

Narratives of Europe in Uncertain Times

Preliminary program

Thursday 5 March

8-9 Registration

9-9.30 Opening addresses

9.30-10.15 Opening keynote: Michał Matlak Lukaszewicz – Institute of Innovation and Technology (ITECH), Warsaw:
Europe in times of geopolitical upheaval

10.15-10.30 Coffee Break

10.30-11.15 Keynote: Magdalena Wróblewska, Director of the State Ethnographic Museum, assistant professor, University of Warsaw

Decolonial narratives in museums in the context of Central and Eastern Europe. The case study of the State Ethnographic Museum in Warsaw

11.15-12.30 Roundtable: Narrated from the centres, lived at the borders: What unites and divides Europe today?

Alice Engl (Eurac Research), **Beata Ociepka** (University of Wrocław), **Joanna Orłoś** (ENRS)

Moderators: Hynek Böhm (Technical University of Liberec), **Elżbieta Opiłowska** (University of Wrocław)

12.30-13.30 Lunch



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13.30-17 Afternoon sessions (coffee break 15-15.15)

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- Narratives I**
Chair: **Marcus Nicolson** (Eurac Research)
- Elzbieta Opilowska, Lukasz Moll** (University of Wrocław): The Power of Narratives? De-/Reborderings Europe seen from borderlands
- Martin Klatt**, Thomas Kaarsted, Mette Fentz Hastrup (University of Southern Denmark): Citizen Science in B-SHAPES: bottom-up involvement of borderlanders
- Valentina Rodani**, Alice Buoli, Isabella Traeger (Politecnico di Milano): Exploring Alternative European Futures by Co-Design: The legacy of the "Borderless" Narratives of Nova Gorica/Gorizia ECoC 2025
- Alice Buoli** (Politecnico di Milano), **Ingrid Kofler** (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano), **Raffaella Coletti** (National Research Council of Italy - Institute for the Study of Regionalism, Federalism and Self-Government): Functional or Social Proximity? Everyday Narratives from Italian Cross-Border Regions
- Sandra Hagelin** (University of Tartu): States speaking borders: entangled borders in governmental communication

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- Borders and European integration theory I**
Chair: **Alessandro Ambrosino** (Zentrum für Regionalgeschichte Brixen / Centro di storia regionale Bressanone)
- Sara Svensson** (University of Halmstad), **Katja Sarmiento-Mirwaldt** (Brunel University of London), **Pierrick Bruyas** (University of Upper Alsace): Cross-border politics? Party campaigning and collaboration in border regions
- Borut Klabjan** (Science and Research Centre Koper): Helsinki before Helsinki: Cross-border Cooperation at the Italo-Slovene Border from the Cold War to Post-Schengen Europe
- Catalina Balan** (University of Bucharest): Cultural Borders of Europe: French Soft Power in Shaping Post-Communist Romania
- Stefanie Gerstenberger** (Technical University Dresden): When Places Lose People: The Democratic Consequences of Demographic Decline
- Elisabeth Donat** (University of Continuing Education Krems): The Boundaries of Belonging: Openness, Closure, and Non-Belonging in 12 European regions

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- De-bordering Europe while de-colonizing discourses**
Chair: **Catherine Teissier** (Aix Marseille University)
- Beata Ociepka, Julia Trzcńska** (University of Wrocław): Colonial narratives and frames used by media in the East and the West of Europe after 2004
- Pierre-Frédéric Weber** (University of Szczecin): Narratives on the past in Polish-German relations
- Christian Noack** (University of Amsterdam): Narratives on the past in Polish-Ukrainian relations
- Beata Ociepka** (University of Wrocław): Colonial narratives in cultural diplomacy in Europe

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- dwps PhD panel**
Chair: **Vello Pettai** (European Centre for Minority Issues)
- Bacho Bitari Khuroshvili** (University of Wrocław): The fall of Anti-discrimination Policy in Georgia: how the government uses the minorities to increase Euroscepticism and suppress Protests
- Olga Jerjomina** (Witten/Herdecke University): When Do Linguistic Identities Become Politically Salient? Institutional Language Status and Borderland Contexts in Europe
- Weronika Koston** (University of Opole): Between border and bridge: The role of minorities in cross-border paradiplomacy
- Krystyna Shelvakh** (Opole University): Negotiating Local Identities in Crisis: Polish Minority Organizations in Ukraine

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- Lungomare-ENRS panel**
Chairs: **Marion Oberhofer**, **Angelika Burtscher** (Lungomare), **Joanna Orlos** (ENRS)
- Angelika Burtscher** (Lungomare): Artistic and curatorial research through the prism of borders
- Lea Spahn** (University of Marburg): Walking Embodied Methodology - Artistic Intervention - Cultural Practice
- Urszula Bijoś** (ENRS): How do borders shape our perception? Takeaways from the B-Shapes Summer School for teachers and educators (Zgorzelec/Görlitz2025)
- Alexandra Grochowski**: Borders of Memory. German-Polish Cooperation at the Memorial Site Stalag VIII-A in Görlitz/Zgorzelec

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- From research to political and societal impact**
Chair: **Martin Guillermo-Ramirez** (AEBR)
- Andrzej Jakubowski** (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University), **Tomasz Komornicki** (Polish Academy of Sciences): Cross-border mobility under external shocks: the experience of Poland's eastern border
- Laurie Trautman** (Border Policy Research Institute, Western Washington University): How 'crises' and emergency powers are re-shaping cross-border mobility and collaboration: The example of the Canada - United States borderlands
- Oksana Pochapska** (Kamianets-Podilskyi Ivan Ohienko National University): Borderland Memories and Hybrid Identities: Narratives of Europe in Ukrainian-Polish Media Discourse during Wartime"
- Joanna Kurowska-Pysz** (KREATUS Ltd. WSB University): Inclusive borderland heritage management - bridging people, building future

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18.00 Reception hosted by University of Wrocław and University of Southern Denmark Restaurant Aioli, Świętokrzyska 18

Friday, 6 March

8.30-12.30 Morning sessions (coffee break 10.30-10.45)

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- Borderlands as shaped spaces**
Chair: Hynek Böhm, Technical University of Liberec
- Loris Pagnani/Jerome Jakob/Kamil Bembnista** (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research): Common Ground? Founding Myths and the Imaginaries of Europeanization in Cross-Border Regions
- Ingrid Kofler** (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano): Alpine Borderscapes at the Italy–Austria and South Tyrol–Trentino Borders
- Ádám Labáth** (Eötvös Loránd University): Spaces of Liminality in Northern Ireland: Identities, Politics and Symbolic space
- Catherine Teissier** (Aix Marseille University): Collaborating across borders. Polizeiruf 110 (Świecko) and the visualisation of a shared space
- Jerome Jakob/Christophe Sohn** (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research): The border as a semiotic resource for shaping spatial imaginaries. The case of Frankfurt (Oder) and Słubice

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- Borders and European integration theory II**
Chair: Elzbieta Opilowska (University of Wrocław)
- Dorte Jagetic Andersen** (University of Southern Denmark): Opaque Europe – moving towards alternative understandings of diversity, agency and participation
- Isabella Traeger** (Politecnico di Milano): Transboundary Maritime Spatial Planning as a borderscapes practice: cooperation, integration and power asymmetries in the Northern Adriatic context
- Estelle Evrard** (University of Luxembourg): From integration to inequality: place attachment in a functionally specialised cross-border region
- Evy Romejn**, Martin van der Velde (Radboud University Nijmegen): Border Controls, Cross border Mobility and Border Perceptions
- Carlos López Gómez** (Universidad Antonio de Nebrija): A border that is not a border: post-Brexit Gibraltar and the European Union

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- Borders and Museums I**
Chairs: Ekaterina Mikhailova, Karolina Radlowska
- Alexandra Budabin** (Eurac Research): Museum Strategies for Re- or De-bordering Minority Groups in a Borderland Region
- Ekaterina Mikhailova** (University of Tromsø): Remembering and Forgetting at the Skolt Sámi Museum: Between *Lieux de Mémoire* and *Lieux d'Oubli*
- Karolina Radlowska** (University of Białystok): The Category of Kresy (Polish Eastern Borderlands) and Its Museum Representations
- Henri Haase** (University of Southern Denmark): The potential of corporate museums in processes of debordering. A qualitative analysis in the German-Danish borderland
- Natalia Niedźwiecka-Iwańczak, Julita Makaro** (University of Wrocław): The border dividing towns in museum narratives – based on towns divided by the Polish-German and Polish-Czech borders

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- Euro-scepticism in border regions**
Chair: Estelle Evrard, University of Luxembourg
- Katja Sarmiento-Mirwaldt** (Brunel University of London): Euro-scepticism in border regions: From elections to narratives and back
- Birte Wassenberg** (University of Strasbourg), **Pierrick Bruyas** (University of Upper Alsace): European narratives and regional identity at the Franco-German border (Upper Rhine and Greater Region)
- Hynek Böhm** (Technical University of Liberec): Cross-border Cooperation and Euro-scepticism in Peripheral Regions: Paradox of Integration at the Czech-Polish-German Border
- Artur Boháč** (Technical University of Liberec), **Marie Čvikova** (University of Ostrava): The Turów Mine Dispute as a Catalyst of Euro-sceptic Moods in the Czech-Polish Borderland
- Olga Dorokhina** (St. King Tamar University): Spatial Patterns of Euro-scepticism and the Transformation of Attitudes towards Europe across Georgia's Border Regions

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- Minorities in border regions I**
Chair: Martin Klatt (University of Southern Denmark/ECMI)
- Johanna Mitterhofer, Marcus Nicolson** (Eurac Research): Everyday borderlands: Investigating views of the border from a national minority perspective
- Vello Pettai** (European Centre for Minority Issues): Narva as a minority-majority border city caught in geopolitical crisis
- Małgorzata Bieńkowska** (University of Białystok): Border/Migration Crisis on the Polish-Belarusian Frontier and Its Consequences for Local Minorities
- Katalin Kovály** (Transcarpathian Hungarian University, HUN-REN Geographical Institute): Transnational Processes in the Ukrainian-Hungarian border region before and after the war
- Ioan Suhov** (Dublin City University): Mediatizing the Romanian Minority in Ukraine: Narratives, Propaganda, and Borderland Identities during the 2022 Russian War on Ukraine

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- Narratives of European border- and cross-border spaces**
Chair: Peter Balogh ()
- Marcin Dębicki** (University of Wrocław), **Jiri Travnicek** (Czech Academy of Sciences/Masaryk University): Czech media narratives on Poland. A mid-2025 perspective based on selected examples
- Ruairidh Tarvet** (University of Edinburgh): A Sign of the Times: a comparative analysis of recent changes to national symbols and anthems in present day Denmark and Slovakia
- Marco Simonetti** (University of Helsinki): Redefining Borders through Memory: The Institutionalization of the Great Patriotic War in the "Donetsk People's Republic" (2014-2022)
- Anna Glew** (University of Liverpool): Ukrainian Popular Music After Russia's 2022 Full-scale Invasion: Placing Ukraine on the Map of Europe
- Aniela Bochenska** Biographical Interviews as individual paths of big change: The Post-State Agricultural Farm Space in the Experiences of Women from the Pięniężno Commune

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13.30-16.45 Afternoon sessions (coffee break 15-15.15)

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Border landscapes as heritage I
Chair: **Eeva-Kaisa Prokkola**

Eeva-Kaisa Prokkola (University of Oulu): Intergenerational border as a method for analyzing border landscape as heritage

Kamilla Biskupska (University of Wrocław): Debordering and rebordering in the cultural landscape of the Polish 'Recovered Territories' in the narratives of the third generation of residents

Julia Eremenko (University of Kassel): Borders, Heritage, and Urban Planning: Görlitz and Zgorzelec in Transformation

Alessandro Ambrosino (Zentrum für Regionalgeschichte / Centro di storia regionale): Everyday Mobility in the Alps-Adriatic Borderscape: The case of the Propusnica (1955-2009)

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Borders and Museums II
Chairs: **Virpi Kaisto** (University of Eastern Finland), **Anne-Laure Amilhat Szary** (Université Grenoble Alpes)

Kamil Bemnista (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research): From Margins to Museums: Co-Constructing Border Narratives through Participatory Visual Methods

Noga Raved (Ben Gurion University): Comparative Insights from Israeli Museums Created by Displaced Communities and Immigrants

Tobias de Fønss Wung-Sung (Museum Southern Jutland): From Division to Diversity: Narrative Strategies in the Borderland Museum

Angelika Burtcher, Katja Anguelova, Marion Oberhofer (Lungomare): Through the Prism of Borders - Five artistic interventions within the collaborative research project B-Shapes

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Post-Colonial Narratives in Central and Eastern Europe
Chair: **Christian Noack** (University of Amsterdam)

Julita Komosa (Polish Academy of Sciences): The Idea of the Canonical Territory of the Russian Orthodox Church as an Example of a Postcolonial Dependency

Liliana Tymchenko (European Humanities University (Lithuania)): Terminological Debordering: Rethinking Europe from the Epistemic Margins

Justyna Arendarska: (University of Wrocław): Polish Political Discourses on the Three Seas Initiative: Competing Narratives of Europe in Times of Uncertainty

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Narratives Borders and migration
Chair: **Birte Wassenberg** (University of Strasbourg)

Katarzyna Jędrzej (University of Duisburg-Essen): Children's narratives: Knowledge and constructions of migration, European space, and their self-positioning in Poland, Europe, and the world

Joachim Umlauf (Goethe Institut), **Nicole Umlauf-Colin** (Aix-Marseille Université): Sold Homeland - The Suppressed History of Romanian-German Emigrants as a European Border Narrative (1)

Saida Latmani (Université Abdelmalek Essâadi): Dynamiques identitaires et sociales des migrants subsahariens en situation irrégulière dans les régions frontalières du Maroc

Katarzyna Jędrzejczyk-Kuliniak (University of Wrocław): Old and new fears: Migration Pact in Poland's post-2023 political landscape

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Borderlandscape as heritage II
Chair: **Dominika Mikolajczyk**, University of Groningen

Fredriika Jakola-Yllauri (University of Oulu): Understanding feelings of belonging in border landscapes through entanglements of place-based public and personal narratives

Marike Flömer, Veronika Warzycha (Leibniz Institute for Research on Space and Society): Fractured Narratives and Persistent Memories: Border Memory in Everyday Life at Internal European Borders

Jakub Grochowski (University of Opole): Phantom borders as a landscape for current silesian minority

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Minorities and border regions II
Chair: **Laurie Trautman** (Border Policy Research Institute)

Barbara Riman (Institute for Ethnic Studies, Ljubljana): "Alive Croat, Dead Slovene"? The Slovenian Minority and the Emergence of the Slovenian-Croatian Border in 1991

Peter Balogh (Eötvös Loránd University): Shifting identities in the borderland? On the spatial identities of young ethnic Hungarians in southern Slovakia

Thomas Wegener Friis (University of Southern Denmark): Surveillance in the German-Danish Borderlands

Bjarne Schwenke Fors (University of Tromsø): Cultural Revitalization and Regional Integration in the Torne Valley

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16.45-17 Closing Plenary

18-20 **Seeing From The Border, B-SHAPES** documentary film by Zsuzsanna Simits
Kinoteka, Room 5, Palace of Culture and Science, pl. Defilad 1

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