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The theories of regional integration were mostly developed to explain the Western European experience but they have been used to account for processes in other parts of the world. One of the regions where this effort to import European theories has been extensively done is Latin America and the Caribbean. This paper aims to discuss the theory of regional integration beyond the EU and insert this discussion in the recent debates on the dominance of ‘Western’ (i.e. European and US) theories in the international relations discipline and the need to consider the ideas and voices from the Global South. The goal is to evaluate if the theoretical tools developed in the study of regional integration in Europe could help explaining and understanding the processes that have taken place in the Global South, in our case Latin America and the Caribbean. We also want to explore the Latin American voices on regional integration and, particularly, if those voices have contributed in the theorizing of regionalism/regional integration.