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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 grassroots 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 Opitowska** (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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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