

Conference Agenda

Border Regions in Transition XVII

Date: Monday, 26/May/2025

9:00am - 10:00am Registration

10:00am - 11:30am Session I-1: Contested Orders: Territorial Integrity & Inviolability of Borders

Location: **013**

Session Chair: **James Ker-Lindsay**, University of Kent

Is the Norm of Territorial Integrity Dead?

Mikulas Fabry

Georgia Institute of Technology

**Territorial Integrity, Contested Sovereignty and an Extra-Territorial Military Base:
Resolving the Crisis Surrounding the Proposed Ethiopian Naval Base in Somaliland**

Scott Pegg

Indiana University

De Facto States and the Volatility of Sovereignty: Illustrations from the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict

Licinia Simão

University of Coimbra

10:00am - 11:30am Session I-2: Border Disputes: Land, Sea & Air

Location: **018**

Session Chair: **Stephanie Laulhe Shaelou**, UCLan Cyprus

New Power Struggle over Place Names in Eastern Mediterranean: Naming Seas, Hydrocarbon Wells and Maritime Vessels

Hayriye Kahveci Özgür

METU NCC

Toponymy of a Bordered Danube Island - The Case of Mohács Island

Alexandra Herczeg

University of Pecs

The Use of Strategic Narratives to Restore or Change Borders: The Case of Armenia and Azerbaijan

Sossi Tatikyan^{1,2}

¹Sorbonne Nouvelle University; ²Armenian Institute of International and Security Affairs

10:00am - 11:30am Session I-3: Border Barriers Tackling Real & Imagined Threats

Location: **017**

Session Chair: **Laurie Darian Trautman**, Border Policy Research Inst.

The Penetrability of an "Inpenetrable Wall" - Reassessing Israel's Separation and Border Walls

David Newman

Ben-Gurion University

Theoretical and Empirical Reflection on Border Barriers' Construction as an Indicator of Geopolitical Paradigm Shift

Martin Riegl¹, Branislav Mičko²

¹Charles University; ²NATO, SHAPE

Constructing a Defence Line: The Functional Transformation of Evros/Meriç River

Peter Kacziba

University of Pécs

10:00am - 11:30am

Session I-4: Bordertexturing Borderlands

Location: **007**

Session Chair: **Jussi P. Laine**, University of Eastern Finland

Bordertexturing Borderlands: A Cultural Studies Approach to Contesting and Negotiating Borderlands

Astrid M. Fellner

Saarland University

Approaching Border(land)s as Border Complexities

Christian Wille¹, Dominik Gerst²

¹University of Luxembourg; ²University of Duisburg-Essen

Parallaxes and Bordertexture(s): Negotiating and Contesting the Border Otherwise

Eva Nossem

Saarland University

Where the Border Becomes Texture: Sensitive Approaches to Border 'Matter' in Contemporary Art

Susanne Muller^{1,2}

¹Université de Lorraine; ²University of the Greater Region

11:30am - 11:45am

Coffee Break

11:45am - 1:15pm

Session II-1: Governance, Security & Legitimacy in Contested Borderlands

Location: **013**

Session Chair: **Scott Pegg**, Indiana University Indianapolis

Internal and External Legitimacy and Power: NGOs Navigating Somaliland's De Facto Statehood

Clare Elizabeth Bath

University of Notre Dame

Border Practices in De Facto States: Sovereignty, Securitization, and Human Security in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and Taiwan

Yung Lin

Leiden University

Contested Borders, Contested Citizenship: Republic of Cyprus' Relations with its Turkish Cypriot Citizens

Cemaliye Beysoylu

Cyprus Aydın University

11:45am - 1:15pm

Session II-2: Borderscapes & Communities

Location: **018**

Session Chair: **Akihiro Iwashita**, Hokkaido University

Border With Limited 'Scapes'. The Uneven Battle Between Social and Administrative Dimension of the Polish-Russian Borderland

Marcin Dębicki

University of Wrocław

Accidental Agency of a Border-Sensitive Community. Vernacular Geopolitics of Russian-Speaking Minority in Finland During the War in Ukraine

Gleb Yarovoy

University of Eastern Finland

Polycultural Families as Living Borderlands of Conflict-Divided Societies

Olga Dorokhina

St. King Tamar University

11:45am - 1:15pm

Session II-3: Border Ideologies & Practices

Location: **017**

Session Chair: **Péter Reményi**, University of Pécs, Institute of Geography and Earth Sciences

Polyphonic and Peripheral Memories in Putin's Russia

Paul Richardson

University of Birmingham

Spiritual Geopolitics in the Borderland of Finland, Norway and Russia

Bjarge Schwenke Fors

UiT The Arctic University of Norway

A Divine Inspiration for Border Studies: Conceptually Excavating the Polydivine Roman Border Landscape of Terminus, Janus, Mercurius, Trivia and Pluto

Paschalina Garidou¹, **Henk van Houtum**¹, **Saskia Stevens**², **Luuk Winkelmoen**¹

¹Radboud University; ²Utrecht University

Border Politics in Ceuta and Melilla

Johannes Luigi Maria Kunz Saponaro

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

11:45am - 1:15pm

Session II-4: Emotional Borders

Location: **006**

Session Chair: **Virpi Kaisto**, University of Eastern Finland

"What Lurks Across the Border" - Fear, Anger and Sense of Belonging Regarding Christiania and Barsebäck, 1971–2005

Tomas Nilson, Sara Svensson
Halmstad University

Border Narratives in Minority Media in European Borderlands

Johanna Mitterhofer, Alice Engl, Marcus Nicolson
Eurac Research

Border Conflicts in Bosnian Symbolic Space Occupation: The Case of Srebrenica

Tamás Nagy
University of Pécs

From the Neum Corridor to the Pelješac Bridge: Border Issues Between Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia Through the Symbolism of the Pelješac Bridge

Tamás László Péter
University of Pécs

11:45am - 1:15pm

Session II-5: Phantom Borders I

Location: **007**
Session Chair: **Elżbieta Opiłowska**, University of Wrocław

Reproducing the Former Borderline of Habsburg Galicia through Practices, Memory, and Landscape

Dominik Porczyński
University of Rzeszów

Border Regions as Entangled Spaces of Past, Present and Future: The Case of the Former Border at the River Zbruc in Western Ukraine

Sabine von Löwis
Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOiS)

The Narrative of Frankfurt (Oder) and Słubice in the Guide to a Town Divided by a Border

Natalia Niedźwiecka-Iwańczak
University of Wrocław

1:15pm - 2:30pm

Lunch

2:30pm - 4:00pm

Session III-1: Third Party Involvement in Sovereignty Contestations

Location: **013**
Session Chair: **Magdalena Dembińska**, Université de Montréal

Interpatronal Rivalry in Secessionist Conflicts - PhD Exposé and Preliminary Findings

Geza Tasner
Friedrich Schiller University Jena

Patron-De Facto Client State Nexus: The Interaction/Relations Between Turkey-Northern Cyprus and Turkey's Changing Forms of Involvement Under the Rule of the Justice and Development Party

Sait Aksit¹, İbrahim Ayberk¹, Ali Dayioğlu²

Engagement Without Expectations? Representative Practices of De Facto Entities and Their Engagement with the European Union

Sophie Gueudet

Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies

2:30pm - 4:00pm

Session III-2: Border Zones in Transition

Location: **018**

Session Chair: **Martin Riegl**, Charles University

Border Transition and Transformation. From the Finnish-Russian Border to Social Theory

Virpi Kaisto¹, Annett Bochmann²

¹University of Eastern Finland; ²Humboldt University of Berlin

Stitching and Knitting: Everyday Strategies and Tactics of Coping with the New EU-Russia Mobility Dis(order)

Elena Nikiforova

University of Helsinki

The Transformation of the 'Baranja Triangle' on the Croatian-Hungarian Border. From the Serbian-Croatian War to Croatia's Accession to Schengen (1991-2023)

Tamas Wittmann

University of Pécs

2:30pm - 4:00pm

Session III-3: Complexity of Border Politics

Location: **017**

Session Chair: **David Newman**, Ben-Gurion University

(Re)Bordering during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Implications for the Future of Border Policy in North America and Europe

Laurie Darian Trautman

Border Policy Research Institute

The Impact of Former President Trump's Presidential Agenda on the U.S.-Mexican Border

Kimberly Collins

CSUSB

Geopolitics of the Hungarian Border Fence – 2015 and Recent Changes

Norbert Pap, Péter Reményi, Máté Kitanics

University of Pécs

2:30pm - 4:00pm

Session III-4: Representing Borders

Location: **006**

Session Chair: **Henk van Houtum**, Radboud University

Exploring the Visual Grammar of Border Meaning-Making Strategies

Christophe Sohn, Kamil Bembnista, Jerome Jakob

Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research

Drawing the Line: Artistic Representations of Israel's Contested Boundaries

Noga Raved

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Mediating Phantoms: Overcoming Ruination and Developmental Threat Across Contested Borders

Nicholas Zembashi

Architectural Association School of Architecture in the UK

2:30pm - 4:00pm

Session III-5: Phantom Borders II

Location: **007**

Session Chair: **Sabine von Löwis**, Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOiS)

The Traces Left by Phantom Borders in Voting Behaviour

Matěj Korčák¹, Pavel Cihlár¹, Jonáš Suchánek^{2,1}, Pavčina Netrdová¹

¹Charles University; ²Czech Academy of Sciences

Phantom Effects of Serbian Krajina - Perception and Symbolism of the Past and the Present

Libor Jelen

Charles University

The Changing Ethnic Makeup of Vojvodina after the Fall of Yugoslavia

David Robert Moró

University of Pécs

4:00pm - 4:15pm

Coffee Break

4:15pm - 5:45pm

Keynote I: Welcome and Keynote Address

Location: **AUD1**

Keynote Address: Prof Henk van Houtum "Free the Map. Towards a New Cartography of Borders and Migration"

6:30pm

Reception at Larnaca Nautical Club

Date: Tuesday, 27/May/2025

9:30am - 11:00am

Session IV-1: The State of Exception and Liminality

Location: **013**

Session Chair: **Mikulas Fabry**, Georgia Institute of Technology

Between Borders: The Hostile Sovereign and the Question of Hospitality

Erdem Ertürk

Cyprus International University

Pockets of Peace in Cyprus

Anna Karin Jarstad

Uppsala University

Interstitial Spaces in Borderland Regions in the Middle East

Daniel Meier

Sciences Po Grenoble

9:30am - 11:00am

Session IV-2: Borderlands Affected by War in Past & Present

Location: **018**

Session Chair: **Iosif Kovras**, University of Cyprus

Traces of the Collective Memory on the Post-Imperial Regime of Bordering in the Thracian Borderlands

Zeynep Kasli

Erasmus University

How Borderlands Survive Wars? The Case in Japan's Localities

Akihiro Iwashita

Hokkaido University & Nagasaki University

An Entangled Border Space: The Border Between Ukraine and the De Facto State Transnistria

Sabine von Löwis

Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOIS)

9:30am - 11:00am

Session IV-3: Securitization of Borders

Location: **017**

Session Chair: **Justyna Straczuk**, Polish Academy of Sciences

Waiting for Today's Barbarians: How the Fall of the Roman Empire Is Anachronistically Exploited to Serve a Contemporary Discriminatory B/Ordering and Othering Agenda

Luuk Winkelmolen, Paschalina Garidou, Henk van Houtum

Radboud University

The Evolving Landscape of Border and Asylum Management

Anna Casaglia

University of Trento

Against Border Death: Reading Border Activism with Rancière

Raffaella Puggioni

O.P. Jindal Global University

9:30am - 11:00am

Session IV-4: B-Shapes

Location: **006**

Session Chair: **Astrid M. Fellner**, Saarland University

Border Narratives in Minority Media: How Do They Reflect Identities, Belonging, Cultural Hybridity and Transnational Flows?

Martin Klatt

Syddansk Universitet / University of Southern Denmark

Cultural and Cultural Heritage Policies in Border Regions

Sara Svensson¹, **Peter Balogh**², Fredrika Jakola³, Oriana Miraka¹, **Johanna Mitterhofer**⁴, Tomas Nilson¹, Elzbieta Opilowska⁵, Eeva-Kaisa Prokkola³

¹Halmstad University; ²Eotvos Lorand University; ³Oulu University; ⁴EURAC Research; ⁵Wrocław University

Bordershaping Narratives of Europe in the Light of Polycrisis

Elzbieta Opilowska¹, **Sara Svensson**², Dorte Jagetic Andersen³, Eeva-Kaisa Prokkola⁴, **Lukasz Moll**⁵

¹University of Wrocław; ²Halmstad University; ³University of Southern Denmark; ⁴University of Oulu; ⁵University of Wrocław

'Normalised' But Not Always Pro-EUrope: Insights from the Slovak-Hungarian Borderland

Peter Balogh

Eotvos Lorand University

9:30am - 11:00am

Session IV-5: Climate Change & Liquid Borderscapes

Location: **007**

Session Chair: **Dorte Jagetic Andersen**, University of Southern Denmark

Current State Practice Regarding Statehood in Relation to Sea-Level Rise

Zana Sylva, **Avidan Kent**

University of East Anglia

Living and Thinking with Water in an Age of Securitization

Helena Perez Nino, **Shyamika Jayasundara-Smits**, Nanneke Winters

Erasmus University

Reconfiguring Mediterranean Borderscapes: Landscape Migration and Resilience in Mediterranean Micro-Islands

Isabella Traeger

Politecnico di Milano

Borders and Whales: Thinking and Investigating Bordering with a Marine Animal

Lola Luce Aubry, Anne-Laure Amilhat-Szary
University of Luxembourg

11:00am - 11:15am Coffee Break

11:15am - 12:45pm Session V-1: Dynamics of Cyprus Conflict

Location: 013

Session Chair: Ipek Borman, PRIO Cyprus

How Cyprus Negotiations Address Shifting Cyprus Dynamics

Devrim Şahin, Cemaliye Beysoylu
Cyprus Aydın University

The European Union's Role in the Unresolved Cyprus Conflict

Laura Pimenta

Iscte - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa

State-Building and Identity Politics in De Facto States: Insights from Northern Cyprus

Ebru Küçükşener, Sertac Sonan

Cyprus International University

11:15am - 12:45pm

Session V-2: Navigating Borders in Times of Crises

Location: 018

Session Chair: Licinia Simão, University of Coimbra

Ukraine's Western Border Regions Since the 2022 Russian Invasion

Tatiana Zhurzhenko

ZOIS - Centre for East European and International Studies

Navigating War-Time Borders Between Ukraine and Its Russia-Occupied Territories (2022-2024)

Lidia Kuzemska

Forum Transregionale Studien

Life in Transnistria. Sociological Types Induced from Sensitive Fieldworks

Magdalena Dembińska

Université de Montréal

11:15am - 12:45pm

Session V-3: Mapping & Framing Borderscapes

Location: 006

Session Chair: Martin Klatt, Syddansk Universitet / University of Southern Denmark

Liminal Architecture. Undoing Lines, Designing Thresholds, Reshaping Borderscapes

Valentina Rodani

Politecnico di Milano

GO! BORDERLESS: Unfolding Cross-Border Urban Design and Governance in the European Capital of Culture 2025 Through a Borderscaping Lens

Valentina Rodani, Isabella Traeger, Alice Buoli

Politecnico di Milano

Grounding the Global Polycrisis Through the Borderscapes Lens: Insights from Three Italian Borderlands

Alice Buoli¹, Raffaella Coletti², Ingrid Kofler³

¹Politecnico di Milano; ²CNR-ISSIRFA; ³Free University of Bozen-Bolzano

11:15am - 12:45pm

Session V-4: Wet Borderlands

Location: **007**

Session Chair: **Anne-Laure Amilhat-Szary**, Université Grenoble Alpes

Thinking Borders with-in-on Water – Reflections on the Critical Potential of “the Wet Borderlands Perspective”

Dorte Jagetic Andersen, Annika Pohl Harrisson

University of Southern Denmark

“Border Epistemologies in Riverine Borderlands”

Astrid M. Fellner

Saarland University

Beyond the Nature Society Dualism: The Complexity of Border Water and Rivers

Dr. Annett Bochmann

Humboldt University of Berlin

Ferries, Bridges and Tunnels: Waterway Infrastructures as Anchors of Place Attachment Along the Danish-Swedish Maritime Border

Sara Svensson, Tomas Nilson, Oriana Miraka

Halmstad University

12:45pm - 2:00pm

Lunch

2:00pm - 3:30pm

Session VI-1: From Self-Determination to Transitional Justice

Location: **013**

Session Chair: **Nasia Hadjigeorgiou**, UCLan Cyprus

A Border? No, Partition. Westernization more than Internationalization, Colonialism more than the Cold War. Cyprus in the US Foreign Policy 1960-1974

Paolo Soave

University of Bologna

Turkish Cypriot Perspectives in a Divided Cyprus: Debates on the Cyprus Problem, United Nations, and European Union

Jack Charles Thomas Porter

Universität Leipzig

The Afterlife of Disappearances: A Forensic Approach to the Study of Clandestine Violence

Nikandros Ioannidis¹, **Marisol Intriago-Leiva**³, **Maria Mikellide**², **Iosif Kovras**²

¹Cyprus University of Technology; ²University of Cyprus; ³Servicio Medico Legal de Chile

2:00pm - 3:30pm

Session VI-2: Ethnography of Migration

Location: **018**

Session Chair: **Mélanie Sadozaï**, University of Regensburg

Bordering on Emotion: How the EU Securitizes Migration Through Politics of Feeling

Caio Ferraz Levy

Marmara University

Rebordering and the Framing of International Student Mobility: The "African Student in the North of Cyprus" as a Migratory Threat (2019–2022)

Théotime Patrick Chabre

Aix Marseille Université

International Students' Perceptions on the Margins of Division in Cyprus: A Case Study on the Northern Side of the Divide

Zehra Azizbeyli, Nur Köprülü

Near East University

2:00pm - 3:30pm

Session VI-3: De-Bordering Through Practice & Dialogue

Location: **017**

Session Chair: **Anna Karin Jarstad**, Uppsala University

Assessing Entrepôt, Permeability of Borders and Securitizing Practices in Nigeria

Aziegbe Willie Eselebor

Universal Research & Training Institute in Nigeria

The Role of Cross-Border Work Competencies in Enhancing Inter-Regional Livelihoods

Niklas Meisel, Paul Wabike, Vincent Pijnenburg

Fontys University of Applied Sciences

Peace Through Trade? Evaluating the EU's Green Line Regulation as a Tool for Peacebuilding in Cyprus

Fadil Ersozer

European University of Lefke

2:00pm - 3:30pm

Session VI-4: Frontier Ecologies & Human Mobility

Location: **006**

Session Chair: **Raffaella Puggioni**, O.P. Jindal Global University

Human Mobility Across the War-Torn Syria-Turkey

Özge Biner

College de France

The Assemblage of Violence. A More Than Human Approach to Polish-Belarusian Border Enforcement

Justyna Straczuk

Polish Academy of Sciences

Mapping and Unlocking the Potential of Transboundary Protected Areas in the European Union: A Spatial Analysis and Policy Recommendations

Matteo Berzi, Antigoni Maistrali

Joint Research Centre (JRC), European Commission

3:30pm - 3:45pm

Coffee Break

3:45pm - 5:00pm

Keynote II: Keynote Address

Location: **AUD1**

Keynote Address: Prof Costas Constantinou "Interstitial Self-Determination: Negotiation and Adaptation in Divided Cyprus"

6:00pm

Reception at UCLan Cyprus

Date: Wednesday, 28/May/2025

9:30am - 11:00am

Session VII-1: Bi-Communal Spaces in Cyprus Buffer Zone

Location: **013**

Session Chair: **Mete Hatay**, PRIO Cyprus

Liminal Spaces and Peacebuilding in Cyprus' UN-Controlled Buffer Zone

Özker Kocadal

Cyprus International University

An Ethnography of Everyday Adaptations to the Dividing Line in Cyprus

Ibrahim Ince

University of Oxford

A Boundary or a Bridge? Border Dynamics and Ambivalences of the Green Line in Cyprus

Julie Alev Dilmac¹, **Gülay Umaner Duba**²

¹Galatasaray University; ²Eastern Mediterranean University

9:30am - 11:00am

Session VII-2: Elastic Borders

Location: **018**

Session Chair: **Karin Dean**, Tallinn University

Maintaining Contacts at the Tajikistan-Afghanistan Border Under the Taliban

Mélanie Sadozai

University of Regensburg

A Desert Away: Lost and New Connections Between Aqtau and Nukus on the Kazakh-Uzbek Border

Ekaterina Mikhailova

University of Tromsø

Vernacular Geopolitics of EU Intergration in Georgia's De Facto Border Regions

Gela Merabishvili

KU Leuven

9:30am - 11:00am

Session VII-3: Re-Visiting Cross-Border Cooperation Initiatives in the Western Balkans

Location: **017**

Session Chair: **James Wesley Scott**, University of Eastern Finland

On the Border Between East and West - Small State Geopolitics and Cooperation in Central and Southeast Europe

Szilárd Rácz

HUN-REN CERS

State-Geographical Uncertainties in the Western Balkans: The Limits of Cross-Border Cooperations (Haunted by the Past or the International Political Environment?)

Zoltán Hajdú

HUN-REN CERS

Internal Cross-Border Cooperation of the Western Balkan States on the External Border of the EU

Imre Dr. Nagy

Institute of Regional Studies; University of Novi Sad

Progress of Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Implementation Between Republic of Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina

Hatidža Mehmedović¹, Imre Nagy²

¹University of Pécs; ²University of Agriculture and Life Sciences / University of Novi Sad

9:30am - 11:00am

Session VII-4: Border Securities

Location: **006**

Session Chair: **Anna Casaglia**, University of Trento

The Securitisation of Borders in the Baltics. The Case Study of Germany's Brigade in Lithuania

Silvia Nicola

Bundeswehr Centre of Military History and Social Sciences

Securitization of Hiking Tourism and Mobile Borders in Middle Eastern Borderlands

Marie Poulain

University of Geneva

Fotos de la Verdad / Photos of the Truth: Reality Through the Eyes of Diverse Women Defenders at the US/Mexican Borderlands

Faval Copedo, Harriot Beazley, Tricia King, Leah Barclay

University of the Sunshine Coast

Humanitarian Assistance at the Hungarian-Ukrainian Border: Responding to the 2022 Refugee Crisis

Sara Gibarti

HUN-REN Centre for Economic and Regional Studies

11:15am - 12:45pm

Session VIII: Roundtable: Border Scholarship

Location: **AUD1**

Session Chair: **Laurie Darian Trautman**, Border Policy Research Inst.

A Career in Border Studies: Tracing the Growth and Development of Border Studies During Four Decades

David Newman

Ben-Gurion University

Grounding Border Studies: Toward Impactful Engagement

Jussi P. Laine

University of Eastern Finland

The Ontological and Political Borders Nexus as a “Post-Critical” Research Perspective

James Wesley Scott

University of Eastern Finland

Comments at Roundtable “Border Scholarship and Societal Impact: A Call for a Post-Critical Shift”

Anne-Laure Amilhat-Szary

Université Grenoble Alpes

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