderator: Prof Patrick Maluki) Panelists: 4 DDIS students Expert Commentaries: <i>Dr. Philippe Peycam (Leiden)</i> <i>Dr. Anita Kiamba (UoN)</i> <i>Lynette Odondi, FHIRM (AfrikuEurope/UoN)</i>
	THEME: GOVERNANCE, INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES OF THE EU AND AU Debate 2 Topic: "EU policies on Africa focus on counteracting the activities of China than engaging with the continent."
16:00 -18:30	PLENARY DISCUSSION 1 (Moderator: Prof Patrick Maluki/Dr. Martin Ouma) THEME: GOVERNANCE, INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES OF THE EU AND AU Plenary Discussion 1 Topic: "The rise of nationalism poses a threat to regional integration in the EU and AU."
18:30	END OF DAY 2

	DAY 3-Wednesday 8th July 2026
	Activity
7:30 – 8:30	Arrival and Registration
8:30 – 12:30	FIELD TRIP 1 (Moderator: Martin Nguru)

	Participants: <i>DDIS students</i> Accompanied by: <i>Prof Patrick Maluki,</i> <i>Peter Mbuva</i> <i>Sennane Riungu</i> <i>Lynette Odondi.</i> Expert Commentaries:
	Venue: AU Inter-African Bureau for Natural Resources [Museum Hill, Nairobi]
12:30 – 14:00	LUNCH/NETWORKING
14:00 - 18:30	PRESENTATION (Moderator: Peter Mbuva) Participants: <i>DDIS students</i> Expert Commentaries: <i>Mr. Edward Claessen (Head of the European Investment Bank Regional Hub for Eastern Africa)</i>
	THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK, NAIROBI
18:30	END OF DAY 3
	DAY 4-Thursday 9th July 2026
	Activity
7:30 – 8:30	Arrival and Registration
8:30-10:30	PRESENTATION 4 (Moderator: Amb. Tom Amolo) Presenters: <i>Stephen Buchanan-Clarke (Good Governance Africa-GGA)</i> <i>Dr. Tabitha Kiriti-Nganga(UoN-Economics Dept)</i>
	REGIONAL SECURITY, TRADE AND DIPLOMACY a) The viability of the peace and security architecture of the EU and AU and their implications for sustainable development. b) Bio-security as a dimension of regional integration c) Africa's Natural resource endowment and the dilemma of poverty
10:30 – 11:00	MORNING TEA/NETWORKING
11:00 - 13:00	PANEL DISCUSSION 2 (Moderator: Kennedy Osoro) Panelists <i>Mr. Stephen Buchanan-Clarke (GGA)</i> <i>Dr. Kizito Sabala (UoN)</i>

	REGIONAL SECURITY, TRADE AND DIPLOMACY The Viability of the Peace and Security Architecture of the EU And AU
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH/NETWORKING
14:00 – 15:30	Panel Discussion 3 (Moderator: Amb. Catherine Mwangi) Panelists: <i>Dr. André Dellevoet (AfriguEurope/Maastricht)</i> <i>Amb Nelson Ndirangu (Former Ambassador)</i>
	REGIONAL SECURITY, TRADE AND DIPLOMACY a) The African Continental Free Trade Area [AfCFTA] is Africa's best chance for regional integration b) Territorial integrity and natural resource sovereignty as a factor in Africa's peace and security c) The viability of EU-Africa Trade diplomacy
15:30 – 18:30	Panel Discussion 4 (Moderator: Amb. Muita Muburi) Panelists: <i>Dr. Hanne Knaepen (ECDPM)</i> <i>Ms Busisipho Siyobi (GGA)</i> <i>Dr. Kenneth Mbali (UoN)</i>
	THEME: ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE a) Climate change mitigation b) Prospects for renewable energy c) Biodiversity loss d) Plastic pollution
18:30	END OF DAY 4
	DAY 5 Friday 10th July 2026 Activity
7:30 – 8:30	Arrival and Registration
8:30-10:30	SIMULATION: Session 1 MULTI-LATERAL NEGOTIATIONS Opening Remarks: <i>Prof Patrick Maluki</i> Co-ordinators: <i>Prof Maluki - Opening remarks</i> <i>Mr. Martin Nguru</i> <i>Dr. Majid Hared</i>
	TOPIC: EU DIRECTIVE ON SINGLE PLASTICS USE
10:30 -13:00	TEA/CONSULTATIONS

	SIMULATION: Session 2 MULTI-LATERAL NEGOTIATIONS Opening Remarks: <i>Prof Patrick Maluki</i> Co-ordinators: <i>Mr. Martin Nguru</i> <i>Dr. Majid Hared</i>
8:30-10:30	TOPIC: EU DIRECTIVE ON SINGLE PLASTICS USE
13:00-14:00	LUNCH/NETWORKING
	SIMULATION: Session 3 BI-LATERAL NEGOTIATIONS Opening Remarks: <i>Prof Patrick Maluki</i> Co-ordinators: <i>Mr. Martin Nguru</i> <i>Dr. Majid Hared</i>
14:00-17:00	TOPIC: EU-EAC ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
17:00-18:30	WRAP-UP (Moderator: Lynette Odondi) Vote of thanks: Innocent Nyoni/Class Representative-Diplomacy and International Studies MA classes Closing Remarks: Prof. Patrick Maluki - Chair DDIS
	END OF DAY 5

Rapporteurs: Amb. Johnson Weru/Lynette Odondi
Assistants: Innocent Nyoni/Faith Mbugua