

CALL FOR PAPERS

International Conference

BORDERS, REGIONS, NEIGHBORHOODS: INTERACTIONS AND EXPERIENCES AT EU EXTERNAL FRONTIERS

27-28 November 2014, Tartu, Estonia

Organizers: EUBORDERREGION consortium and the Centre for EU-Russia Studies at the University of Tartu

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Objective: 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 (see <http://www.euborderregions.eu/>) and it is expected that 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.

Within the overall guidelines of the conference, all proposals will be given serious consideration even if their topics are not explicitly included in the areas of special interest listed below:

1. Borders and Political Communities-in-the-Making: Experiences of the EU, Russia and post-Soviet Eurasia
2. Political Space in a Wider Europe: a New Inside / Outside Dynamics?
3. Cross-border Migrations and Nationalist Mobilization
4. Managing Visa Regimes: Institutional and Political Facets of Bordering and De-bordering
5. Trans-border transportation and infrastructural projects in Eurasia
6. Nation / City Branding and Cross-border Communication
7. Borders within Russia and the EU: Cultural, Social, Economic
8. Borders, Margins and Regions in the Common Neighborhood
9. Borders, Unrecognized States and the Changing Meanings of Sovereignty
10. Ukraine's 2014 revolution and the changing inside - outside dynamics in Europe

11. Arab springs and autumns in the Euro:Mediterranean borders

12. Regionalisation and macroregionalisation along the EU borders

Empirical, methodological, and theoretical, as well as inter-disciplinary, comparative and case studies are welcomed. Case studies have to be analytical, based on empirical analysis or relating the case to broader theoretical frameworks or international norms. Descriptive case-studies are not accepted.

Envisioned 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>).

Costs and arrangements: Participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation costs. Accommodation in Tartu is affordable: according to pre-arrangement with hotel Dorpat (www.dorpat.ee), single room is offered with price 56 EUR and double room 71 EUR per night. Please book hotel by 25 October, sending e-mail to info@dorpat.ee and use booking code "BORDERS".

The Centre for EU-Russia Studies will host a reception on the first day of the conference and a lunch for all participants on the second day.

There is no registration fee.

Proposal submission:

Paper proposals (using the attached submission form) should be sent by April 20, 2014 to ryhor@ut.ee. Proposals should contain a title and an abstract (up to 300 words), with concise information about research questions, theoretical and empirical approach, and expected results. Please include a short biographical note (focusing on: previous publications, research activities and general research interests, max. 100 words). Authors will be notified by May 20, 2014.

NB! Have a look to the recently released **documentary film on the life of the Estonian-Russian borderland**: <http://www.euborderregions.eu/dissemination/film-estonian-russian-border-area>

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Submission form

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If applicable, names and emails of co-author(s):

PAPER INFORMATION
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