

# ***End of Empire and competing interests at the border***

At the University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu

12-13 October 2016

The first of a series of three workshops on *Local Impacts of Changing International Borders*, funded by the Nordic Research Councils for Humanities and Social Sciences (NOS-HS).

## Provisional Programme

### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**AGORA room 102**

13.30-15.00

Introduction

#### Panel One: Post-Imperial realities

Jeremy Smith

UEF

Vicken Cheterian

Webster University

**The transformation of Soviet Republic borders to international borders**

**Post-Imperial bordering in the Middle East**

15.30-17.30

#### Panel 2: Post-Imperial dreams

Jussi Pakkasvirta,  
University of Helsinki

Katarzyna Stoklosa,  
SDU

Dawid Bunikowski  
UEF

**The nation, utopia of unity and borders in post-colonial Latin America**

**After Empires: resurrection of the Polish dream of renewing a Great Power**

**Continuities and discontinuities between the Soviet Union and the Russian Federation: discourses and legislation in relation to minorities**

18.00 Book Presentation hosted by the VERA Centre for Russian and Border Studies.

Adrian Selin, Higher School of Economics in St Petersburg, will present his new book *Russko-Shvedskaya granitsa (1617-1700 gg.)* (The Russian-Swedish Border, 1617-1700).

Venue; Atrium, Aurora building. Refreshments included.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

**EDUCA room 213**

10.00-12.00

**Panel 3: Borderlands, in and after Empire**

Adrian Selin,  
HSE St Petersburg  
Steen Bo Frandsen  
SDU  
Jussi Semi, UEF

**Borderland as a Factor for modernizing Muscovy**  
**Danish-German border development from an after-empires approach**  
**Governing the Spaces of Vyborg after Finnish Independence**

12.00-13.00

**Lunch break**

13.00-15.00

**Panel Four: Rebordering Ukraine**

Anton Kotenko,  
HSE St Petersburg  
Dmitry Zimin  
UEF  
Nataliya Kibita  
London School of  
Economics

**Ukrainian national territorialisation and the fall of the Romanov empire**  
**Russian attitudes to Crimea since 1991: a soft border in re-making**  
**The effects of Ukrainian nationalism on Ukrainian political culture**

15.30-17.00

**Panel Five: Dealing with post-Communist borders**

Paul Fryer  
UEF  
Elvin Gjevori  
Malmö University

**Local impacts at the Kyrgyzstan-Tajikistan border**  
**The Emerging Alba-sphere: How Albania and Kosovo are Reshaping Border Revisionism in the Western Balkans**

17.00-17.45

**Closing Discussion and Future Plans**

18.30

Dinner for participants tbc