BORDERS AT THE INTERFACE: BORDERING EUROPE, AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

International Workshop

DECEMBER 7-11, 2014 | Beer Sheva & Jerusalem ● Israel

In Cooperation with the FP7 EUBORDERSCAPES Consortium
Sunday, December 7th

11:00 – 18:00  FP7 Workshops

11:00 – 14:00: General Session

14:00 – 15:00: Lunch

15:00 – 16:00: Work Packages 3, 6, & 7

16:00-17:00: Work Packages 4, 5, & 8

17:00 – 18:00: Work Packages 9 & 10
Monday, December 8th
(W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall)

9:00 – 9:30: Conference Registration

9:30 – 10:00: Greetings
Zvi HaCohen – Rector, Ben-Gurion University
David Newman – Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ben-Gurion University
James Scott – Academic Director, FP7 EUborderscapes

10:00 – 11:30 Opening Plenary Session
Geopolitics and Borders: Contemporary Themes
Chair: James Scott, University of Eastern Finland (Finland)

- Vladimir Kolosov, Moscow Academy of Science (Russia), President of the International Geographical Union (IGU).  
  Mapping Borders: Problems, Methods, Outcomes
- Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, University of Victoria (Canada), Editor of the Journal of Borderland Studies (JBS)  
  Border Conflicts Around the World: A Comparative Analysis.
- Victor Konrad, Carleton University (Canada)  
  Borders Crossing Cultures and Cultures Crossing Borders in an Era of Security Primacy.

11:30 – 12:00: Coffee Break (Room 302)

12:00 – 14:00  Parallel Sessions A

Session 1 – Israel-Palestine Territorial Configurations
(Room 301 Building 74)
Chair: Gideon Biger, Tel-Aviv University (Israel)

- Sharon Pardo and Neve Gordon, Ben-Gurion University (Israel)  
  Bordering Disputed Territories: The European Union's Technical Custom Rules and Israel's Occupation.
- Zoltan Grunhut and Ákos Bodor, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Hungary)  
  Symbolic Borders between Jews and Arabs in Israel.
- Simona Epasto, University of Macerata (Italy)  
- Oren Shlomo, Ben-Gurion University (Israel)  
  In Through the "Divided City" Borders: Governmentalizing East Jerusalem’s Urban Systems in post-Oslo Era.
Session 2 – African Border Towns
(Room 326 Building 74)
Chair: Lynn Schler, Tamar Golan Africa Center, Ben-Gurion University (Israel)

- **Paul Nugent**, University of Edinburgh (UK)
  *The Limits to Regional Integration: the Lagos-Abidjan Transport Corridor as seen from Aflao/Lome*
- **Isabella Soi**, University of Edinburgh (UK)
  *Politics and Trade on the Uganda-Kenya Border: A Comparison of Twin Towns*
- **Olivier Walther**, University of Southern Denmark (Denmark)
  *West African Border Towns: Demography and Economic Centrality.*

14:00 – 15:00: Lunch

15:00 – 17:00  Parallel Sessions B

Session 3 – Euro-Asia Borders 1
(Room 301 Building 74)
Chair: Richard Schofield, King’s College (UK)

- **Gökten Doğangün and James Scott**, Middle East Technical University (Turkey) and University of Easter Finland.
  *Geopolitical Identities and Notions of Neighbourhood – The Black Sea Region.*
- **Iwona Sagan, Klaudia Nowicka and Dominika Studzińska**, University of Gdansk (Poland)
  *Patterns of Cross-Border Activities in the Polish – Russian Borderland.*
- **Jussi Lane and Illka Liikane**, University of Eastern Finland (Finland)
  *Europeanising Civic Cross-border Cooperation: Historical Layers and Present-day Practices of Finnish-Russian Civic Cross-border Relations.*
- **Zoltán Hajdú**, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Hungary)

Session 4 – Cultural Production of Borders
(Room 326 Building 74)
Chair: Stanley Brunn, University of Kentucky (US)

- **Ivana Trkulja**, Center for Advance Study Sofia (Bulgaria) \ University of Eastern Finland
  *Altering of Regional Rhetoric in the Croatia Cultural discourse: Enquiry into the Image of Europe in the post-1989 Balkans.*
- **Shay Rabineau**, Brandeis University (US)
  *Making and Breaking Boundaries: Israel’s Marked and Mapped Hiking Trail Network.*
- **Ráchel Surányi**, ELTE (Hungary)
  *Cross Border Cooperation Related Discourse in the Hungarian and Ukrainian Media of the Border Region.*
- **Zeev Zivan**, Ben-Gurion University (Israel)
  *Representations of Israel’s boundaries found in Israeli films.*
17:00 – 17:30: Coffee Break (Room 302)

17:30 – 19:30  Parallel Sessions C

Session 5 – Euro-Asia Border 2  
(Room 301 Building 74)  
Chair: Victor Konrad, Carleton University (Canada)  
- Maria Zotova and Alexander Sebentsov, Moscow Academy of Science (Russia)  
  Eastern Borderland of EU: Historical, Cultural and Economic Challenges in Transcarpathia and Kaliningrad region.  
- Damir Josipović, Institute for Ethnic Studies (Slovenia)  
  Dissolution of Yugoslavia and Slovenian-Croatian Boundary Dispute: Expecting the Decision of the Arbitration Tribunal.  
- Endre Sik, TÁRKI (Hungary)  
  Quasi-Diasporas Along the Eastern Borders of the EU.  
- Yana Petrova, V. Karazin Kharkiv National University (Ukraine)  
  Reinterpretation of the Language of Political Conceptualization of Ukraine-EU and Ukraine-Russia Borders: Expert Discourses.

Session 6 – Migration and Borders  
(Room 326 Building 74)  
Chair: Olivier Walther, University of Southern Denmark (Denemark)  
- Noa Levi, Ben-Gurion University (Israel)  
  Zimbabwe on the Move.  
- Nira Yuval-Davis and Georgie Wemyss, Umeå University (Sweden)  
- Hani Zubida and Robin A. Harper, Max Stern Yezreel Valley College (Israel)  
- Nurit Hashimshony-Yaffe, Academic College of Tel Aviv Yaffo (Israel)  
  Pilgrims, Workers and Refugees –Africans Challenge to Israeli Borders.

19:30:  Conference Dinner  
(For registered participants only)
Tuesday, December 9th
Field Trip to Israel – Jordan Border
(For registered participants only)

Experts from Friends of the Earth Middle East will introduce participants to the complex geopolitical and environmental issues that surround the region’s transboundary environmental resources through an in depth look at the Jordan River Valley. Throughout the site visit FoEME will highlight how sustainable management of the region’s natural resources can serve as a catalyst towards wider peacemaking efforts and how cooperative management frameworks can be part of a future settlement between Israel and Palestine. Participants will be encouraged to discuss and share throughout the site tour.

10:00  Yardenit and Alumot: introduction to region’s shared water resources and the challenges of transboundary water management in the Jordan Valley
11:30  Old Gesher: the southern entrance to the Jordan River
12:30  Depart for FoEME’s EcoCenter in Auja, Palestine
13:30  Picnic Lunch and Discussion at Auja spring near FoEME’s Auja Ecocenter
15:00  Kaser el Yehud
16:00  Depart to Beer-Sheva
17:30  Estimated arrival at Beer-Sheva

19:30 – 20:30:  
Border Film Screening – “The Syrian Bride”  
(Auditorium 109, Building 74)
**Wednesday, December 10th**

**9:00 – 11:00  Parallel Sessions D**

*Session 7 – Securitization*  
(Room 301 Building 74)  
Chair: Zef Segal, Ben-Gurion University (Israel)

- **Michael Neckermann**, University of Bayreuth (Germany)  
  *Geopolitics on the Ground: Resistance in Hebron \ Al-Khalil.*

- **Tamar Arieli**, Tel-Hai College (Israel)  
  *On Securitization and Borders.*

- **Martin Lemberg-Pedersen**, University of Copenhagen (Denmark)  
  *Humanitarian Consequences of Border Control Policies Towards Unaccompanied Minor Refugees in the EU Borderscapes.*

- **Efrat Ben-Ze’ev and Nir Gazit, Eva Bahl and Arne Worm**, Ruppin Academic Center (Israel), University of Goettingen (Germany)  
  *Everyday Experiences and Presentations of Self and Other: Security Forces on the Borders of Southern Israel and Melilla, Spain.*

*Session 8 – The State of the Debate in Border Studies*  
(Room 326 Building 74)  
Chair: Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, University of Victoria (Canada)

- **Christophe Sohn**, CEPS Public Research Center (Luxembourg)  
  *On Border’s Multiplicity: A Perspective from Assemblage Theory.*

- **Frédéric Durand**, CEPS Public Research Center (Luxembourg)  
  *Rethinking the Cross-Border Integration Approach.*

- **Amos Israel-Vleeschhouwer**, Bar-Ilan University (Israel)  
  *The Digital Tempo-Geo-Positioning of Borders, Events and Research.*

**11:00 – 11:30: Coffee Break (Room 302)**

**11:30 – 13:00 Plenary Roundtable:**  
Israel \ Palestine Borders: Thinking Beyond the Territorial Box  
(Conferences Hall B Building 70)  
Chair: Oren Yiftachel, Ben-Gurion University (Israel)

- **David Newman** – Ben-Gurion University (Israel)  
  *States without Borders – Shared or Separate Spaces?*

- **Asad Ghanem**, University of Haifa (Israel)  
  *The Advantage of Eliminating Borders.*

- **Gideon Biger**, Tel-Aviv University (Israel)  
  *Deep Borders for Necessary Ethnic Separation.*

- **Oren Yiftachel**, Ben-Gurion University (Israel)  
  *Open Borders as Scuffholdings for Reconciliation*
13:00 – 14:00: Lunch

13:00-14:30 Round Table
Challenges and Directions in the Development of the Field Human Geography
Israeli Geographical Association – (Optional attendance during lunch hour)
(Room 250, Building 72)

Participants:
Eliyahu Stern
Vladimir Kolosov
Stan Brunn
Michael Sopher
Itzhak schnell

14:00 – 15:30 Parallel Sessions E

Session 9 – Urbanism Territories and Borders
(Room 326 Building 74)
Chair: Haim Yacobi, Ben-Gurion University (Israel)

• Antoine Decoville, CEPS Public Research Center (Luxemburg)
  The Need for More Resilient Cross-Border Urban Forms and Governance to Face Uncertainty: The Case of Luxembourg and its Neighboring Regions.

• Ekaterina Mikhailova, National Research University Higher School of Economics (Russia)

• Olivier Legrand, Ben-Gurion University (Israel)
  Inheritance, Ownership and Legitimacy: Interrogating the (re)Construction of Urban Iconography in Frontier Cities.

Session 10 – Borders and Identities
(Room 326 Building 74)
Chair: Paul Nugent, University of Edinburgh (Scotland)

• William Miles, Northeastern University (USA)
  Re-Africanization of Judaism and Zionism.

• Leanne Johansson, Oxford University (UK)
  Who Do We Want to Be? Imagining Israel in the Cameroon-Nigerian Borderland.

• Hani Zubida, Max Stern Yezreel Valley College (Israel)
  We Are One! Or Are We? Football Fandom and Ethno-National Identity in Israel.

• Itamar Dubinsky, Ben-Gurion University (Israel)
  Mandela Football Academy: Integrating Ghana, Lebanon and Europe.
15:30 – 16:00: Coffee Break (Room 302)

16:00 – 18:00  Parallel Sessions F

Session 11 – Internal Borders in Europe
(Room 301 Building 74)
Chair: Sharon Pardo, Jean Monnet Chair in European Studies, Ben-Gurion University (Israel)

- Bernhard Köppen, CEPS Public Research Center (Luxemburg)
  The Paradigm Marks the Outer-Border: Thoughts on the EU’s Internal Market as Major Bordering and de-Bordering Feature.
- Noga Zivan, Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development (Israel)
- Jonathan Murphy, University College Cork (Ireland)
  Border-Making Dynamics: Possible lessons from Belfast’s Peace-Line interfaces?
- Adi Weidenfeld, Middlesex University (UK)
  Knowledge Transfer and Cultural Proximity between Actors in European Cross Border Regions.

Session 12 – Cultural Production 2
(Room 301 Building 74)
Chair: David Newman, Ben-Gurion University (Israel)

- Stan D. Brunn, University of Kentucky (USA), Former Editor of the Annals of the Association of American Geographers (AAAG)
  The Lyrics of New State National Anthems: Glories, Memories and Dreams.
- David Newman (Ben-Gurion University)
  Metaphors at the Border: Screening of the Movie "Le Mur" (Belgium 2007)

18:00 – 18:30: Coffee Break (Room 302)
18:30 – 20:00
Plenary Session to Mark the Establishment of the Professorial Chair in Geopolitics at BGU
(W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall)

A Hundred Years Since the First World War:
Reshaping the Geopolitical Map of the Middle East

**Chair:** Yoram Metal, Head of the Chaim Herzog Center in Middle Eastern History and Diplomacy, Ben-Gurion University (Israel)

- **Shlomo Avineri,** Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel)
  *When Empires Collapse.*
- **Richard Schofield,** King’s College, University of London (UK)
  *Contested Borders and Geopolitics in the Contemporary Middle East.*
- **Dror Zeevi,** Ben-Gurion University (Israel)
  *Was It All Arbitrary? Drawing the Borders of the Middle-East After WW1.*

20:00 – Reception

**Greetings:**

- **Rivka Carmi** – President, Ben-Gurion University
- **David Newman** – Incumbent Geopolitics Chair, Ben-Gurion University
Thursday, December 11th
Field Trip:
The West Bank and the Geopolitics of Jerusalem
(For registered participants only)

Ir Amim Study Tours

Ir Amim’s study tours provide a ground level exposure to East Jerusalem, creating a platform for critically assessing the notion of Jerusalem as the “eternal, undivided capital of Israel” and understanding the city’s fundamental role in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The tour route runs through East Jerusalem neighborhoods and utilizes key observation points to provide context for understanding how developing facts on the ground impact the future of a secure, democratic Israeli state. Tours focus on Israeli policy related to the separation barrier, government construction plans in East Jerusalem, Israeli settlements and national parks built in the hearts of Palestinian neighborhoods, the legal status of East Jerusalem residents and policies impacting the Palestinian community.

Tour Route and Main Topics

- Introduction to Ir Amim and the history of Jerusalem’s borders and demographic policies
- From Gilo to Bethlehem: Creating a new border to the city?
- Har Homa: The politics of construction
- Umm Tuba and Sur Baher: Palestinians in Jerusalem: Permanent residency status, national identity, disparities in municipal service delivery between east and west Jerusalem
- Goldman promenade, Armon Hanatziv: Israeli policy regarding the “Historic Basin” of Jerusalem
- The separation barrier in Abu Dis: Analysis of the separation barrier against political, security and humanitarian considerations
- Mount Scopus: Exploring the concept of “Greater Jerusalem”, with emphasis on Ma’ale Adumim and E-1