

EUBORDERREGIONS conference**BORDERS, REGIONS, NEIGHBOURHOODS:
Interactions and Experiences at EU External Frontiers****27-28 November 2014, Tartu, Estonia**

This conference aims to provide an open forum for presentation, exchange and discussion of original research focusing on the plethora of issues and topics that relate to the external borders of the European Union. We hope to attract papers that focus on diverse geographical areas, and approach the question of borders, regions, and cross-border interactions from a wide variety of different theoretical, methodological and analytical backgrounds. We welcome papers that address problems and prospects related to EU external borders from legal, political, economic, sociological, cultural, and historical perspectives. The event is the final conference of the [EUBORDERREGIONS](#) project and the main deliverables and achievements of this four-year research effort will be presented during the conference. However, we also seek to engage a wider community of geographers, political scientists, sociologists and scholars from other disciplines in a multi-disciplinary debate on the changing nature of contemporary borders.

The conference is organised jointly by the [EUBORDERREGIONS consortium](#), the [Peipsi Center for Transboundary Cooperation](#) and the [Centre for EU-Russia Studies](#) (CEURUS) at the University of Tartu.

Academic conveners of this conference are James Scott, Professor at the University of Eastern Finland (James.Scott[at]uef.fi) and Andrey Makarychev, visiting professor at the University of Tartu (andrey.makarychev[at]ut.ee).

Programme. A preliminary version of the programme is available [here](#).

Proposal submission. The deadline for submitting paper proposals has now passed.

Registration. All participants are required to register (by September 15, 2014). There is no registration fee. The registration form is available [here](#).

Schedule of the conference: The conference will begin with a keynote speech on the morning of November 27, followed by a full day of panels, and a reception in the evening. There will be several panels on the morning of November 28. The conference will conclude with a common lunch (hosted by the organizers) on November 28. On the afternoon of November 28, there will be an optional field trip to the culturally distinct Seto region in the South-East corner of Estonia, close to the border with Russia and Latvia (for more information, see <http://www.visitsetomaa.ee/en>). CEURUS will host a reception on the first day of the conference and a lunch for all participants on the second day.

Conference venue: Lossi 36, Faculty of the Social Sciences and Education, University of Tartu. The Faculty of Social Sciences is a large yellow building atop the Dome Hill

(Toomemägi) in Tartu's city centre. An easy way to find it: from the Town Hall Square, follow the cobble-stoned Lossi street up the hill.

Evening reception will take place in University of Tartu Art Museum, Ülikooli 18;
<http://www.kunstimuseum.ut.ee>

Travel information.

Tartu is Estonia's second-largest city, located 186 km South-East of the capital Tallinn. Most travelers will first fly to Tallinn and then take a bus or a train to Tartu. However, Tartu also has a small international airport with direct flights to and from Helsinki. From St. Petersburg and Riga, Tartu can also be reached by bus.

Information about Tartu

Tourist Information Office where one can pick up maps and information on sights and attractions is located in the Town Hall.

A printable map of the city centre is available here:

http://www.ut.ee/sites/default/files/www_ut/tu_hooned_2013.pdf

For more information about Tartu, see http://www.visittartu.com/?set_lang_id=1

Getting to Tartu from Tallinn

Arriving at Tallinn airport:

Bus to Tartu: SEBE Express buses to Tartu leave Tallinn airport 5 minutes past every full hour (8.05, 9.05, 10.05 etc). The bus stop is close to the ground floor exit of the airport (from the arrivals hall, take the escalator down to the ground floor). Next to the ground floor exit of the airport, there is a ticket machine (choose final destination: Tartu bus station/Tartu bussijaam). The machine accepts debit cards.

In the rare case that the bus leaving from the airport is fully booked/sold out, you should take a taxi to the Tallinn Bus Station (Tallinna bussijaam, a few km away). At the station, please turn to the ticket office and ask for the next express bus to Tartu (SEBE express buses are the most convenient ones).

In case you prefer to buy ticket in advance, the tickets can be bought online at <http://www.tpilet.ee/en?> up to 2 weeks before the trip.

The express (non-stop) bus ride takes 2 hrs 25 minutes. You should get off at Tartu bus station ("Tartu bussijaam" -- final stop).

Trains to Tartu: One can also take a train to Tartu from the nearby Ülemiste train stop. We recommend that you take a taxi from the airport to the Ülemiste station (about 1 km from the airport). Trains to Tartu depart at 8:27, 13:26, 14:23, 15:45, 16:51, 17:39, and at 19:56; the

ride takes about 2 hours. Tickets can be bought on board. From the Tartu train station, take a taxi to your hotel (you can order a cabbysialling 1210).

Getting to Tartu from Tartu Airport

Airport Shuttle bus leaves from Tartu Airport to the city in about 20 minutes after the plane has arrived, but also waits for anyone who needs the ride to the city. For a fee of 4 EUR the shuttle will drop you off at any place in Tartu city and the ticket can be bought either in cash or with a debit/credit card from the driver. More information: [Airport Shuttle](#)

Getting to Tartu from Riga or St. Petersburg by bus You can also get to Tartu by from Riga or St. Petersburg by express bus operated by Lux Express. To order ticket and check the schedule, please visit this website: <http://www.luxexpress.eu/en>.

You can also get to Tallinn by ferry **from Stockholm and Helsinki**. The ferry tickets from Stockholm or Helsinki can be purchased at <http://tallink.se> and <http://www.lindaline.fi/en/>

In Tartu

Tartu bus terminal is situated very close (10 minutes on foot) to the Town Hall Square and the University Main Building. Hotel Dorpat is located right next to the Bus Terminal.

Tartu train station is a little bit farther from the city centre. First-time travelers are advised to take a taxi from there to your destination. Most taxi drivers speak some English and all taxis are equipped with meters.

Getting to Tartu airport from Tartu

An airport shuttle (cost 4 EUR) is the best option; it picks you up anywhere in town approximately 1,5 hours before the departure of your flight. The shuttle must be ordered online at least 12h before the departure at http://www.tartaline.ee/airport-shuttle-ordering_eng.

You can also order taxi which costs around 10 EUR.

From Tartu back to Tallinn Airport

By bus: SEBE buses (departures every 30 minutes to 1 hour from Tartu bus terminal) stop at Tallinn Airport upon request. Just let the driver know that you want to get off at the airport.

Accommodation. Rooms at Hotel Dorpat (www.dorpat.ee) are available at a special conference rate (56 EUR for a single room and 71 EUR for a double room). The hotel is conveniently located 5 minutes from the city centre and 10-15 minutes from the conference venue.

To book a room, send an e-mail to info@dorpat.ee using a booking code “BORDERS”. Please make your reservation with Dorpat by 25 October at the latest.

For more accommodation options, please, visit <http://www.visittartu.com/en/where-to-stay/>

Those looking for cheaper options should consider [Tartu Student Village Hostels](#) which provide comfortable and favourably priced accommodation in the centre of Tartu, in two different dormitories: **Pepleri St 14 and Narva St 27**. You can book [online](#) or by contacting **Janika Hango** at janika@kyla.ee

Field trip:

On the afternoon of November 28, there will be an optional field trip to Setomaa- a culturally distinct region in the South-East corner of Estonia, 100 km from Tartu, close to the Estonian-Russian border (for more information, see <http://www.visitsetomaa.ee/en>).

The bus will depart at 14.00 and will be back in Tartu around 22.00.

The field trip costs 40 EUR and it includes transportation, a visit to Seto museum and a Seto traditional dinner. You can sign up to the field trip by filling in the general conference registration form (see above). Those of you registered for the field trip will be contacted in due course with necessary details.

Contact and further information:

Administrative or logistical issues (field trip, accommodation, travel etc): Margit Säre, margit@ctc.ee; (372) 5088409.

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