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The European Union might be the most prominent example of regional integration but it is by far not the only one. The importance of regional integration in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and even in the Pacific Islands region is constantly growing. All these regions aspire for more than pure economic cooperation. In addition to intensified economic cooperation, political, legal and cultural aspects are important factors as well that form a *Mixtum Compositum* of regional integration elements. The new ZEI publication discusses these different components of regional integration in theoretical perspective and in a policy-oriented approach. It contributes to comparative regional integration studies through theoretical analysis and case studies from different regions. *Elements of Regional Integration* presents the main features of regional integration in an interdisciplinary manner. It addresses scholars of political sciences, economics and law as well as students and is suited as accompanying material for courses. Ariane Kössler and Martin Zimmek, ZEI Research Fellows, have gathered leading experts from different academic disciplines to shed light on these different elements of regional integration in a worldwide context.