



Dear PolyCIVIS community and friends,

Hello, bonjour, مرحبا, ciao, γεια σας!

Welcome to the winter edition of PolyCIVIS News! We would like to draw your attention to some exciting updates from across the Alliance. In this issue, you'll find the latest news, valuable resources, upcoming events, opportunities, and much more from our network and the broader community.

At a glance:

- Mark your calendars for the upcoming 3rd GORILLA Conference
- A Web Dossier on Developing African-European Joint Teaching Programmes
- The very first PolyCIVIS BIP is underway!
- A Mosaic of Solutions - Reflections from our recent public event
- Highlights from across the PolyCIVIS network
- Opportunity you might be interested in
- Watch the recording from our public event in Salzburg

**PolyCIVIS participates at the upcoming 3rd
GORILLA Conference in Kampala**

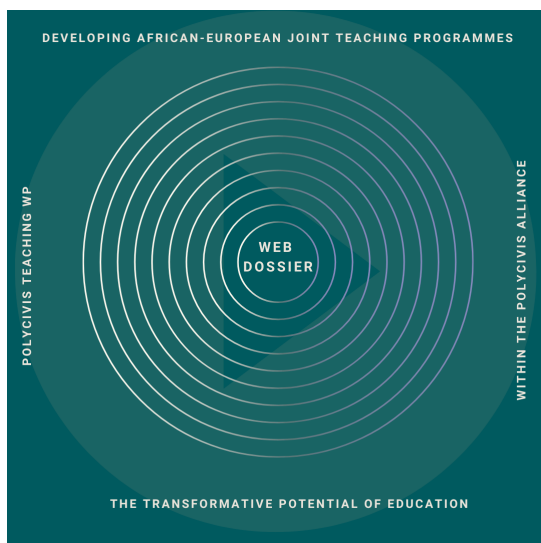
“**Polycrisis: Migration, Displacement, Conflict and Humanitarianism**” is the title of the sub-themed panel which will be led by **Professor Zagel Gudrun (PLUS)** as part of the 3rd International Conference on Geographical Science for Resilient Communities, Ecosystems and Livelihoods under Global Environmental Change.

Dates: 4-6 December, Uganda



[Find out more](#)

What is the role of education as global crises become increasingly interconnected?



Are you curious on how curricula shape students' skills, knowledge, and experiences to tackle complex global challenges?

PolyCIVIS' Teaching Work Package delves into this question through seven interviews in a **Web Dossier**, offering valuable insights into diverse teaching methodologies, core knowledge and practices applied by European and African universities.

[Read the interviews](#)



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A MOSAIC OF SOLUTIONS

Lara Leik
MA Student at PLUS



Amid the complex challenges of our time, **Lara Leik**, an MA student at PLUS shares her hopeful perspective after attending the PolyCIVIS Public Session during CIVIS Days 2024.

Lara Leik offers a powerful reminder that even in the face of adversity, there's room for progress—especially when viewed through the eyes of a young professional. Don't miss the chance to dive into Lara's full article and discover how a young voice is reimagining the possibilities for tomorrow.

[Read the article](#)

We are thrilled to announce that more than 90 students have already enrolled in the very first PolyCIVIS Blended Intensive Program (BIP)! With the theme **Euro-African Trade and Investment Relations and the Polycrisis** colleagues from **PLUS** University and **Makerere** University designed a programme that combines both physical mobility and virtual learning starting on March 2025.



Highlights from across the PolyCIVIS Network

**Climate and Environmental Justice in action:
Insights from the 4th FOLLAP Conference**



The **4th Faculty of Law Legal Aid Project (FOLLAP)**, hosted by Egerton University with the collaboration of the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), delved into the critical intersections of climate change and social justice. Held at Lake Naivasha, Kenya, this landmark conference explored how climate crises impact vulnerable communities, particularly women and children, while discussing the legal and societal responses.

Prof. Ruth Aura (Egerton University) and Prof. Gudrun Zagel (PLUS) wrote a report to help us learn more about fostering climate justice and empowering marginalized voices.

[Read the full report](#)

A new partnership with the
CIVIS STUDENT COMMUNITY

Making sure students' voices are heard across PolyCIVIS network

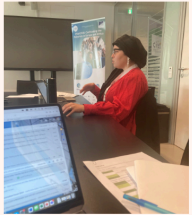


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Nada Belheouane
 CIVIS Ambassador
 Teaching MA student
 Aix-Marseille University



PolyCIVIS Podcast Series

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Empowering Voices: CIVIS Students community in PolyCIVIS

During CIVIS Days 2024, we welcomed students to all PolyCIVIS events. This exchange brought valuable insights and feedback from the student community, ensuring that students' voices, ideas, and perspectives play a central role in shaping PolyCIVIS' next steps.

Dennis Siegel (University of Tübingen) and **Katerina Schoina** (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens) are representing the CIVIS Student Council at PolyCIVIS.

Coming Soon: PolyCIVIS Podcast Series

We're thrilled to announce that the PolyCIVIS podcast series is set to launch by the end of this year!

Each episode invites an expert from across the PolyCIVIS Alliance to share insights and perspectives on **innovative pedagogical approaches**, **climate change adaptation**, and the **preservation of cultural heritage** in the context of the polycrisis.

The podcasts were recorded at PLUS Media studio, in Salzburg.

Stay tuned to our website and social media for release details!

An opportunity you might be interested in

LIVE WEBINAR

«La Polycrise, un concept pertinent
pour l'étude des migrations?»

TUESDAY
17 DECEMBER
14.00- 16.00 CET

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Migration through the lens of polycrisis

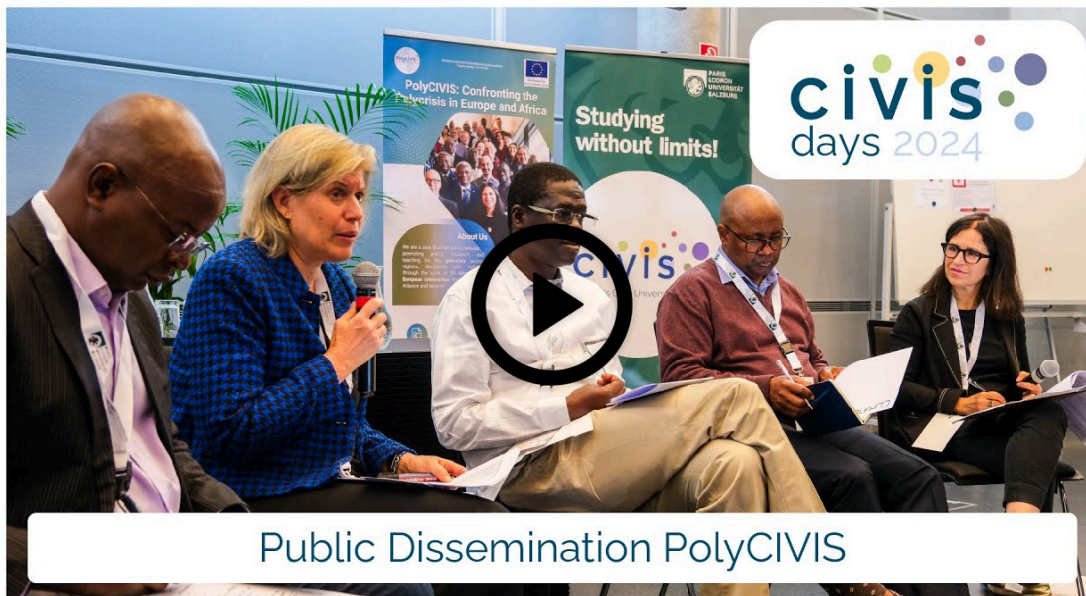
Join us on Tuesday, **December 17 2024, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM (CET)** at the Maison Méditerranéenne des Sciences de l'Homme (MMSH, Aix-en-Provence) or online via Zoom for the thought-provoking seminar ***“Is the Polycrisis a Relevant Concept for Studying Migration?”***

This interdisciplinary event, featuring experts **Anne Weyembergh** and **Dan Schreiber** from PolyCIVIS will examine how interconnected crises shape migration dynamics across Europe and Africa.

Don't miss this opportunity to delve into the complexities of migration through the lens of multiple overlapping crises.

Zoom Link: [Join here](#)

Meeting ID: 848 3156 5547 | Passcode: 737382



"Facing Polycrisis in Europe and Africa". Watch the recorded roundtable discussion that took place during CIVIS Days in Salzburg, in September 2024.

Thank you, merci, شكراً, grazie, ευχαριστούμε!

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.

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