

History, Acquis and Resilience in the Study of Latin American Regionalism

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The aim of this paper is to argue, first of all, for the importance of taking into account historical and process (*long-durée*) perspectives in the understanding of Latin American regional integration. Secondly, this paper also address the need to take into account a Latin American 'acquis', referring to historically accumulated experiences and legal tools to foster and construct regional integration. Besides, Europe, Latin America is one of the regions of the world, where the acquis plays an important role in the construction and resilience of regional integration organizations. Third, taking into account the elements mentioned before, the paper explain how these have been and still are, pivotal to understand the 'resilience' of ideas and initiatives for regional integration in Latin America.