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

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME:

Day 1. November 27

Registration opens at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Lossi 36, lobby...........8.45
Opening and keynote speech Lossi 36-214..........................................................9.00 – 9.45
Panel Session 1......................................................................................................10.00 – 11.30
Panel Session 2......................................................................................................11.45 – 13.15

Lunch Break.............................................................................................................13.15 – 14.30

Panel Session 3 ......................................................................................................14.30 – 16.00
Panel Session 4 ......................................................................................................16.15 – 17.45

Keynote 2 and reception (University of Tartu Art Museum, Ülikooli18;
http://www.kunstimuuseum.ut.ee ) ...............................................................18.30 – 21.00

Day 2. November 28

Panel Session 5......................................................................................................9.15 – 10.45
Panel Session 6......................................................................................................11.00 – 12.30

Lunch .....................................................................................................................12.30 – 14.00

Optional field trip to Setomaa.................................................................14.00 -- 21.00
NOVEMBER 27

8.45 – 13.30 Registration (Lossi 36, lobby)

9.15-9.45 Keynote speech by Prof Victor Konrad (Carleton University), title TBA. Venue: Lossi 36-214

10.00-11.30 Session 1

Panel 1A: Separatism, secessionism, irredentism Lossi 36-214
Discussant: Raul Toomla
Gary Wilson: Secessionism without and within: Challenges to the stability of the EU in the wake of the Crimean crisis
Eiki Berg and Scott Pegg: De Facto States in the Post-Soviet Space and US Requests for Diplomatic Action
Christine Leuenberger: Maps and Politics in Border Regions: Mapping the Separation Barrier in Israel and Palestine
Stefano Braghiroli: EP perspectives on cross-border conflicts

Panel 1B: Borders, Cultures and Memory Politics I; Lossi 36-215
Discussant: Eva-Clarita Pettai
Julie Vullnetari and Russel King: “A prison within a prison’: memories of everyday life at the border in socialist Albania”
Nevena Dakovic: Borders within Divided City: Cinematic Cityscape Sarajevo 1992-2010
Margarita Aleksahhina: Violence, borders and memory cultures in the Baltic and the Northwest Russia.

11.45-13.15 Session 2

Panel 2A: Borders, Culture and Memory Politics (II); Lossi 36-214
Discussant: Alexandra Yatsyk
Elisabetta Nadalutti: The ‘uprootedness’ of cross-border cooperation activities: A reading through Simone Weil’s philosophical approach to society
Igor Okunev: Internal “Other” in Russian borderlands and nation-building history
Christopher Brighton: The Migration of Borders: Poland, Borders and Culture Change
Aija Lulle: Soviet times: mobility and the flow of everyday life in a Latvian-Russian border region

Panel 2B: Geopolitical and normative response to the challenges in the neighbourhood; Lossi 36-215
Discussant: James Scott
Alexander Astrov: “It does not matter where the border runs”: Another side of George Kennan’s containment strategy
Niklas Bremberg: European Foreign Policy Practice and the Problem of Change: what to make of the EU’s responses to the Arab spring?
Corina Rebegea and Octavian Manea: Democrats and insurgents: changing mindsets about democracy promotion in Europe
Elena Pavlova: “Borders” of foreign policy of Brazil
Iain Ferguson: Hostile Neighbours: The Character of the EU ‘Security Community’

Panel 2C: Theorizing on paradiplomacy: the case of Russian north-western subnational units; Lossi 36-305

**Discussant:** TBA

Alexander Sergunin: Theorizing on paradiplomacy: the case of the Russian north-western subnational units


Ekaterina Mikhailova: Twin-Cities as a Brand: Recent Developments and Potential in the Russian Context

Jaroslaw Janczak: EU founders and EU forerunners. Border twin towns and international relations in Europe

Gleb Yarovoy: Paradiplomacy as an instrument of regional policies: the case of Karelia

13.15-14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.00 Session 3

Panel 3A: Mobilities and partnerships (I); Lossi 36-214

**Discussant:** Andrey Belyy

Nadezhda Zhuk: Border regions and economic flows: attracting centers and outsiders

Andrea Stocchiero, Raffaella Coletti and Filippo Celata: Euro-Mediterranean policies and local specificities: cross-border cooperation at the Italy-Tunisia border

Jakub Benedyczak: Small border traffic: Polish or European?

Margit Säre: The role of civil society in developing regional partnerships: case study of the Estonian-Russian border region

Maren Hofius: Community at the Border or the Boundaries of Community? The Case of EU Field Diplomats in Ukraine

Panel 3B: Policy-making mechanisms of cross-border relations; Lossi 36-215

**Discussant:** Stefano Braghiroli

Abel Polese: Opportunities and challenges of EU borders: Small-scale traders, their economic function and impact on policy making

Heikki Eskelinen/Matti Fritsch/Petri Kahila/Sarolta Németh: Potentials of CBC programmes in creating critical mass for innovations in policy making – the example of the northern European Arc

Éske Van Gils: Bargaining for partnership: Policy-making in EU – Azerbaijan relations

Deniz Genç: Borders and Bordering Processes in the European Union: A Comparative Study of Spain and Turkey

Panel 3C. People, borders, institutions: New Issues in Baltic Sea Regionalism (I); Lossi 36-305

**Discussant:** Andres Kasekamp (TBC)

Andrey Makarychev: People, borders, institutions: Introducing the Project

Thomas Linsenmaier: The Baltic Sea Regionalism as Seen from the English School Perspective

Piret Ehin and Kristina Kallas: Political Loyalties of Russian-speakers in the Baltic States: Any Reason for Concern?
Inna Melnikovska and Ryhor Nizhnikau: The Crisis in Ukraine-Russia Relations and Negative Spill Over Effects for the Baltic Sea Region

16.15 – 17.45 Session 4

Panel 4A: Mobilities and partnerships (II); Lossi 36-214
Discussant: TBA
Kristina Minkova: Regional integration units and their role in trade liberalization
Anna Zadora: The Phantom Boundaries between Belarusians and Poles: from Informal Practice to Contested Sovereignty
Klodjan Seferaj: Sustainable Development Aspects in Cross-Border Cooperation Programmes: The Case of Macedonia and Albania
Milena Nikolova: In Transit: The Well-being of Migrants from Transition and Post-Transition Economies
István Micsinai and Sarolta Németh: Analysing CBC networks at the external borders of the EU – methodological do's and don'ts.

Panel 4B: Trans-border transportation and infrastructural projects in Eurasia; Lossi 36-215
Discussant: TBA
Andrey Belyi and Andrey Makarychev: Sovereignty, Governmentality, and Energy Markets
Kim Talus: Cross-border institutions in North America, Europe and Middle East: a comparative outlook
Benjamin Sovacool: Trans-national Infrastructural Projects: Energy Dimensions
Elena Efimova and Natalia Kuznetsova: International cargo transportation in Eastern Baltic Sea Region and economic growth

Panel 4C: People, borders, institutions: New Issues in Baltic Sea Regionalism (II); Lossi 36-305
Discussant: Heiko Pääbo
Michal Salamonik: The Baltic Sea Region – Rethinking the Concept of Region and Borders in Time
Alexandra Yatsyk: Singing Festivals in Estonia: Cultural Authenticity and Cross-Border Effects
Alena Andronova: Constructing the image of Finland as a brand among tourists from Russia

18:30 – 21.00 Keynote Speech 2 and reception
Keynote speech: Prof James Scott “Territorial versus Ideational Notions of Neighbourhood”
Followed by reception
Venue: University of Tartu Art Museum, Ülikooli 18; http://www.kunstimuuseum.ut.ee
**Pete Marton**: Border security and cross-border cooperation: Perspectives on the Serbia-Hungary Border

**Aileen Espiritu**: People-to-people engagement on the Russian-Norwegian border: beyond stability in a border region?

**Kristina Zumbusch**: Conflict management in cross-border co-operations. The example of cross-border co-operations between Swiss and EU regions

**Xavier Ferrer-Gallardo and Abel Albet-Mas**: Concrete Blocks and Border Checks: 300 Years of Conflict between Gibraltar and Spain

**Panel 5B: Ukraine in Focus: In Search for Reconceptualizations (I)**; *Lossi 36-215*

**Discussant: Elena Pavlova**

**Aliaksei Kazharski**: The discourses of the crossroads. Arguments for and against different integration options in Ukraine

**Hans-Joachim Bürkner**: How to become a big geopolitical player by rebordering: lessons from the Ukraine conflict

**Sezgin Mercan and Barış Gursoy**: A Policy Shift in the European Neighborhood: Ukraine’s Dynamics versus Europe

**Olena Podolian**: The challenge of ‘stateness’ in post-Soviet democratisation: Reevaluation of European level influence in Estonia and Ukraine, 1991-present day

**Panel 5C. Mega-Events in Post-Soviet Eurasia: Shifting Borderlines of Inclusion and Exclusion**; *Lossi 36-305*

**Discussant: Igor Okunev**

**Phillipp Casula**: Nationalism and borderlines of identity: The Soči 2014 Winter Olympics

**Ryhor Nizhnikau**: World Ice Hockey Championship in Belarus: Political Contexts

**Alexandra Yatsyk**: The European Football Championship 2012 in Lviv: an Experience a Trans-border project

**Andrey Makarychev**: The FIFA World Football Cup in Russia: the Case of Regional Identities

**11.00-12.30 Session 6**

**Panel 6A: Ukraine in Focus: In Search for Reconceptualizations (II)**; *Lossi 36-214*

**Discussant: Ian Fergusson**

**Axelle Ponthus**: Cross-Border Cooperation as a Vehicle for External Europeanisation: Transmitting Good Governance Practices

**Tatiana Shaban**: Good Governance: Assessment of the institutional opportunities for cross-border cooperation between EU and Ukraine.

**Mark Teramae**: Competitive Clientelism among Elites in Ukraine

**Mikhail Krylov and Anton Gritsenko**: Ethno-Cultural Dimensions of Local Identities in Left-Bank Ukraine and Russian Borderlands: Inside View

**Panel 6B. Religion and Soft Power: Russia and EU in South Caucasus**; *Lossi 36-215*

**Discussant: Alexandra Yatsyk**

**Andrey Makarychev**: Religious Facets of Russia’s Soft Power in South Caucasus

**Alar Kilp**: Religion and Soft Power: Orthodox Church in Armenia

**Eiki Berg**: EU norms meet Orthodox values: a case of anti-discrimination legislation

**Panel 6C. Russia in Focus: internal bordering and international cooperation**

**Discussant: TBA**
Kseniya Brailovskaya and Elena Nikiforova: On the situation with NGO in Russia: the reflection on transborder and international cooperation
Francisco Martinez: On the Peripheral Character of Russia
Iacopo Adda: Moscow’s strategies in the Russian Far East. Internal colonization or regional development?

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-21.00 Optional field trip to Seto region in the South-East corner of Estonia

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