



Dear PolyCIVIS community and friends,

Thank you for subscribing to PolyCIVIS News. Welcome to the very first edition of PolyCIVIS newsletter!

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Join us in discovering the latest PolyCIVIS developments across Europe and Africa,

The PolyCIVIS team



The PolyCIVIS Jean Monnet Network

PolyCIVIS emerges as a guiding light to navigate the polycrisis in Europe and Africa.

With 21 universities, including 10 in Africa, PolyCIVIS drives collaboration to foster a diverse collection of research, teaching material, and real-life experiences. This network transcends boundaries, both geographical and disciplinary, creating a path towards innovative and sustainable solutions to different crises we are currently facing. One of the unique assets of PolyCIVIS is the diversity of cultures, languages, resources and expertise.

Together, we can imagine a better future!

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PolyCIVIS Brussels Conference at a glance

The beginning of the year was marked by the PolyCIVIS Conference, a great beginning for the collaboration within our global network. Hosted by the **Université libre de Bruxelles**, the Conference took place with the presence of 48 delegates - academics, civil society stakeholders and policy makers- from all PolyCIVIS member universities as well as invited international experts.

This intense four-day exchange allowed the partners to share perspectives unique to each country or region, to identify areas of research synergy, point out literature gaps on polycrisis, and create the context for future collaborations per work package.

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Meet the partners

**The polycrisis from a
POLICY perspective**

“Many policy programs are designed in a linear fashion addressing single crises. The result is, we often only address the symptoms of a problem.”

Professor Malte Brosig
Professor, International Relations at
University of the Witwatersrand

Six questions to reflect on the Polycrisis: a Policy perspective

In an era marked by multifaceted challenges, from economic instability to climate change and global pandemics, the art of policymaking has never been more crucial. To shed light on this complex landscape, we had the privilege of sitting down with **Professor Malte Brosig** from the University of Witwatersrand. With his expertise in international relations and governance, Professor Brosig shared invaluable

insights unravelling the complexity and interconnection of multiple crises and their implications for policy formulation.

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[Read the full interview](#)

A PolyCIVIS Policy Brief Series is under way

The PolyCIVIS Policy WP co-led by the **University of the Witwatersrand (WITS)** and the **Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)** is launching the Policy Brief Series to generate concise and actionable guidance to policymakers in national governments, the European Union, African governments, and regional institutions.

The **call for contributions** addresses all **21 member universities** and **external experts** in Africa and Europe, and aims to gather cohesive yet comprehensive perspectives from diverse disciplines and fields of expertise, including but not limited to: International Relations, Law, Epidemiology, Economics, Climate Sciences, History, Network Science, Language Studies.

If you are a **scholar, practitioner, or policymaker** and you 'd like to share with us an original research article, a case study, or an analytical essay, please see the guidelines [here](#):

Deadline: 22 April

[Call for Papers](#)

Researching polycrisis in the context of PolyCIVIS

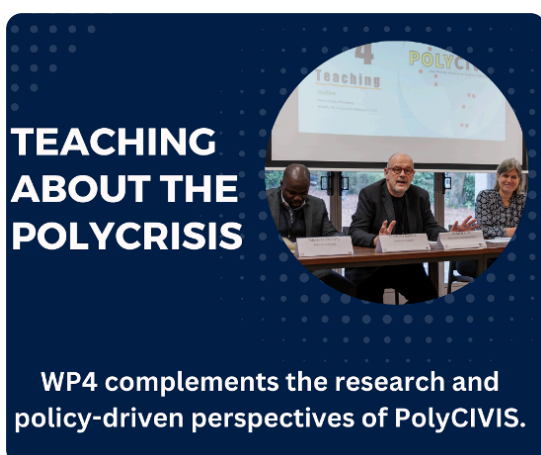
In the context of PolyCIVIS' Research WP, **we invite contributions for articles, ongoing research, publications and relevant contacts of academics, policy makers and researchers.** As part of the creation of a



cartography on polycrisis, we are welcoming academic as well as policy and practice-based submissions. Thus, contributions from policy-makers, policy experts, intermediary organisations, advanced students and academics from both Africa and Europe are highly appreciated!

Deadline: 30 April 2024

Call for Contributions



Teaching the Polycrisis

Within the scope of this challenging endeavour, education is of particular importance, as only well-trained actors will be able to overcome the challenges posed by the current and future polycrises. On its mission to design educational programs focused on addressing the complexities of the polycrisis, the Teaching WP is calling all **academics and scholars to share their knowledge and ideas about existing modules and courses** currently offered by educational institutions within the PolyCIVIS network and beyond.

Deadline: 26 April 2024

Submit your Contributions

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We have a lot more to share over the project's lifetime including the latest news, opportunities, and events about PolyCIVIS!

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