

# POST-SOVIET POLITICS

## Book Launch Presentation with Reception

Neighbourhood  
Perceptions of  
the Ukraine  
Crisis

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### NEIGHBOURHOOD PERCEPTIONS OF THE UKRAINE CRISIS

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Recent events in Ukraine and Russia and the subsequent incorporation of Crimea into the Russian state, with the support of some circles of inhabitants of the peninsula, have shown that the desire of people to belong to the Western part of Europe should not automatically be assumed. Discussing different perceptions of the Ukrainian–Russian war in neighbouring countries, this book offers an analysis of the conflicts and issues connected with the shifting of the border regions of Russia and Ukraine to show how 'material' and 'psychological' borders are never completely stable ideas. The contributors – historians, sociologists, anthropologists and political scientists from across Europe – use an interdisciplinary and comparative approach to explore the different national and transnational perceptions of a possible future role for Russia.

Date: March 1st, 2017

Time: 16:00-18:00

Venue: University of  
Southern Denmark,  
U 101 Alision, Sønderborg

## PROGRAMME

### Welcome

Steen Bo Frandsen, Head of Centre for Border Region Studies, University of Southern Denmark, Sønderborg

### Welcoming words from the Europa-Universität Flensburg

Monika Eig Müller, Vice-President of the EUF, Europa-Universität, Flensburg

### Greeting

Christian Elmelund-Præstekær, Head of Department of Political Science and Public Management, University of Southern Denmark, Odense

### Presentation of the theme of the book

Barbara Törnquist-Plewa, European Studies, Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University (Sweden)

### Comments on the book

Artem Vladymyrov, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Ukraine in the Kingdom of Denmark

### Ukraine from the Polish Perspective

Henryka Mościcka-Dendys, Ambassador of Poland in the Kingdom of Denmark

### Round table discussion

Chair: Jaume Castan Pinos, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Management, Centre for Border Region Studies, University of Southern Denmark, Sønderborg  
Barbara Törnquist-Plewa, European Studies, Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University (Sweden)

Jussi P. Laine, Assistant Professor of Multidisciplinary Border Studies at the Karelian Institute, University of Eastern Finland, and the Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the Association for Borderlands Studies, Finland/USA

James W. Scott, Professor of Multidisciplinary Border Studies at the Karelian Institute, University of Eastern Finland

Katarzyna Stokłosa, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Management, Centre for Border Region Studies, University of Southern Denmark, Sønderborg  
Gerhard Besier, Director of the Sigmund Neumann Institute (Berlin, Dresden, Flensburg)

### Questions, comments and discussion with the auditorium

### Reception