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**Brazil’s role in Latin America in security and cooperation**

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In the last 20 years, Brazil has built-up a regional power trajectory in security and cooperation. Yet this has not been a linear process based upon a cumulative dynamic of experiences, learned lessons and consolidated common interests. This presentation intends to address the different security &cooperation logics nurturing Brazil’s performance in Latin American regionalism. Such differentiation will follow a diachronic comparative approach, based upon three cases; i) the built-up of a cooperation/integration process with Argentina in the nineties; ii) the military command at MINUSTAH in Haiti in the period 2004-2017;iii) the current experience of armed humanitarianism at the Brazilian border with Venezuela. These three examples ought to be understood within quite distinct domestic political/foreign policy contexts, that which explains the characteristics of the security-cooperation links of each case. In the first place, cooperation follows a liberal prism in which defense/security agendas are perceived as counterproductive. The second example, follows an emerging power logic, that which relies on a positive articulation between security and cooperation. The third and last case point out the most recent developments of Brazilian regionalism, in which security/defense interests overshadow cooperation. A concluding note will argue that such dominance can attenuated by liberal cooperation revivals as the Mercosur-EU agreement.

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