

ABORNE Draft Programme
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Day 1: Thursday, 10 September 2009

Borderlands Theory in Africa

8:30 – 9:30	Registration and Tea/Coffee
9:30 – 10:00	Welcome and Introduction Prof. Paul Nugent (ABORNE) Prof. Belinda Bozzoli (Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research, University of the Witwatersrand) Mr. Peter Conze (GTZ, South Africa)
10:00 – 12:00	Keynote Debate: 'How is Africa Transforming Border Studies?' Newman, David (Ben Gurion University, Israel) Global Border Studies: State of the Art? Coplan, David (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa) African contributions to Global Border Studies Discussant: Gregor Dobler (University of Basel)
12:00 –13:30	Lunch
13:30 –15:30	Panel 1: This Land is Your Land Chair: Shahid Vawda Donaldson, John W. (Durham University, UK) Challenging the rigidity of the 1964 Cairo Declaration Pophiwa, Nedson (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa) The Zimbabwe-Mozambique Border: From Demarcation to c.1980 Roque, Ana (Tropical Research Institute, Portugal) Rethinking Borders in South Mozambique Wekesa, Peter Wafulam (Kenyatta University, Kenya) Old Issues and New Challenges: The Migingo Island Controversy and the Kenya-Uganda Borderland Panel 2: Method in No-Man's-Land Chair: Loren Landau Ogen, Olukoya (Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria) UK Borderland Research in the Niger Delta: Theoretical and Methodological Challenges of Conducting Field Studies in the Oil-rich Bakassi Peninsula Mathys, Gillian (Ghent University, Belgium) Doing Everything Twice: Methodological and Practical Problems of Doing Borderlands Research (From a Historical Perspective) Hiribarren, Vincent (University of Leeds, UK) Teaching and conceptualising the African boundaries in Guinea Trzcinski, Krzysztof (University of Warsaw, Poland) Border issues as a topic in contemporary African philosophy
15:30 – 15:45	Tea & Coffee

15:45 – 17:15	<p>Panel 3: Is Colonialism Mortal? Chair: Paul Nugent</p> <p>Bouhdiba, Sofiane (University of Tunis, Tunisia) The Representation of National Borders and the Failure of the Union of the Arab Maghreb</p> <p>Miescher, Giorgio (University of Basel, Switzerland) Exploring the borders of the South African empire</p> <p>Lecocq, Baz (Ghent University Belgium) About a cock that scratched the sand and drew its marks: Saharan borders in the late 1950s</p> <p>Panel 4: Bounded Citizenship and Ethnicity Chair: Tara Polzer</p> <p>Ikwuyatum, Godwin O. (University of Ibadan, Nigeria) Reflections on the conflict of spaces of National Sovereignty, Citizenship and Ethnicity in the Conceptualization of the South-Western Nigeria and Southern Eastern Benin Republic Borderland</p> <p>Nsamba, A Morris (Refugee Law Project, Uganda) Decentralisation and Territorial Politics? Constructing and Managing Ethnic Identity</p> <p>Mazarire, Gerald Chikozho (University of Zimbabwe) The Invisible Boundaries of the Karanga: Considering Pre-Colonial Shona Territoriality and its meanings in Contemporary Zimbabwe</p>
19:00	<p>Book Launch: JoAnn McGregor 'Crossing the Zambezi: the Politics of Landscape on a Central African Frontier'</p> <p>Narina Trogon Restaurant, 81 De Korte Street, Braamfontein</p> <p>Followed by Conference Dinner</p>

Day 2: Friday, 11 September 2009

Comparative Border Studies

9:00 – 10:30	<p>Plenary Panel: Comparative Border Studies – From and Towards Theory</p> <p>Nugent, Paul (University of Edinburgh, UK) Sizing up Asymmetry: State Logics and Power Dynamics in the Senegambian and Ghana-Togo Borderland</p> <p>Asiwaju, Anthony (University of Lagos, Nigeria) Reciprocal Comparison: Exploring The African Template Border/ Borderlands Studies Elsewhere</p> <p>Dereje, Feyissa (Max Plank Institute, Germany) The cultural construction of state borders: The view from Gambella</p> <p>Discussant: Wolfgang Zeller</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Tea and Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Panel 5: History Matters Chair: Baz Lecocq</p> <p>Gewald, Jan-Bart (African Studies Centre, Leiden, Netherlands) Beyond the Last Frontier: Major Trollope and the establishment of colonial rule in the borderland of the Eastern Caprivi, Colonial Namibia 1939 – 1954</p> <p>Latmani, Saida (Pr de droit International, Morocco) The Status of Morocco's Territory: State and Evolution</p> <p>McGregor, JoAnn (University College London) A "natural border"?: The Zambezi frontier and border identities past and present</p> <p>Panel 6: Transfrontier Economies I Chair: Timothy Raeymaekers</p> <p>Udelmann Rodrigues, Cristina (ISCTE, Portugal) How is cross-border circulation transforming post-war Angolan towns in the southern border regions?</p> <p>Kamuzora, Faustin (Mzumbe University, Tanzania) The Borderland Institutions for Transnational Exchange Markets Transformation</p> <p>Mudyazvivi, Elton (SNV, Zimbabwe) Informal cross border trade: the dynamics and policy implications at Forbes and Machipanda border posts of Zimbabwe and Mozambique</p> <p>Bonchuk, Michael Omang (University of Calabar, Nigeria) Unrecorded Trade in Imeko-Afon And Ajassor – Mamfe: An Analysis of Unrecorded Trade and Market Integration on Two African Borders</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch

14:00 –15:30	<p>Panel 7: Transfrontier Economies II Chair: Cristina Udelsmann Rodrigues</p> <p>Mburu, Nene (Learning Trust, UK) Meaninglessness of ‘national’ border in transnational pastoralist societies of the Ilemi Triangle</p> <p>Cleveland, Todd (Augustana College, USA) Shifting Identities: The Changing Meanings and Implications of the Angolan-Congolese Border for Africans Operating in this Diamondiferous Borderlands Region (1917-75)</p> <p>Akech, Akoko Jacob (SID, Kenya) Failed States’ Control of Population, Borderline Criminality and Economy: the Busia Uganda-Kenya Border</p> <p>Panel 8: Creativity and Power in Border Towns Chair: David Coplan</p> <p>Zeller, Wolfgang (University of Helsinki, Finland) and Dobler, Gregor (Universität Basel, Switzerland) Marginal hotspots. African border boom towns – overview and interpretation</p> <p>Polzer, Tara (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa) Local Government in Border Areas – a comparison of South Africa/Mozambican and Kenyan/Ugandan border towns</p> <p>Raeymaekers, Timothy (University of Ghent, Belgium) A Politics of Transborder Trade in Kasindi</p>
15:30 – 15:45	Tea & Coffee
15:45 – 17:15	<p>Panel 9: Literary and Cultural Frontiers Chair: Giorgio Miescher</p> <p>Schor, Patricia (Utrecht University, Netherlands) Africa dislocating the Portuguese language: José Eduardo Agualusa’s novel trespassing the border</p> <p>Kraśniewski, Mariusz (Polish Academy of Sciences) African literature as a source for border studies - Hausa prose writings</p> <p>Levi, Joseph Abraham (University of Hong Kong) Border and Border Crossing in Lusophone Africa. Dislocation, Assimilation, Language, and National Identity in the Works of Abdulai Sila (1957-), Ondjaki (1977-), Rui Knopfli (1932-1997), and Mia Couto.</p> <p>Belalimat, Nadia (Bayreuth University, Germany) Border crossing and transnational cultural aspects in contemporary Tuareg music history</p> <p>Parallel Workshops and Group Discussions: Methodologies; Publishing Projects; Collaborative Research Planning</p>
19:00	<p>Public Event (Goethe on Main): Johannesburg, Border City Film, exhibition, public panel discussion and music about the ways in which borders within Johannesburg and around the continent have impacted on cultural production within the city and the nation</p>

Day 3: Saturday, 12 September 2009

Managing African Borders: Conflict, Peace and Integration

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9:00 – 10:30	<p>Plenary Panel: Managing African Borders: Conflict, Peace and Integration</p> <p>Okumu, Wafula (Institute for Security Studies) Resources and Border Disputes in Eastern Africa</p> <p>Ahmad, Muhammad (African Union Borders Programme) Integration and Peace through border delimitation and demarcation</p> <p>Zips, Werner (University of Vienna) Kalahari Governance: Nature Conservation and Indigeneity in Southern Africa's Borderlands</p> <p>Discussant: Ulf Engel</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Tea and Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Panel 10: Border Wars I Chair: Thomas Hüsken</p> <p>Schomerus, Mareike (London School of Economics and Political Science, UK) and Titeca, Kristof (University of Antwerp, Belgium) "We see ourselves as unlucky because of the kind of border we have"; Militarized peace along the Sudan/Uganda/DRC border</p> <p>Scorgie, Lindsay (Cambridge University, UK) Peacekeeping in the Borderlands: Confronting Networks of Conflict in Central Africa, from Genocide in Rwanda to Conflict in the Congo</p> <p>Bakewell, Oliver (Oxford University, UK) The changing face of the Zambia/Angola border</p> <p>Panel 11: Policing the Boundary Chair: Werner Zips</p> <p>Davies, John (Sussex Centre for Migration Research, UK) Alien Invasion: They are among us! Understanding how and why the State creates new borders within its political geography</p> <p>Kumar, Rekha A. (University of Botswana) Cross-border crimes: A conceptual study of co-operation, legal and policy framework between Botswana and South Africa</p> <p>Monson, Tamlyn (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa) Alibis for Xenophobia: Producing Knowledge, Reproducing State Borders</p> <p>Ikelegbe, Onovughe O. (University of Benin, Nigeria) Peaceful Co – existence and Sustenance Border Development in the Nigerian Borders</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch

14:00 – 15:30	<p>Panel 12: Border Wars II Chair: Wafula Okumu</p> <p>Vaughan, Christopher (Durham University, UK) Compromising power: the Darfur-Chad border zone c.1800-1956</p> <p>Kurgat, Paul Kibiwott (Moi University, Kenya) In the Horn of the Dilemma: Dealing with Insecurity in The Kenyan, Ugandan and Sudanese Common Borders</p> <p>Seymour, Lee J. M. (Leiden University, Netherlands) Sovereignty, Territory and Authority: Separatism and Africa's Boundary Maintenance Regime Why have Africa's boundaries survived sustained separatist threats?</p> <p>Panel 13: Cross-border governance and politics Chair: Georg Klute</p> <p>Tandia, Aboubakr (Cheikh Anta Diop University, Senegal) Borders and borderland identity in Senegambia. A Comparative perspective of Cross-border Governance in the neighbourhoods of Senegal, The Gambia and Guinea Bissau</p> <p>Golooba-Mutebi, Frederick (Makerere University, Uganda) Political Mobilisation Across Borders: The Rwanda Patriotic Front</p> <p>Hüsken, Thomas (University of Bayreuth, Germany) Reshaping Statehood in the Borderland of Egypt and Libya</p>
15:30 – 15:45	Tea & Coffee
15:45 – 17:00	<p>Closing Plenary</p> <p>Closing remarks on the future of borderland studies in Africa Eric Worby (University of the Witwatersrand)</p> <p>Discussion</p>
20:00	<p>Dinner and Concert: House of Nsako, Main Road, Brixton</p> <p>Music by a range of Johannesburg-based African musicians</p>

Day 4: Sunday, 13 September 2009

ABORNE management meeting

Optional Tour of Johannesburg

Monday – Thursday, 14-17 September 2009

Optional field-trip to Bushbuckridge District on the Mozambican border

Monday, 14th September, 6:30: departure from Orion Devonshire Hotel

Thursday, 17th September, mid-afternoon: return to Johannesburg (direct delivery to airport possible).