



PolyCIVIS Newsletter #March 2025

Dear PolyCIVIS community and friends,

Hello, bonjour, مرحبا, ciao, γεια σας!

Welcome to the fifth edition of PolyCIVIS News. We're excited to bring you the latest updates from the PolyCIVIS Network. In this issue, explore our upcoming webinars, valuable resources, key network updates, exciting opportunities, and two exclusive interviews you won't want to miss.

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The PolyCIVIS team



You are invited to the launch of PolyCIVIS' Policy Briefs

In this online event, on **Thursday 13 March** we invite you to an in-depth presentation of two policy briefs from leading experts while we provide actionable insights and recommendations for policymakers at various levels.

Read more about this event [here](#)

Register Here

Polycrisis Talks: a new webinar series created by and for our network!

Introducing the new PolyCIVIS webinar series, Polycrisis Talks. In these engaging sessions, experts examine global challenges from multiple perspectives. Join us on **25 March 2025 at 12:00-13:00 CET** to discuss the topic of "**Strategies for Addressing Polycrisis in the Sahel Region**" with **John Oti Amoah**, Research Fellow at the Centre for Gender Research, Advocacy and Documentation (CEGRAD), University of Cape Coast.

Mark your calendars and keep an eye on your inbox, as more details are coming soon!



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POLYCVIVIS GAINS
INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION
AT KEY POLICY DEBATES

Updates from PolyCIVIS' Policy WP

PolyCIVIS gains international recognition at key policy debates

As we reach the halfway point of the PolyCIVIS project, the Policy Work Package engages in key cross-border and thought-provoking discussions on the polycrisis.

[Learn More](#)

PolyCIVIS at GORILLA Conference: tackling the polycrisis through creating and sharing knowledge

Quite a few conferences aim to explore enhancing societal well-being, but few approach it through a polycrisis lens. The 3rd International Conference on Geographical Science for Resilient Communities, Ecosystems and Livelihoods under Global Environmental Change (GORILLA) did just that. Explore the report on this impactful event, which took place in Kampala last December.

REPORT

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3rd International Conference on Geographical Science for Resilient Communities, Ecosystems and Livelihoods under Global Environmental Change (GORILLA)
4-6th December 2024, Hotel Africana, Kampala Uganda

[Read the Report](#)

Two exclusive interviews

Preparing Future Generations for a World in Crisis

How can universities equip students with the right skills to navigate a world in crisis? **Prof. Alma Belestrazzi** shares her vision on interdisciplinary learning, critical thinking, and global collaboration. Don't miss this insightful interview on preparing the next generation of problem-solvers!

[🔗 Read more here.](#)



Gender Rights as a Journey: A Kenyan Perspective

Have you ever wondered how gender rights in Kenya have transformed over time? **Dr. Ruth Anyango Aura** takes us on a journey marked by grassroots activism, policy changes, and cultural evolution, highlighting efforts that impact all Kenyans, and especially women.

[🔗 Read the interview.](#)



Discover two engaging reads

Here are two engaging, recently released and openly accessible reads: the research brief "**Public Opinions on Governance in Africa**", by **Mo Ibrahim Foundation** provides insightful analysis of political perspectives across the continent, while the eBook "**Communicating a World-in-Crisis**" edited by **Simon Cottle** delves into innovative media strategies that capture and convey global emergencies.

Enjoy your reading!



Listen to the PolyCIVIS Podcasts recorded in Salzburg

In the PolyCIVIS podcast series, we engage with experts from diverse disciplines to explore the complexities of the polycrisis and its effects on research, policy, and education.

[Listen to the podcasts](#)



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Did you know? We 've got a new LinkedIn Group!

Join the [PolyCIVIS online community on LinkedIn!](#) This group is a space to stay connected and informed about the PolyCIVIS network, but also to connect, exchange ideas and share insights on polycrisis-related themes.

Welcome, we're excited to have you here.

Thank you for reading!

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

Do you know someone who would enjoy reading this newsletter? You are welcome to share it!

Follow us on social media and visit our [website](#) for more updates and opportunities.

Please contact us at polycivis@ulb.be if you would like to receive further information.

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