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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE “RELATIONS ON THE BORDERLANDS: OLD AND NEW INHABITANTS”

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Time: CEST (GMT+2)

September 23, 2021

Opening of the Conference, 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. GMT+2

Chair: Małgorzata Bieńkowska (University of Białystok, Poland)

Basia Nikiforova (Lithuanian Culture Research Institute, Lithuania)

Session 1, 9:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Relations in and between borderland communities

Chair: Elżbieta Opiłowska (University of Wrocław, Poland)

- **Olga Dorokhina** (Caucasus International University, Georgia), *Role of cultural diplomacy in formation of transcultural borderlands in the Caucasus*
- **Xu Peng** (SOAS University of London, United Kingdom), *An analysis of the production of state mimicry and self-government discourse among ethnic armed groups in the China-Myanmar borderland*
- **Sneha Roychoudhury** (Ambedkar University Delhi, India), *Patrolling the Hidden Land: An exploration of the Baba Harbhajan singhoral tradition in the Sikkimese Borderland.*
- **Katja Hrobat Virloget** (University of Primorska, Slovenia), *Borderland urban communities of Istria, Slovenia. New and old inhabitants, past and future*
- **Oksana Voytyuk** (University of Białystok, Poland), *Borderlands of Algeria: challenges and threats to the security of the state*
- **Klaudia Kosicińska** (Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland), *Azerbaijani minority on the Georgian borderland in the lens of the post-pandemic situation*

Session 2, 9:30 a.m. -11:45 a.m.

Identity needs among culturally diverse communities

Chair: Alexander Sautkin (Murmansk Arctic State University, Russia)

- **Oleksandra Deineko** (V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, Ukraine),
- **Aadne Aasland** (Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway), **Olga Filippova**

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- (V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, Ukraine), *Ukrainian decentralization reform and social cohesion in the ethno-culturally diverse border regions*
- **Maurane Hillion** (Université Paris Nanterre, France), *Social and economic practices in the trans-border space between Meghalaya (India) and Bangladesh*
 - **Jørn Holm-Hansen** (Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway), **Aadne Aasland** (Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway), **Elena Dybtsyna** (Nord University, Norway), *Cross-border cooperation between Russian and Norwegian grassroot organizations. To what extent is it affected by changes in the geopolitical atmosphere?*
 - **Tobias Wung-Sung** (Copenhagen University, Denmark), *From Visible Foes to Invisible Friends? Danish-majority perceptions of the German minority in Denmark after 1945*
 - **Eduardas Spiriajevas** (Klaipėda University, Lithuania), *Formation of new identities for social tourism development in local communities of Lithuanian-Polish borderlands*
 - **Justyna Józowicz, Małgorzata Skowrońska** (University of Białystok, Poland), *What does minority identity want from the National Census of 2021? Questions and findings of preliminary research study*

Session 3, 12:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

Migrants and refugees in the borderland

Chair: **Basia Nikiforova** (Lithuanian Culture Research Institute, Lithuania)

- **Lawrence J. Estrada** (Western Washington University, United States)
- **Margaret I. Duncan**, (Colorado State University), *The case of Dominico-Haitianos statelessness in the Dominican Republic*
- **Catarina Inverso** (SOAS University of London, United Kingdom), *Coming and going: Displaced South Sudanese in the borderlands with Uganda and DRC*
- **Hakan Ünay** (GAV Migration Research Foundation, Turkey), *Analysis of the border crossing experience and determination of irregular immigrants: Turkey-Greece border*
- **Katarzyna Winiecka** (University of Białystok, Poland), *Is Brexit a factor of creating of new borderland? On the basis of interviews with Poles living in London and the media reports*
- **Charalampos Tsavdaroglou** (University of Thessaly, Greece), *Reinventing a no border right to the City. Commoning practices and transnational struggles in Thessaloniki*
- **Lola Luce Elena Aubry** (University of Southern Denmark), *Getting a sense of border: Welcome practices and the unfolding of Parisian borderness*

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Session 4, 12:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Borders in the everyday life experience of borderland

Chair: Tobias Wung-Sung (Copenhagen University, Denmark)

- **Ewa Dąbrowska-Prokopowska, Piotr Paweł Laskowski, Michalina Trochimowicz, Konrad Talmont-Kamiński** (University of Białystok, Poland), *Analysis of relations between Catholic and Orthodox communities using identity fusion and social identity theories*
- **Teresa Nunes** (University of Lisbon, Portugal), *Contenda of Moura - an undivided land on the Portuguese Spanish border (1805-1893)*
- **Tatiana Shaban** (University of Victoria, Canada; currently residing in Minsk, Belarus), *Ukraine-Slovakia Cross-Border Partnership: Democracy promotion and security concerns*
- **Michalina Trochimowicz** (University of Białystok, Poland), *The invisible thread - a historical outline of the religious borderland*
- **Sergii Iaromenko** (Odessa National Economic University, Ukraine), *Social borders of Ukrainians and aftermath of Russian "World Concept"*
- **Petra Kavrečič** (University of Primorska, Slovenia), *Everyday life in the borderland area between Yugoslavia and Italy after WWII*

Session 5, 12:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Narratives of new diasporas. Cultural capital, educational practices

Chair: Jorn Holm-Hansen (Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway)

- **Bárbara Fernández Mellela** (University of Hong Kong), *From China to Puerto Rico and beyond: The Chinese migrants in Eduardo Lalo's Simone (2012)*
- **Pedro Miguel Carmona Rodríguez** (University of La Laguna, Spain), *Overlapping borders: communities on the 'Frontier' in David Bergen's novels The Retreat (2008) and Stranger (2016)*
- **María Alonso Alonso, Carmen Luna Sellés** (University of Vigo, Spain), *Borderland Noir and its Brutal Realism: Emiliano Monge's Among the Lost (2015) as a case study*
- **Aleksandr Sautkin** (Murmansk Arctic State University, Russia), **Elena Philippova** (Independent Researcher, Murmansk, Russia), *Temporary border zones: creative potential, existential traps, and their comprehension through cinematography means*
- **Maria Vittoria Lucarno** (Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Italy), *Cultural tourism and pandemic borders: New practices in relationship between twin towns in Finnish-Swedish Lapland*
- **Dorota Misiejuk** (University of Białystok), *Borderland community in the context of educational needs. Educational practices in borderland*

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- **Olga Filippova, Oleksandra Deineko** (V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, Ukraine), *Education reform and politics of identity in Ukrainian border region*

Plenary Session I, 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Chair: Eduardas Spiriajevas (Klaipėda University, Lithuania)

- **Jan Selmer Methi** (Nord University, Norway), *Borderland and practical knowledge*
- **Elżbieta Opiłowska** (University of Wrocław, Poland), *Borders and Resilience: The impact of Covid-19 on the structures and strategies of cooperation in the German-Polish borderland*
- **David Newman** (Ben Gurion University, Israel), *Border Agendas for the Tomorrow*

Plenary Session II, 4:15 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Chair: Janusz Mucha (University of Białystok, Poland)

- **Thomas Lundén** (Södertörn University, Sweden), *A twin city divided during Corona - a story of unintended geopolitics*
- **Basia Nikiforova** (Lithuanian Culture Research Institute, Lithuania), *Borderland in Pandemic: between melancholy and hope*

September 24, 2021

Opening of the 2nd day of Conference, 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

Małgorzata Bieńkowska (University of Białystok, Poland)

Krzysztof Czyżewski (Borderland Foundation, Poland)

Basia Nikiforova (Lithuanian Culture Research Institute, Lithuania)

Inauguration of "Terra Diversa" Laboratory

Debates on the borderland, multiculturalism and migration in social sciences and social practices

Chair: Katarzyna Sztop-Rutkowska, Maciej Białous (University of Białystok, Poland)

1st DEBATE, Social sciences perspective 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

Debating:

Dorota Misiejuk, Janusz Mucha, Jerzy Nikitorowicz, Andrzej Sadowski
(University of Białystok, Poland)

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2nd DEBATE, Social practices perspective 12.15 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Debating:

Anna Dąbrowska (Homo Faber Association, Poland),

Krzysztof Czyżewski (Borderland Foundation, Poland)

Marta Siciarek (Office of The Marshal of Pomorskie Voivodship, Poland)

Krzysztof Czyżewski: The Borderland Manifesto, 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Ethos of Borderland Panel, 4.00 p.m.- 5.30 p.m.

Chair: Weronika Czyżewska-Poncyłjusz (Borderland Foundation)

Debating:

Elżbieta Matynia (New School for Social Research, New York)

Michael Steinlauf (Gratz College, Philadelphia)

Chris Keulemans (Amsterdam)

Summary of the conference, 5.30 p.m.- 6.00 p.m.

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