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**International Conference**  
**“Relations on the Borderlands: Old and New Inhabitants”**  
**September 23-24, 2021**  
Time: CEST (GMT+2)

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**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)**

- **David Newman** (Ben Gurion University, Israel), *Rethinking Israel's Borders in an Era of Missile Warfare.*
- **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 Singh Oral 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 Koscińska** (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)**



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

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

**Chair: Janusz Mucha** (University of Białystok, Poland)

- **David Newman** (Ben Gurion University, Israel), *Border Agendas for the Tomorrow.*
- **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**



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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.**