

'Regional Perspectives on International Relations'

SID NL presents: Lecture and Discussion with

Dr Marc Atouga

(ECOWAS Commissioner for Agriculture, Environment & Water Resources)

Monday 9 December 2013, VU University, 17:00-18:45

In a rapidly changing global landscape, the role of the nation-state is challenged on different levels. From below, the nation is threatened by the growth of large and powerful cities, yet from a larger level regional alliances such as the European Union, the African Union, and Mercosur are becoming stronger and more impactful. Are traditional geopolitics of nation-states evolving into geopolitics of regions? Are regions better equipped to act in the globalising world, and accordingly better capable of aligning with increasingly important non-state actors such as multinational corporations, nonprofit organisations, and the international civil society?

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