



The Fez Border Studies Conference II: Interdisciplinary Dialogues on Borders, Walls, and Security

This conference, which takes place in Fez, Morocco, from May 18-21, 2026, is organized by the Legal and Political Studies Laboratory at Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University (USMBA) in Fez, the Center for Geopolitical Studies – Raoul-Dan-durand Chair at the University of Québec at Montréal (UQAM), and INALCO (Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales), in collaboration with the School of Transborder Studies (Arizona State University).

In an era marked by resurgent nationalism, supply chain disruptions, hypersecuritization, polycrisis building on health (in)security and climate change, borders reclaim centrality and intensify their role as key political features and spatial technologies. This event seeks to shift the lens, focusing on how deglobalization processes —real or imagined— are transforming border regimes, bordering practices, migration governance, and wall-building projects worldwide. It emphasizes the importance of the global South and non-Western/or Native perspectives and gender inclusivity in rethinking borders as imposed colonial constructs and as lived, contested, and relational spaces. Alternative knowledge systems challenge the very premises of territorial sovereignty, national boundaries, and fixed border regimes, offering alternative frameworks for understanding land, mobility, and political belonging.

This conference builds on the foundations of the 2024 conference, entitled “Towards a New Agenda in Border Studies”, where participants collectively articulate the Fez Agenda for Border Studies. This second edition brings together scholars from diverse disciplines and backgrounds to substantially rethink how border(ing) processes, practices and related theories are approached, by deliberately decentering the analysis hitherto produced primarily in the North. Advancing this agenda, this edition interrogates borders and walls through interdisciplinary, transnational, and alternative perspectives. It offers a unique and unprecedented space for in-depth discussions around the renewal of border studies, aiming at fostering the establishment of an inclusive, innovative and multidisciplinary research network. The conference is held in English, French and Arabic.

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Outline of the Program

Online Panels

Hosted by INALCO and the Institute of Research for Development (IRD)

27 April & 4 May 13h00 to 19h00 (Morocco time - UCT/WET)

April 27

Schedule	Panel
13h00 - 14h15	(English) - Borders, Territorial Politics & Postcolonialism
14h30 - 15h45	(Arabic) - Border Security & Governance
16h00 - 17h00	(English) - Borderland Lives, Cross-Border Movements & Governance
17h15 - 18h15	(English) - Border Control, Technology & Law
18h30 - 19h45	(English) - Transborder Lives, Mobility & Resistance

May 4

	Panel
13h00 - 14h15	(English) - Walls, Militarization & (In)security
14h30 - 15h45	(English) - Borderlands, Environnement & Mobility
16h00 - 17h15	(English) - Border Governance, Belonging & Diaspora
17h30 - 18h30	(French) - Border Governance & Policy Change
18h45 - 20h00	(English) - Border Communities, Memory & Discourse

Outline of the Program

In-Person Fez Conference

18 - 21 May (Morocco time - UCT/WET)

18 May

Schedule	Welcoming Reception
15h00 - 16h00	Registration
16h00 - 17h30	Opening Address - Said Saddiki, Mustapha Ijjaali, Mohammed Bouzlafa, Driss El Yazami, Badr Elkhaldi & Élisabeth Vallet
17h45 - 19h00	Keynote Address : Nick Megoran & Gabriela Garcia Garcia

19 May

Schedule	Panel A	Panel B	Panel C
9h00 - 10h30	A1 (English) - Everyday Practices, Identity & Lived Experiences in Borderlands	B1 (English) - Internalized Borders: Detention, Deportation Regimes & Citizenship	C1 (English) - Material Borders, Security & Historical Legacies
10h45 - 12h00	A2 (English) - Border Asymmetries, Trade & Capitalism	B2 (French)- Borders, Governance & Symbolism	C2 (English) - Walls, Control & Governance
12h00 - 13h30	Lunch		
13h45 - 15h00	A3 (English) - Border Militarization, Conflicts & Regional Dynamics	B3 (Arabic)- Borders & Conflictual Dynamics	Workshop: Dematerialising Borders' #1
15h15-16h30	A4 (English) - Walls, Mobility & Migration Governance	B4 (English) - Walls, Governance & Historical Insights	Workshop: Dematerialising Borders #2

20 May

Schedule	Panel A	Panel B	Panel C
9h00 - 10h30	A1 (French) - Legal, Political & Security Dimensions of Border Mobility	B1 (English) - Borders, Politics & Pedagogical Approaches in Border Studies	Workshop: Co-writing in Border Studies: Towards a Collective Publication Strategy
10h45 - 12h00	A2 (English) - Externalizing Borders: Policies & Migration	B2 (English) - Border's Securization: Mobility, Control & Society	Roundtable: Review of the Fez Agenda (Invitation-only)
12h00 - 13h30	Lunch		
13h45 - 15h00	A3 (English) - Boundary Disputes, Natural Resources & Colonial Borders	B3 (English) - Insecurity, Violence & Border's Securization	Workshop: Dematerialising Borders #3
15h15 - 16h15	Closing Remarks : Irasema Coronado & Dhananjay Tripathi		

Detailed Program

Online Panels

27 April

13h00 – 14h15 : PANEL 1: Borders, Territorial Politics & Postcolonialism

Language: English

Chair: Yassine Guennoun, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Morocco

Lines of Separation and Legacies of Postcolonial Border Making: A Case Study of Afghanistan-Pakistan

- **Anam Iftikhar, University of Education, Pakistan**

The Global Border Regime's Shifting Fissures: Racial and Postcolonial Capitalism Between Bogota, Macareta and Nouakchott

- **Karen Schouw Iversen, University of Bath, United Kingdom**
- **Hassan Ould Moctar, University of London, United Kingdom**
- **Paolo Novak, University of London, United Kingdom**

From Fortress to Heritage: The Kumbhalgarh Wall and Rethinking Border Fortification in the Global South

- **Dewang Ganesh Thosar, South Asian University, India**
- **Kanishka Sharma, South Asian University, India**

Reevaluating the 'Turn to the East': Infrastructure, Culture, and the Limits of Russian-Chinese Regional Integration on the far Eastern Border

- **Olga Zalesskaia, Blagoveshchensk State Pedagogical University, Russia**

14h30 – 15h45 : PANEL 2: Border Security & Governance

Language: Arabic

Chair: Ismail Rzaoui, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Morocco

الحدود بين الأمن والهوية: مقارنة قانونية-اجتماعية في ظل التحولات العالمية

- **Salim Anwar Ahmed, University of Kirkuk, Iraq**

توظيف الذكاء الاصطناعي في إدارة الحدود و أثره على سياسات الهجرة في الجنوب العالمي

- **Esraa Moheb Mahmoud Talaat, Cairo University, Egypt**

جدلية العلاقة بين الحدود والتعافي بعد الصراعات في الجنوب العالمي

- **Noha Nadim, Cairo University, Egypt**

النزاعات المسلحة وإعادة تعريف الحدود بين الدول: السودان نموذجا

- **Maisoon Ahmed Abdel Aziz Merghany, Higher Academy for Strategic and Security Studies, Sudan**

التحكيم الدولي والأبعاد القانونية لنزاعات الحدود: حدود أبيي بين السودان وجنوب السودان نموذجا

- **Mohammed Khalifa Siddiq, International University of Africa, Sudan**

16h00 – 17h00 : PANEL 3: Borderland Lives, Cross-Border Movements & Governance

Language: English

Chair: Loubna Bouhdid, University Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah, Morocco

The Past, Present, and Future of Transnational Students Navigating the US-Mexico Border

- **Laura Dicochea, Arizona State University, United States**

Joy and Unrest: Transborder College Students' Sense of Belonging at the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands

- **Vannessa Falcón Orta, San Diego State University, United States**
- **Carlos A. Fitch, University of California, United States**
- **Efren Michael López, San Diego State University, United States**
- **Gilberto Reyes Morgan, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California, United States**

17h15 – 18h15 : PANEL 4: Border Control, Technology & Law

Language: English

Chair: Douae Bensbih, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Morocco

A Tale of Two (Forced) Paths: Deportation or Detention of Tunisian Irregular Migrants in the EU Border Regime

- **Eya Jrad, Independent researcher, Tunisia**

Boundaries in an Age of Deglobalization: Security Challenges and Transmutations of Power in the Global South

- **Ikrame Kohl, Mohammed V University, Morocco**

Of Borders and Intentional Ambiguity—Cartographic Indeterminacy as a Political Expansion Strategy for Israel

- **Bünyamin Esen, Istanbul Topkapı University, Türkiye**

18h30 – 19h45 : PANEL 5: Transborder Lives, Mobility & Resistance

Language: English

Chair: Hafid El Hachimi, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Morocco

The Gendered Politics of Borders: Feminist Policy Responses to Migration and Security in South Asia

- **Ayesha Iqbal, Government College University Faisalabad, Pakistan**

Reimagining Territoriality and Mobility along the Indonesia-Malaysia Borderlands

- **Ayadoure Srinivasane alias Stalin, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India**

Waves of Resistance: Stateless Palestinians between Sea and Sovereignty

- **Jana Issa Mousa, American University of Beirut, Lebanon**

Conceptualizing the U.S.-Mexico Border through a Cross-Border Mobility Lens

- **Sergio Peña Medina, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Mexico**

*Native Perspective and 'Indigenous Internationalization' of Borders in the Horn of Africa:
Revamping Traditional Border Walls*

- **Abebe Yezihalem, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia**

4 May

13h00 - 14h15 : PANEL 1: Walls, Militarization & (In)security

Language: English

Chair: Damien Simonneau, Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales, France

Border, Fences and Bunkers: Narratives of the Securitization Discourse at the India-Pakistan Border

- **Tania Anupam Patel, Symbiosis International (Deemed University), India**

*Militarization as a Bordering Practice: Martial Violence and the Projection of Border
on the Afghanistan-Pakistan 'Frontier'*

- **Ahmed Sahal K P, South Asian University, India**
- **Mujeeb Kanth, South Asian University, India**

*Perceptions of Non-Traditional Security Threats and the Securitization of the Indo-Nepal Borderlands:
Unveiling Invisible Walls of Security*

- **Alok Shubham, Jindal Global University, India**

The Russian State Border in the Far East: Security Threats and Opportunities in the Context of Deglobalization

- **Evgenii Gamerman, Institute for Complex Analysis of Regional Problems, Russia**

14h30 - 15h45 : PANEL 2: Borderlands, Environnement & Mobility

Language: English

Chair: Sylvie Fanchette, Institut de recherche pour le développement, France

*Disputed Borderlands and Waterscapes: Biographies of Violence or Peace-Building?
Towards a Comparison between the Ileemi Triangle and the Ferghana Valley*

- **Viktorina Akchrina, Ala-Too International University, Kyrgyzstan**

Borderland Toxicities: A photo-Ethnography of Environmental Suffering in Imperial Valley and Mexicali

- **Linda Lara Jacobo, San Diego State University, United States**
- **Abraham Flores, San Diego State University, United States**

Securitizing Climate Migration: Bordering Practices and Institutional Fragmentation in South Asia

- **Aaquil Ahmed, Jamia Hamdard University, India**

*An Analysis of the Role of the Delimitation of the Caspian Sea Maritime Boundaries in the Development of Iran's
Northern Coastal Provinces*

- **Ali Beheshtian Mesgaran, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran**

16h00 – 17h15 : PANEL 3: Border Governance, Belonging & Diaspora

Language: English

Chair: Laurence Dumais, Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada

The Erosion of Judicial Protection at the Border:

Assessing the Remaining Procedural Safeguards in the New Common European Asylum System

- **Silvia Bartoloni, Université Catholique de Lille, France**
- **Sian Donkers, Université Catholique de Lille, France**

Diasporic Infrastructures and the Quasi-Sacred Border: Rethinking Belonging across South Asian Routes

- **Antara Chakrabarty, South Asian University, India**

Is Cultural Integration a Sustainable Pathway to the Rohingya Crisis? Border Management Experience in Bangladesh

- **Parimal Kumar Roy, Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre, Bangladesh**

Art as a Conceptual and Political Lens: Rethinking Border Representations at the U.S.–Mexico Divide

- **Elizabeth Astorga Gaxiola, University of Arizona, United States**

The Aleatory State: Navigating Mexico's Unpredictable Migration Governance from Tapachula to the Rio Grande

- **Carlos S. Ibarra, Escuela de Antropología e Historia del Norte de México, Mexico**
- **Alberto Hernández Hernández, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Mexico**
- **Rodolfo Cruz-Piñeiro, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Mexico**

17h30 – 18h30 : PANEL 4: Border Governance & Policy Change

Language: French

Chair: Damien Simonneau, Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales, France

Usages tactiques d'une question frontalière ancienne : l'héritage des troubles frontaliers irano-ottomans dans la poli-tique de l'Irak vis-à-vis de l'Iran au temps de Saddam Hussein (1979-2003)

- **Charles Ganier, Institut français d'études anatoliennes, Türkiye**

Reproduire les frontières : Comment la coopération UE-Mauritanie transforme le droit et les pratiques d'immigration mauritaniennes

- **Bastien Charaudeau, Yale University, United States**

La notion de frontières à l'épreuve des catastrophes naturelles dans un contexte de réchauffement climatique

- **Brice Arsene Mankou, Centre de Valorisation Professionnelle de Tunis, Tunisia**

Participation des mouvements transfrontaliers aux dynamiques des territoires à la frontière entre le Sénégal et la Gambie : Médina Sabakh-Upper Baddibu; Karang Poste-Lower Nuimi

- **Alioune Mbengue, Cheikh Anta Diop University, Senegal**

18h45 – 20h00 : PANEL 5: Border Communities, Memory & Discourse

Language: English

Chair: Said Saddiki, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Morocco

Border Sensitive Communities – A New Agenda for Border Studies?

- **Katarzyna Stoklosa, University of Southern, Denmark**

Mental Walls and Social Borders: Cities as the “National Other” in Right-Wing Populist Strategies

- **James Scott, Karelian Institute, Finland**

A Cross Border Park - New Narratives at the US/Mexico Border

- **Daniel Watman, Friends of International Friendship Park, United States**

GO!2025. Transborder exercises of collective memory in Nova Gorica-Gorizia

- **Giulia Degano, Radboud University, Netherland**

Debating Pakistan in 1940s Bombay: Proposed Territoriality and the Concerns of Bombay’s Muslim Inhabitants

- **Robert Rahman Raman, SRM University Andhra Pradesh, India**

Detailed Program

In-Person Panels

18 May

15h00 – 16h00 | Registration

16h00 – 17h30 | Opening Ceremony

Moderator: Said Saddiki, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Morocco

Opening Addresses

- **Mustapha Ijjaali, President of Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Fez**
- **Mohammed Bouzlafa, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences, Fez**
- **Driss El Yazami, President of the Council of the Moroccan Community Abroad, Morocco**
- **Badr Elkhaldi, Head of the Laboratory of Legal and Political Studies, USMBA**
- **Elisabeth Vallet, Royal Military College Saint-Jean, Canada**

17h45 – 19h00 : KEYNOTE ADDRESS

- **Nick Megoran, Newcastle University, United Kingdom**
- **Gabriela Garcia Garcia, University of Surrey, United Kingdom**

19 May

9h00 – 10h30 : PANEL 1A: Everyday Practices, Identity & Lived Experiences in Borderlands

Language: English

Chair: Masaya Llavaneras Blanco, Huron University College, Canada

Preferring the Closed Border: Geopolitics, Infrastructure, and Everyday Life at the Turkish-Georgian Borderland

- **Giorgi Cheishvili, Utrecht University, Netherlands**

Securitization, Identity, and Belonging: Baloch Communities along Iran's Eastern Borders

- **Nadeem Ahmed Moonakal, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, India**

Gendered Dimension to Borderland Women: Intersecting Marginalities of Conflict, Culture and Patriarchy at the Indo-Nepalese Open Border

- **Anchal Kumari, Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, India**

The Border that Remembers: Melancholic Archives of Relation in the Maghreb

- **Abdelali Jebbar, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Morocco**

Borderland Lives: Identity, Belonging and Everyday Resistance on the Pak-Afghan Borderland

- **Hafeez Ullah, University of Sussex, United Kingdom**

9h00 – 10h30 : PANEL 1B: Internalized Borders: Detention, Deportation Regimes & Citizenship

Language: English

Chair: Aswathy Chandragiri, M.O.P. Vaishnav College for Women, India

Foreigner Incarceration in Brazil and Transborder Mobility

- **Adriana Dorfman, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil**
- **Dany Silbermann, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil**

Borders of Belonging: The Political Consequences of U.S. Asylum and Deportation Policies for Immigrant Integration in Mexico

- **Irasema Coronado, Arizona State University, United States**

Borders for Sale: On Visa Borders and the Market of Citizenship

- **Luca Paolo Cirillo, Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands and the University of Naples L'Orientale, Italy**
- **Henk van Houtum, Nijmegen Centre for Border Research, Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands**

Crossing Bureaucratic Borders: Storytelling as Resistance and Knowledge Production in Migration Narrative from the South

- **Aicha El Waqf, Social Sciences Lab_MENA, Estonia**

Everyday Resistance and the Continuum of Violence of the Border Regime at the Guatemala-Mexico Border

- **Angel Iglesias Ortiz, Tampere University, Finland**

9h00-10h30: Panel 1C: Material Borders, Security & Historical Legacies

Language: English

Chair: Shereen Kotb, University Canada West, Canada

Unwalling the Alpine Wall. Rethinking/Re-Framing/Re-Shaping Border Heritage in the Age of Polycrisis

- **Valentina Rodani, Politecnico di Milano, Italy,**
- **Ingrid Kofler, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Italy**
- **Anna Casaglia, University of Trento, Italy**

India–Myanmar Border as a Post-Colonial Frontier: Security, Economy, and State-Building

- **Keshav Jha, South Asian University, India**

From Imperial Rails to Postcolonial Borders through the Fragmentation of Railroad Infrastructure in the South Caucasus

- **Olga Dorokhina, St. King Tamar University, Georgia**

10h45 – 12h00 : PANEL 2A: Border Asymmetries, Trade & Capitalism

Language: English

Chair: Dhananjay Tripathi, South Asian University, India

Ceuta's Hardening Border: Sovereignty, Informal Trade, and Everyday Economies in Northern Morocco

- **Yassine Guennoun, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Morocco**
- **Mostapha Bouali, Abdelmalek Essaâdi University, Morocco**

Re-Bordering for Profit: Nationalism, Capitalist Crisis, and the Accelerated Expropriation of Surplus Value

- **Sibyl Pineda, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Mexico**

Northeast Asia Border Disputes and Economic Development

Mohamed El Bouchikhi, College of Law & Political Science, Hassan I University, Morocco

Understanding Border Rigidities: A Comparative Study of India–Pakistan and India–China Relations

- **Aswathy Chandragiri, M.O.P. Vaishnav College for Women, India**

Post-Humanitarian Borders and the Politics of Solidarity

- **Guillermo Candiz, Université de l'Ontario français, Canada**
- **Tanya Basok, University of Windsor, Canada**

10h45 – 12h00 : PANEL 2B: Borders, Governance & Symbolism

Language: French

Chair: Said Machak, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Morocco

Le traitement médiatique du mur frontalier entre la Turquie et la Syrie. Déconstruction et reconstruction symbolique et esthétique de la région frontalière Kurde entre la Turquie et la Syrie

- **Giulia Fournier, Grenoble Alpes University, France**

Historicité territoriale et résilience géopolitique de l'État marocain

- **Abdelhamid Benkhatab, Mohammed V University, Morocco**

Retour sur la gestion des frontières en Afrique à l'ère de la digitalisation

- **Younés Zakkari, Mohammed V University, Morocco**
- **El Bachiri Zakaria, Mohammed V University, Morocco**

10h45 – 12h00 : PANEL 2C: Walls, Control & Governance

Language: English

Chair: Christine Leuenberger, Cornell University, United States

Gaps in the Wall: Why should States have Contiguous Borders?

- **Timothy William Waters, Indiana University Maurer School of Law, United States**

The Vulnerability of Interrupted Migrations. The Border Walls as Waiting Territories

- **João Luís J. Fernandes, University of Coimbra, Portugal**

The Carceral Logics of Bordering

- **Kenneth Madsen, Ohio State University at Newark, United States**

Asymmetry at the Threshold of Border Walls: A Political Economy Perspective

- **Driss Kssim, University Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah, Morocco**

Waiting as Governance in the India-Bangladesh Borderlands

- **Ritapriya Nandy, University of Hyderabad, India**

13h45 - 15h00 : PANEL 3A: Border Militarization, Conflicts & Regional Dynamics

Language: English

Chair: Daphné Chamberland, Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada

From a Discrete Construction to a Showcase of Border Militarization : Evolution of the Turkish-Iranian Border Wall Visibility

- **Johanna Ollier, Grenoble Alpes University, France**

Egypt Walled in: Security Imperatives and Regional Conflict Dynamics

- **Said Saddiki, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Morocco**

Resistance as Re-Existence: A Decolonial Reading of Solidarity in Lithuania's Borderlands

- **Julija Kekstaite, Ghent University, Belgium**
- **Robin Vandevordt, Ghent University, Belgium**

13h45 - 15h00 : PANEL 3B: Borders & Conflictual Dynamics

Language: Arabic

Chair: Mohammed Mousa M. Alqahtani, Imam Mohammad ibn Saud Islamic University (IMISU), Saudi Arabia

الهجرة غير النظامية من موريتانيا إلى الولايات المتحدة وتحدي السياج الحدودي الأمريكي

- **Ahmed Ould Mohamed El-Amin Ould Andari, University of Nouakchott, Mauritania**

مسألة الحدود المغربية الجزائرية بين التاريخ والقانون والسياسة

- **Hassan Balouane, Casablanca Regional Academy of Education and Training, Morocco**

التفويض الخوارزمي للقوة عند الحدود: نحو مقارنة نقدية إدماج منظومات الأسلحة ذاتية التشغيل يف ضبط الحدود والأسوار

- **Mohamed El Tawali, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Morocco**

التفويض الخوارزمي للقوة

13h45 - 15h00 : Workshop: Dematerialising Borders #1

Language: English

Do Empires Ever Die? The Heritagisation of the Roman Limes in Morocco and Europe

- **Luuk Winkelmoen Msc, Radboud University, Netherlands**
- **Henk van Houtum, Radboud University, Netherlands**

Cross-Border Cooperation in Europe

- **Birte Wassenberg, University of Strasbourg, France**

Phantom Borders: On Spatial and Temporal (Dis)Entanglement

- **Sabine von Löwis, Centre for East European and International Studies, Germany**

15h15 - 16h30 : PANEL 4A: Walls, Mobility & Migration Governance

Language: English

Chair: Maryna Shevtsova, Leuven International and European Studies, Belgium

The Making of Migration and Efficiency of Borders and Walls

- **El Arbi Mrabet, Royal Institute for Strategic Studies, Morocco**

The Dynamics of Irregular Migration and Border Governance : A Study of the Morocco-Spain Border

- **Meryem Lakhdar, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Morocco**

Maghreb Border Security and Irregular Migration: Challenges and Partnerships

- **Douae Bensbih, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Morocco**

An Analysis of South Africa's Migration Patterns and the 'Management' of its Borders

- **Madimabe Tebele, Stellenbosch University, South Africa**

15h15 - 16h30 : PANEL 4B: Walls, Governance & Historical Insights

Language: English

• **Chair: Nikolas Kouloglou, Université Lumière Lyon 2, Université d'Avignon, France**

The Constructive form of Spatial Violence: An Architectural Analysis of the Melilla Border

- **Rubén Pérez Belmonte, University of Malaga, Spain**

Border Walls: Why Now? The Case of the Turkiye-Iran Border Region

- **Melike Seker, Munzur University, Türkiye**

Border Wall Building: Infrastructure as Migration Governance in the Dominican Republic

- **Masaya Llvánegas Blanco, Huron University College, Canada**

Complex Borders of South Asia: History and Present Context

- **Dhananjay Tripathi, South Asian University, India**

15h15-16h30: Workshop: Dematerialising Borders #2

Language: English

Ontological (In)Security and the Irish Border

- **Ben Rosher, University of Gothenburg, Sweden**

Dematerialisation of Borders and the Pursuit of Peace in West Africa: Rethinking Boundaries, Mobility, and Regional Integration

- **Samuel Okunade, Independent Scholar, Nigeria**

Opening Borders, Transforming the Colonial Wound?: Desecuritisation of Migration in South America

- **Gabriela Garcia Garcia, University of Surrey, United Kingdom**

20 MAY

9h00 - 10h30 : PANEL 1A: Legal, Political & Security Dimensions of Border Mobility

Language: French

Chair: Abdelhamid Benkhatab, Mohammed V University, Morocco

Frontières, sécurité et droits des migrants : le cas de l'Ouzbékistan dans les études frontalières globales

- **Lukhmonjon Isokov, Law Enforcement Academy, Uzbekistan**

Les frontières dynamiques de l'Union Européenne : sécurisation, criminalisation et gouvernance dans le Nouveau Pacte migratoire

- **Said Machak, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Morocco**

Une analyse des pratiques et des interactions dans l'espace frontalier égypto-palestinien

- **Sarah Daoud, Sciences Po Paris, France**

9h00 - 10h30 : PANEL 1B: Borders, Politics & Pedagogical Approaches in Border Studies

Language: English

Chair: Meryem Lakhdar, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Morocco

Crisis at the Border - Reactions of Polish Governments to the Migration Crisis on the Polish-Belarusian Border. Change of Government, Change of Rhetoric?

- **Jadwiga Nadolska, University of Warsaw, Poland**
- **Marta Jas-Koziakiwicz, University of Warsaw, Poland**

If Borders did not Exist, Populism would have Invented Them Or, on Post-Communist Re/De/Re/Bordering in Bulgaria

- **Anna Krasteva, CERMES/New Bulgarian University, Bulgaria**

Set the Barbarian Free – it was Always About Us: On the Perpetual Reinvention of a Non-Existent Other

- **Paschalina T. Garidou, Radboud University, Netherlands**
- **Henk van Houtum, Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands**
- **Sem van Boxtel, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands**
- **Luuk Winkelmolen, Radboud University, Netherlands**

Mapping Assemblages of Bordering: Collaborative Cartography and the South–North American Migration Corridor in the Trump Era

- **Élisabeth Vallet, Royal Military College Saint-Jean, Canada,**
- **Daniela Bea, Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada,**
- **Laurence Brassard, Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada**
- **Gabrielle Gagnon, Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada**

Practice, Pedagogy, and Co-Creation in Border Studies

- **David Donatti, Rice University, United States**

9h00 – 10h30 – Workshop: Co-Writing in Border Studies: Towards a Collective Publication Strategy

Organized by Dr. Damien Simonneau, this writing workshop is primarily intended for early-career scholars. Conceived as an introductory and exploratory space, the workshop aims to foster discussion, exchange, and the emergence of potential collaborations between scholars based in the Global South and the Global North. It offers participants an opportunity to collectively reflect on co-writing practices, knowledge circulation, and the challenges and possibilities of developing more inclusive, dialogical, and collaborative approaches within border studies.

10h45 – 12h00 : PANEL 2A: Externalizing Borders: Policies & Migration

Language: English

Chair: Julija Kekstaite, Ghent University, Belgium

Evolving U.S. Border Externalization Policies at the US-Mexico Border

- **Sarah A Blue, Texas State University, United States**

Legal Modelling of EU Borders: A Three Dimensions Approach

- **Marie-Laure Basilien Gainche, University Jean Moulin Lyon 3, France**

10h45-12h00: PANEL 2B: Border's Securization: Mobility, Control & Society

Language: English

Chair: Sibyl Pineda, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Mexico

From Crisis Management to Digital Borders: Greece's Dual-Step Frontier and the Securitization of Migration Post-2015

- **Nikolas Kouloglou, Université Lumière Lyon 2, Université d'Avignon, France**

Securitization of Nepal's Borders with India and China: Implications on the Borderland Madhesi and Tibetan Borderland Communities' Identity, Nationalism, and Citizenship

- **Mahesh Kushwaha, Dublin City University, Ireland**

Redefining Border Security: Local Agency and Technological Innovations in Nigeria's Border Dynamics

- **Endurance Edafewotu, West African Action Network on Small Arms, Nigeria**

Borders in South Asia: Sinister and Varied Experiences

- **Krishnendra Meena, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India**

10h45-12h00: PANEL 2C: : Review of the Fez Agenda (Invitation-only)

Language: English

Invited:

- Élisabeth Vallet, Royal Military College Saint-Jean, Canada
- Saïd Saddiki, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Morocco
- Kenneth Madsen, Ohio State University at Newark, United States
- Gabrielle Gagnon, Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada
- Nick Megoran, Newcastle University, United Kingdom
- Irasema Coronado, Arizona State University, United States
- Dhananjay Tripathi, South Asian University, India
- April Ignacio, Indivisible Tohono, Tohono O'odham Nation
- Meryem Lakhdar, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Morocco
- Damien Simonneau, Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales, France

13h45-15h00: PANEL 3A: Boundary Disputes, Natural Resources & Colonial Borders

Language: English

Chair: Irasema Coronado, Arizona State University, United States

The Politics of Water in Africa's Transboundary Basins: Between Colonial Legacies and Global Rivalries

- **Malak Belakhdar, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Morocco**

Deglobalization and Environmental Borders: Rethinking Climate Migration, Governance, and the Politics of Ecological Displacement in a Post-Pandemic World

- **Sumanta Bhattacharya, Asian International University, India**
- **Bhavneet Kaur Sachdev, Suresh Gyan Vihar University, India**

Colonial and Neocolonial Legacies in the Guyana-Venezuela Border Dispute

- **Shereen Kotb, University Canada West, Canada,**
- **Nader Ganji, University Canada West, Canada**
- **Jash Khatri, University Canada West, Canada**

13h45- 15h00 : PANEL 3B: Insecurity, Violence & Border's Securitization

Language: English

Chair: Daniel Meier, Sciences Po Grenoble-UGA/Cerdap2, France

The State of Emergency: A Premise for Legalized Border Violence

- **Audrey Lumley-Sapanski, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom,**
- **Kararina Schwarz, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom**
- **Julia Wildman, Colorado Mesa University, United States**

Humanitarian Aspects of Border Management of India

- **Sanjiv Krishan Sood, Border Security Force, India**

Pushing the Boundaries: Israeli and Palestinian Territorial Visions of Israel/Palestine After the War

- **Christine Leuenberger, Cornell University, United States**

Digital walls: Technology-facilitated gender-based violence and the virtual bordering of migrant women

- **Martina Canesi, Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali, Italy**

13h45 - 15h00 : Workshop: Dematerialising Borders #3

Language: English

Photographing Invisible Lines in the Sand

- **Roger Eberhard, Artist, Switzerland**

Apparatus to be Dismantled? The 'Subtle' Relationship Across the Mainland China-Hong Kong 'Soft' Borderlands

- **Jun Zhou, Newcastle University, United Kingdom**

Dematerialising borders concluding roundtable

- **Nick Megoran, Newcastle University, United Kingdom**
- **Gabriela Garcia Garcia, University of Surrey, United Kingdom**

15h15 - 16h15 : CLOSING REMARKS

- **Irasema Coronado, Arizona State University, United States**
- **Dhananjay Tripathi, South Asian University, India**

Keynotes and Speakers' Biographies

Said Saddiki, Head of the Department of Public Law, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Morocco

Said Saddiki is Professor of International Relations and Head of the Public Law Department at Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University (USMBA) in Fez, Morocco. He is Senior Fellow at the Moroccan Institute for Policy Analysis (MIPA), Co-Chair of the Research Committee on Migration and Citizenship of the International Political Science Association (IPSA), and external member of the Raoul Dandurand Chair of Strategic and Diplomatic Studies at UQAM.

Driss El Yazami—President of the Council of the Moroccan Community Abroad

Driss El Yazami is President of the Council of the Moroccan Community Abroad and of the Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Support of Human Rights Defenders. He served as a member of the Equity and Reconciliation Commission (IER) and the Consultative Commission for the Revision of the Constitution in 2011, and chaired the National Human Rights Council (CNDH) from 2011 to 2018. He also led the Civil Society Pole of COP22. Previously active in France, he was General Delegate of Génériques, editor-in-chief of *Migrance*, and curator of exhibitions. He has coordinated or contributed to several works on migration and human rights, including *Le Paris arabe* (2003) and *Génération* (2009).

Élisabeth Vallet, Professor of International Studies, RMC-Saint-Jean and Director of the Center for Geopolitical Studies - Raoul-Dandurand Chair, University of Quebec in Montreal, Canada

Élisabeth Vallet is associate professor at RMCC-Saint Jean where she is the director of the Center for Security and Crisis governance. She is also the director of the Center for Geopolitical Studies of the Raoul Dandurand Chair in Strategic and Diplomatic Studies, affiliate professor at the Department of Geography at the University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM) and non resident senior fellow for the Borders in the 21st Century Program - BigLab (University of Victoria). She is a regular columnist for the Canadian National Network (Radio-Canada) and for the newspaper *Le Devoir*.

Nick Megoran, Professor of Political Geography, Newcastle University, United Kingdom

Nick Megoran studied political geography at Durham, Roskilde and Cambridge, and is professor of political geography at Newcastle University and Visiting Professor at the British Management University, Tashkent. His current research is on borders and nation-state formation in Central Asia.

Irasema Coronado, Director and Professor of the School of Transborder Studies, Arizona State University, United States

Irasema Coronado is a member of the academic advisory board for *Ms. Magazine*. Her area of specialization is comparative politics, her research focuses on human rights on the U.S.-Mexico Border and environmental issues in a binational setting. President Barack Obama appointed her to serve on the Joint Public Advisory Committee of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation in North America in 2010. Her present research include the impact of the deportation process on families and children, immigrant integration policies, environmental cooperation, U.S.-Mexico border politics and women in Arizona politics.

Dhananjay Tripathi, Associate Professor (Senior Grade) and Associate Dean, Faculty of International Studies, South Asian University, India

Dhananjay Tripathi is Associate Professor (Senior Grade) and Associate Dean, Faculty of International Studies, at South Asian University (SAU), New Delhi, and former Chairperson of the Department of International Relations. He earned his PhD from Jawaharlal Nehru University in 2010. His research focuses on border studies, regional integration, south asian politics, and international political economy. He has edited and co-edited books with Routledge and published in leading journals including *Journal of Borderlands Studies* and *Economic and Political Weekly*. He serves on several international editorial boards and lectures at premier Indian institutions, while contributing regularly to national newspapers and policy discussions.

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