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**EVOLVING REGIONAL VALUES  
AND MOBILITIES  
IN GLOBAL CONTEXTS**

**THE EMERGENCE OF NEW  
(EUR)ASIAN REGIONS AND  
DIALOGUES WITH EUROPE**

## Postface

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This book constitutes a magnificent contribution to the analysis of the construction of regional organisations. It also enlightens the relations which regional groupings develop among themselves as well as with third actors within the framework of the Eurasian space. As such, it is by no means a one-shot contribution as its coordinators have indeed, for about twenty years already, set up a network of Euro-Asian academics that never ceased to expand in order to understand and explain the regional phenomenon in international relations.

This initiative has turned into a great human and scientific adventure. On a human level, it made it possible to bring together in common research colleagues as students of the study of Eurasian regionalism from numerous disciplines (political science, international relations, law, history, geography, cultural studies, economics, business studies) belonging to different generations, cultures, countries and continents.

Their biennial conferences organised alternately in Asia and Europe have enabled researchers to broaden their respective horizons and acquire new knowledge about societies, states and regional organisations which, until then, seemed distant to them.

From a scientific standpoint, such an initiative has enriched studies on regionalism as much as it has provided fertile ground for the comparative analysis of regional organisations. Regionalism has been tackled from different angles: through institutions, identity, values, cooperation, but also through the role and interests of state- and non-state actors.

The comparative analysis developed within the framework of these conferences as well as in numerous publications resulting from them (about 10 edited books and special issues of scientific journals) demonstrates that regional processes do not develop in a homogeneous manner and that each regional grouping evolves according to its own

context and specific history. Regionalism is thus plural because there is a multiplicity of forms and types of regional organisations. Each project contains personal rules and standards that affect the role of public and private actors who operate in the space being considered (Asia, Europe and / or Eurasia).

This research confirms that, as a political phenomenon, regionalism covers a dynamic and shifting reality.

The reflection carried out over the years by this international network has also been interested in understanding regionalism as world regions constitute a "middle" dimension between "state level" and "world system". This has prompted participants to think about the place and contribution of the Eurasian regional organisations to the world governance.

The latest publications from this Asia-Europe network, and more particularly this one, have opened new avenues for reflection that will undoubtedly deepen in future conferences and publications. The regional phenomenon in the Eurasian space is not impervious to the effects produced both by the changing nature of the global political and economic context and by the actions of the great international powers.

More thought will go to understanding how growing international competition and rivalry shape regional organisations and, more particularly, the relations that unfold in the Euro-Asian space. This will provide a more comprehensive probing into the regional phenomenon in the years to come.