

# DISRUPTIVE BORDERLANDS

UNPACKING THE  
INNOVATIVE  
POTENTIAL OF  
TRANSBORDERING  
PRACTICES,  
IMAGINARIES  
AND POLICIES

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## Disruptive borderlands

*Border regions are key places for experimenting with innovative social and cultural practices, non-state centric spatial imaginaries, and pioneering forms of governance and public policies. This is primarily due to their peripheral location and the presence of national borders, which compel local actors and borderlanders to innovate in order to overcome constraints and obstacles and seize opportunities, thus highlighting the concept of borders as resources. However, the ongoing rebordering dynamic, characterized by the reinforcement of national-territorial ideas, border securitization and the hardening of border regimes, poses serious challenges to the functioning of border regions as permeable spaces conducive to cross-border movements, integration and cooperation.*

*In such a context, the aim of this international conference is to question the capacity of borderlands' stakeholders and inhabitants to sustain the dynamics of territorial cooperation and cross-border integration developed over recent decades. More specifically, we invite border scholars from all social sciences and humanities as well as practitioners to present their work, reflecting on transbordering practices, imaginaries and policies that have arisen in response to rebordering dynamics within border regions in any part of the world. Through a critical examination of the innovative and emancipatory potential of everyday bordering experiences and policy initiatives, we aim to take stock of the disruptive capacity of borderlands, understood as the collective ability of local actors and borderlanders to develop innovative ways of negotiating borders and to meet the challenges posed by their hardening. Finally, this conference will explore groundbreaking research approaches, theories and innovative methodologies to account for and promote such transbordering experiences and initiatives emerging from cross-border contexts as spaces of possibilities.*

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### Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

08:00 - 09:00	<i>Participants' arrival</i> (Maison du Savoir, 3rd floor)		
09:00 - 09:30	<b>Opening address</b> (Auditorium 3.530)		
09:30 - 10:15	<b>Keynote 1 - Eeva-Kaisa Prokkola, University of Oulu</b> (Auditorium 3.530)		
10:15 - 10:35	<i>Coffee break</i>		
10:35 - 12:15	<b>Session 1A</b> (Room 3.190)	<b>Session 1B</b> (Room 3.200)	<b>Session 1C</b> (Room 3.220)
12:20 - 12:50	<b>Presentation of border studies initiatives</b> (Auditorium 3.530)		
12:50 - 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i> (Skip)		
14:00 - 15:40	<b>Session 2A</b> (Room 3.190)	<b>Session 2B</b> (Room 3.200)	<b>Session 2C</b> (Room 3.220)
15:45 - 17:25	<b>Session 3A</b> (Room 3.190)	<b>Session 3B</b> (Room 3.200)	<b>Session 3C</b> (Room 3.220)
18:30 - 20:00	<b>Reception at the City Hall in Esch-sur-Alzette</b>		

## Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

09:00 - 10:40	<b>Session 4A</b> (Room 3.190)	<b>Session 4B</b> (Room 3.200)	<b>Session 4C</b> (Room 3.220)
10:40 - 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11:00 - 12:40	<b>Session 5A</b> (Room 3.190)	<b>Session 5B</b> (Room 3.200)	<b>Session 5C</b> (Room 3.220)
12:40 - 13:50	<i>Lunch break (Skip)</i>		
14:00 - 18:00	<b>Excursion to Schengen</b>		
18:30 - 22:30	<b>Dinner at the restaurant Bistrot Gourmand (Remerschen)</b>		

## Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

09:00 - 10:30	<b>Session 6A</b> (Room 3.190)	<b>Session 6B</b> (Room 3.200)	<b>Session 6C</b> (Room 3.220)
10:30 - 10:50	<i>Coffee break</i>		
10:50 - 12:20	<b>Session 7A</b> (Room 3.190)	<b>Session 7B</b> (Room 3.200)	
12:25 - 13:10	<b>Keynote 2 - James W. Scott, University of Eastern Finland</b> (Auditorium 3.530)		
13:10 - 14:20	<i>Lunch break (Skip)</i>		

## Day 1: Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

- 08:00 - 09:00**    **Participant's arrival** (*Maison du Savoir, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor*)
- 09:00 - 09:30**    **Opening address** (*Auditorium 3.530*)
- 09:30 - 10:15**    **Opening plenary: Borderlands and 'community resilience' – A complex match?** (*Auditorium 3.530*)  
Keynote speaker: Eeva-Kaisa Prokkola (University of Oulu)
- 10:15 - 10:35**    **Coffee break** (*Maison du Savoir, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor*)

**10:35 - 12:15**

Session 1A: Borderlands inside out – Trans-disciplinary conceptual and methodological dialogues across the social sciences and humanities		
<b>Chair:</b> <i>Andrea Masala (University of Bergamo)</i>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	
BorderArt(E)Scapes. contemporary art, anthropology and borderscapes: from the late nineteenth century to the 2000s, reading contemporaneity and experimenting with new research practices	Video by <i>Brambilla Chiara</i> & <i>Giorgio Bacci (University of Bergamo)</i>	
The “Border arting” proposition: a new instrument to navigate borderlands?	<i>Anne-Laure Amilhat Szary (Grenoble Alpes University)</i> & <i>Andrea Masala (University of Bergamo)</i>	
Disrupting riverine borders in the US-Mexican borderlands	<i>Astrid Fellner (Saarland University)</i>	
Bordertexturing as a disruptive research perspective for sensing/making sense of borderlands in times of perplexity	<i>Eva Nossem (Saarland University)</i>	
Exploring Mediterranean borderlands in mid-twentieth-century travel writing	<i>Jopi Nyman (University of Eastern Finland)</i>	
Session 1B: Cross-border spatial development and planning: local and bottom-up initiatives		
<b>Chair:</b> <i>Juan-M. Trillo-Santamaría (University of Santiago de Compostela)</i>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	
Unlocking Borderland Prosperity: a focus on European cross-border cooperation (CBC) regions through examination of fourteen vital development factors	<i>Rui Alexandre Castanho (Polytechnic of Portalegre &amp; WSB University)</i>	
The communication's role: an applied informal planning method in the cross-border region between Switzerland and Italy	<i>Annalisa Rollandi (University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland)</i>	
Riverfront redevelopment in cross-border cities	<i>Antoni Durà Guimerà (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)</i> & <i>Xavier Oliveras-González (El Colegio de la Frontera Norte)</i>	
The ecological transition at the local cross-border scale. A Discourse Network Analysis of local actors of border municipalities in Luxembourg	<i>Frédéric Durand &amp; Umberto Sconfienza (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research)</i>	
Citizen energy cooperatives in the Upper Rhine Region: cross-border and commoning issues in the energy transition in Europe	<i>Philippe Hamman (University of Strasbourg)</i>	

Session 1C: Transbordering mobility practices	
Chair: Philippe Gerber (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research)	
Title	Speaker
Cross-border commuting and the emergence of a two-tier society. The case of the Lorraine-Luxembourg border region	Grégory Hamez (University of Lorraine) & Lionel Viglino (French National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies, INSEE)
Re-interpreting sovereignty: cross-border mobilities in an Irish border region in anticipation of Brexit	Milena Komarova & Katy Hayward (Queen's University Belfast)
What does the history of transborder railway connections tell us about dynamics of borderland? The case of Euroregion Praděd/Pradziad in Czech-Polish Borderland	Emil Drápela (Technical University of Liberec) & Bartosz Czepil (University of Opole)
Ferries and borders: Nordic transbordering practices in response to rebordering dynamics	Sara Svensson & Tomas Nilson (Halmstad University)
No borders when driving agricultural economy! An analysis of cross-border grain flows in Lorraine	Louise De la Haye Saint Hilaire (French National Institute for Agriculture, Food, and Environment, INRAE)

12:20 - 12:50

**Presentation of border studies initiatives (Auditorium 3.530)**

Keynote speakers: Anna Casaglia (University of Trento) & Laurie Trautman (Western Washington University), Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly (University of Victoria), Christian Wille (University of Luxembourg)

12:50 - 14:00

**Lunch break (Skip - see location map)**

14:00 - 15:40

Session 2A: Coloring Borders Green – Exploring the potential for border studies to contribute to climate mitigation and adaptation research	
Chair: Dorte Jagetic Andersen (University of Southern Denmark)	
Title	Speaker
New Wine on Old bottles: the green transition as a driver of cross-border collaboration?	Dorte Jagetic Andersen (University of Southern Denmark)
Imagining sustainable borders in a time of climate change	Søren Tinning (University of Southern Denmark), Anne-Laure Amilhat Szary (Grenoble Alpes University), Johan Schimanski (University of Oslo) & Anthony Cooper (Erasmus University Rotterdam)
The socio-materiality of energy borderlands - Exposure to uncertainty regarding Polish-German energy infrastructure	Kamil Bembnista (Brandenburg University of Technology)
Liquid borders: environmental dynamics and green transition strategies in the Flensburg Fjord	Annika Pohl Harrison (University of Southern Denmark)
Bordering after Nature: Like an Animal and beyond	Lola Aubry (University of Luxembourg) & Anne-Laure Amilhat Szary (Grenoble-Alpes University)



Session 2B: The performative discourse of the radical right on borders and borderlands	
Chair: Christian Lamour (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research)	
	Speaker
European geographies of discontent and social borders: their implication in illiberal right wing politics	James W. Scott (University of Eastern Finland)
The shifting meaning of the Finnish-Russian border in times of climate crisis	Sonja Pietiläinen (University of Oulu)
DHA and the radical right legitimization of border walls and fences	Massimiliano Demata (University of Turin)
The chameleonic approach of a radical right heritage in Italian borderlands	Christian Lamour (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research)
Session 2C: Border scholars in the spotlight: the role of researchers in addressing contemporary border crises	
Chair: Virpi Kaisto (University of Eastern Finland)	
<b>Panelists:</b> Jussi Laine (University of Eastern Finland), Daniel Meier (Sciences Po Grenoble), Terence Garrett (The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley), Sergio Peña (El Colegio de la Frontera Norte), Iverson Ng (Tallinn University) & Laurie Trautman (Western Washington University)	

15:45 - 17:25

Session 3A: European borderlands facing the polycrisis – Challenges and future perspectives for cross-border cooperation in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century	
Chair: Elżbieta Opiłowska (University of Wrocław) & Florian Weber (Saarland University)	
	Speaker
A sort of 'Closely Watched Trains' – Fluctuating passenger railway offers between Poland and Ukraine as a reflection of re- and debordering processes therein	Marcin Dębicki (University of Wrocław)
Resilience of cross-border cooperation in tri-border region (CZ-DE-PL) after the pandemic	Hynek Böhm (University of Opole & Technical University of Liberec) & Wojciech Opióła (University of Opole)
Barrier or booster? Polycrisis, coping mechanisms and new approaches to transborder cooperation in the Polish-German borderland	Elżbieta Opiłowska (University of Wrocław)
Ways to overcome disruptive events: cross-border resilience in the SaarLorLux border region	Julia Dittel (Saarland University)
Cross-border-friendly legislation: what's in the legal toolbox for facing polycrisis?	Michael Frey & Rahel Alia Müller (University of Applied Sciences Kehl)
Session 3B: Informal cross-border connections	
Chair: Ekaterina Mikhailova (The Arctic University of Norway)	
	Speaker
Ukrainian-Slovak border as a space of improvisation in post-socialism. Informal, cross-border economies in the setting of the border village community	Matej Butko (Comenius University Bratislava)
Maintaining contacts at the Tajikistan-Afghanistan border under the Taliban	Mélanie Sadozai (University of Regensburg)
Disrupted connections: cross-border relations among indigenous Sami in the midst of Russia's war in Ukraine	Aileen Aseron Espiritu (The Arctic University of Norway)
Bottom-up geopolitics: everyday geopolitics during the Anglo-French fishing row	Karst Berkenbosch & Arie Stoffelen (KU Leuven)

15:45 - 17:25

**Session 3C: Border struggles in times of rebordering and geopolitical tensions**

**Chair:** Sara Svensson (Halmstad University)

**Room 3.220**

Title	Speaker
Border dispute resolution by third parties	<i>Halina Sapeha &amp; Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly (University of Victoria)</i>
Where geopolitics fears to tread: uchronic constructions of Scottish and Catalan borders in two contemporary narratives	<i>Jorge Sacido-Romero, Valerià Paül &amp; Laura Lojo-Rodríguez (University of Santiago de Compostela)</i>
The Russian-Chinese border at the present stage: old opportunities or new threats?	<i>Evgenii Gamerman (Russian Academy of Sciences)</i>
Peripheral territories as a factor of strengthening the barrier function of the Russian-Chinese border	<i>Olga Zalesskaya (Blagoveschensk State Pedagogical University)</i>

18:30 - 20:00

**Reception hosted by the Mayor of Esch-sur-Alzette (City Hall, Esch-sur-Alzette)**  
4-minute train journey from Belval campus to Esch-sur-Alzette

**Day 2: Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

09:00 - 10:40

**Session 4A: Italian borderscapes after 2020. Trans/Cross-bordering cooperation, governance, and planning tools**

**Chair:** Ingrid Kofler (Free University of Bozen/Bolzano)

**Room 3.190**

Title	Speaker
The border as a 'scene': crisis and controversies at the EU internal borders	<i>Anna Casaglia &amp; Alizée Dauchy (University of Trento)</i>
Mapping (Italian) borderscapes 'in motion'. Tangible and intangible dimensions of an entangled crisis	<i>Alice Buoli (Politecnico di Milano)</i>
Changing governance in EU border regions? The case of Italian Alpine territories	<i>Raffaella Coletti (National Research Council of Italy - Institute for the Study of Regionalism, Federalism and Self-Government)</i>
Territorialising cross-border development policies: challenges and opportunities in ALCOTRA programme	<i>Marco Del Fiore &amp; Loris Servillo (Politecnico di Torino)</i>
Crises at the French-Italian border: reconfiguration of Ventimiglia's camps and border management since the midst of the COVID pandemic	<i>Silvia Aru &amp; Lorenzo Mauloni (University of Turin)</i>



09:00 - 10:40

Session 4B: Unpacking border regions through the lens of spatial mobilities and social interactions of people	
Chair: <i>Olle Järv (University of Helsinki)</i>	
Title	Speaker
Cross-border senses of place – understanding differences of cross-border and domestic everyday activities and place meanings	<i>Sarah Gottwald (Leuphana University)</i>
Cross-border cultural integration and cultural dynamics through the lens of perceptual imaginaries: using the innovative P-ITEMS model in the Basque and Upper Rhine cross-border regions	<i>Ahmed Bakry &amp; Anna Growe (University of Kassel)</i>
Understanding functional border regions in Europe through the lens of mobility	<i>Olle Järv (University of Helsinki), Ate Poorthuis (KU Leuven), Michaela Söderholm (University of Helsinki) &amp; Håvard Aagesen (Norwegian University of Life Sciences)</i>
Cross-border and regional activity spaces in the Greater Region of Luxembourg: a comparison	<i>Philippe Gerber, Sylvain Klein, Olivier Klein &amp; Aurélie Castaigne (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research), Guillaume Drevon (Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne), Geoffrey Caruso (University of Luxembourg)</i>
How local geography and destinations influence individual effects in the decision to commute across the border. Ruptures and continuities along the entire border facade of France	<i>Geoffrey Caruso, Isabelle Pigeron-Piroth &amp; Artemis Tsiopa (University of Luxembourg)</i>
Session 4C: Identity-building and place-attachment in cross-border areas	
Chair: <i>Christian Wille (University of Luxembourg)</i>	
Title	Speaker
Feeling excluded from where you work and not willing to be where you live: exploring place attachment in the Alzette Belval cross-border area Estelle Evrard (University of Luxembourg)	<i>Estelle Evrard (University of Luxembourg)</i>
Displacement and gentrification in the France-Luxembourg border region	<i>Madalina Mezaros (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research)</i>
Debordering versus rebordering through cross-border identity-building initiatives	<i>Niklas Schulz (University of Lorraine)</i>
Multilingual policies and practices in Andorra and the German-speaking community of Belgium	<i>Gabriel Rivera Cosme (Independent researcher) &amp; Juan Jimenez-Salcedo (University of Mons)</i>

Room 3.200

Room 3.220

10:40 - 11:00

Coffee break (*Maison du Savoir, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor*)

11:00 - 12:40

Session 5A: Italian borderscapes after 2020. Practices, narratives, and imaginations	
Chair: Alice Buoli (Politecnico di Milano)	
Title	Speaker
Exploring transbordering practices in the Alps: a case study of small rural communities	<i>Ingrid Kofler</i> (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano)
Minority narratives on borders and the European Union in times of crises	<i>Johanna Mitterhofer, Alice Engl &amp; Marcus Nicolson</i> (Eurac Research)
Impact and responses to the current polycrisis in cross-border mountain regions: the case of the Aosta Valley	<i>Isabella Traeger</i> (Politecnico di Milano)
Videographic transborder practices: scales of intimate proximity to the Italo/Swiss border landscape	<i>Silvia Cipelletti</i> (Università della Svizzera Italiana)
Into the woods: imaginaries between freedom and control at the Italian border	<i>Nicoletta Grillo</i> (University of Hasselt)
Session 5B: Border temporalities	
Chair: Carolin Leutloff-Grandits (European University Viadrina) & Machteld Venken (University of Luxembourg)	
Title	Speaker
Border temporalities and time-space compression	<i>Kira Kosnick</i> (European University Viadrina)
Chronoreferencing the Italian-Slovenian borderlands. Citizen science, digital hermeneutics and output criticism	<i>Machteld Venken</i> (University of Luxembourg)
Utilising and shifting asymmetric border temporalities: the case of migrant entrepreneurs in Kosovo	<i>Carolin Leutloff-Grandits</i> (European University Viadrina)
The chronopolitics of bordering: conceptualization and perspectives from grassroots pro-refugee solidarity movements	<i>Lola Aubry</i> (University of Luxembourg) & <i>Joris Schapendonk</i> (Radboud University)
Imaginations of the borders of tomorrow	<i>Hannes Krämer</i> (University of Duisburg-Essen)
Session 5C: Border symbolism and multimodal representations: insights from social semiotics	
Chair: Christophe Sohn (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research)	
Title	Speaker
Critical toponymy meets social semiotics: insights from place names and (re)naming in European cross-border urban areas	<i>Ekaterina Mikhailova</i> (The Arctic University of Norway) & <i>Frédéric Giraut</i> (University of Geneva)
Exploring borders through news images: changing visual media representations of the Finnish-Russian border	<i>Virpi Kaisto</i> (University of Eastern Finland)
Everyday border symbolism post-2020 and post-2022: new challenges and new meanings in Frankfurt (Oder)–Ślubiце	<i>Ekaterina Mikhailova</i> (The Arctic University of Norway)
Cross-border imaginaries: the semiotic borderlands of Frankfurt (Oder)–Ślubiце	<i>Jerome Jakob</i> (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research)
Border semiotics and cross-border regionalization: a visual analysis of cross-border cooperation in the Greater Region since the 1970s	<i>Loris Pagnani</i> (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research)



- 12:40 - 13:50**    **Lunch break** (*Skip, see location map*)
- 14:00 - 18:00**    **Excursion to Schengen**  
Visit of the “European Museum” surroundings and wine tasting at Ruppert's vineyard
- 18:30 - 22:30**    **Conference dinner** (*supplementary option*)  
Restaurant Bistrot Gourmand, Remerschen

## Day 3: Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

09:00 - 10:30

Session 6A: Innovation in borderlands 1	
Chair: Machteld Venken (University of Luxembourg)	
Title	Speaker
The innovative potential of borderland judicial and police cooperation	<a href="#">Dominik Brodowski</a> (Saarland University)
Cross-border experiences of Members of the European Parliament and the European Parliament as imaginative laboratory for cross-border policies in the 1970s	<a href="#">Christoph Brüll &amp; Machteld Venken</a> (University of Luxembourg)
Genealogy of a major border innovation. The installation of border fences at the French-German Border (1910s)	<a href="#">Benoit Vaillot</a> (University of Strasbourg, Center Marc Bloch, University of Luxembourg)
Women “playing tea”: institutional innovation on the Sino-Kazakh border	<a href="#">Verena La Mela</a> (University of Heidelberg)
Session 6B: Perspectives from the borderlands on migration and violence	
Chair: Elżbieta Opitowska (University of Wrocław)	
Title	Speaker
Natural defenses: non-human agency in border politics.	<a href="#">Olga Cielemecka</a> (University of Eastern Finland)
The social construction of forgetting: the case of borders	<a href="#">Corina Tulbure</a> (University of Warsaw, West University of Timisoara)
Borderland as a transit space. The case of Polish- Ukrainian border	<a href="#">Agnieszka Bielewska</a> (University of Wrocław) & <a href="#">Ewa Ślęzak-Belowska</a> (Krakow University of Economics)
The U.S.-Mexico Borderlands: photography as a transnational medium of migration	<a href="#">Hanna Büdenbender</a> (Saarland University)

Session 6C: Drivers and challenges of cross-border cooperation		
Room 3.220	Chair: Hynek Böhm (University of Opole & Technical University of Liberec)	
	Title	Speaker
	Cross Border Coordination in Africa	<i>Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly</i> (University of Victoria)
	Mapping cross-border cooperation structures and initiatives in Latin America: the AEBR experience	<i>Juan-M. Trillo-Santamaría</i> (University of Santiago de Compostela), <i>Martín Guillermo-Ramírez</i> (Association of European Border Regions) & <i>Roberto Vila-Lage</i> (University of Santiago de Compostela)
	Revitalization from below: disruptive cross-border cooperation in the Russian-Norwegian borderland	<i>Bjerge Schwenke Fors</i> (The Arctic University of Norway)
	Geopolitics behind the scenes? Interviewing stakeholders of the cross-border cultural initiative EGTC Catalan valleys	<i>Valerià Paül</i> , <i>Juan-M. Trillo-Santamaría</i> & <i>Roberto Vila-Lage</i> (University of Santiago de Compostela)
Food territorialisation by the means of cross-border cooperation: experiences from the Greater Region	<i>Julien Noël</i> (University of Lorraine), <i>Louise De La Haye Saint Hilaire</i> (French National Institute for Agriculture, Food, and Environment, INRAE), <i>Rachel Reckinger</i> (University of Luxembourg), <i>Sabrina Dermine-Brullot</i> (Technological University of Troyes) & <i>Pierre Guillemin</i> (French National Institute for Agriculture, Food, and Environment, INRAE)	

10:30 - 10:50 Coffee break (Maison du Savoir, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

10:50 - 12:20

Session 7A: Innovation in borderlands 2		
Room 3.190	Chair: Jussi P. Laine (University of Eastern Finland)	
	Title	Speaker
	From the margins of the state: regional innovation in the Canada – US borderlands	<i>Laurie Trautman</i> (Western Washington University)
	Innovative potential overruled by geopolitics? An end to the Finnish-Russian pragmatic frame	<i>Jussi P. Laine</i> (University of Eastern Finland)
	The role of borderlands in the energy transition: toward a theoretical framework	<i>Itay Fischhendler</i> (Hebrew University)
Securitization of regional change in southeastern Estonia	<i>Antti Roose</i> (University of Tartu)	

10:50 - 12:20

Session 7B: Cross-border integration: analytics and perceptions	
Chair: Olivier Klein (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research)	
Title	Speaker
Housing across borders: submarkets and economics of information along the Mexico-United States-Canada boundaries	<a href="#">Atenea De La Cruz Brito</a> (Autonomous University of Baja California)
Organising value creation in border regions: back-to-back or strongly connected?	<a href="#">Hannah Paul</a> , <a href="#">Carola Wilhelm</a> & <a href="#">Tobias Chilla</a> (Friedrich-Alexander-University)
Impact of population transfers on cross-border integration? Example from the Czech-Polish borderland	<a href="#">Hynek Böhm</a> (University of Opole & Technical University of Liberec) & <a href="#">Wojciech Opiola</a> (University of Opole)
ACROSS Project: towards a Data Hub for border regions and cross-border interactions	<a href="#">Matteo Berzi</a> & <a href="#">Benedikt Herrmann</a> (European Commission, Joint Research Centre)

12:25 - 13:10

**Closing plenary Conceptualising borders in society – Engaging with friction and disruptive times**  
(Auditorium 3.530)

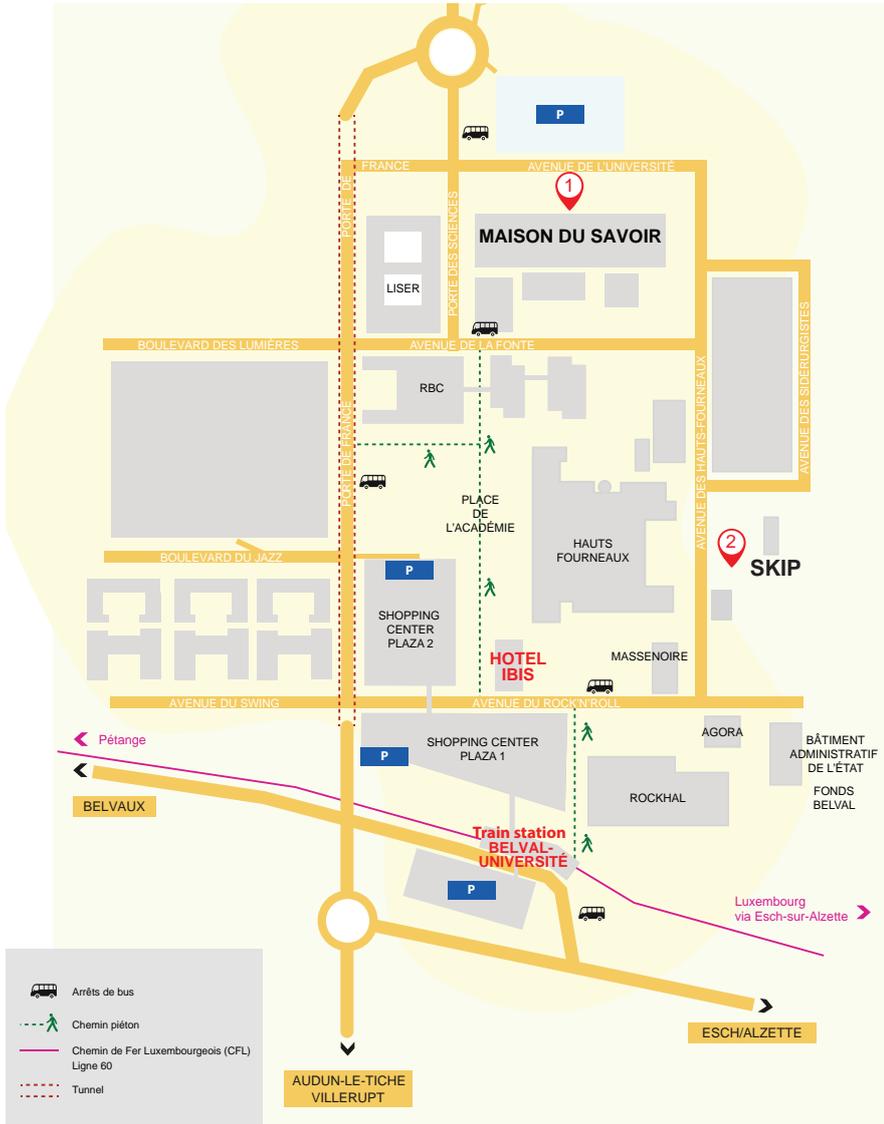
Keynote speaker: James W. Scott (University of Eastern Finland)

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**Lunch break** (Skip, see location map)

With my best wishes for a wonderful conference  
Christophe Sohn (LISER), Conference Chair

# Practical information



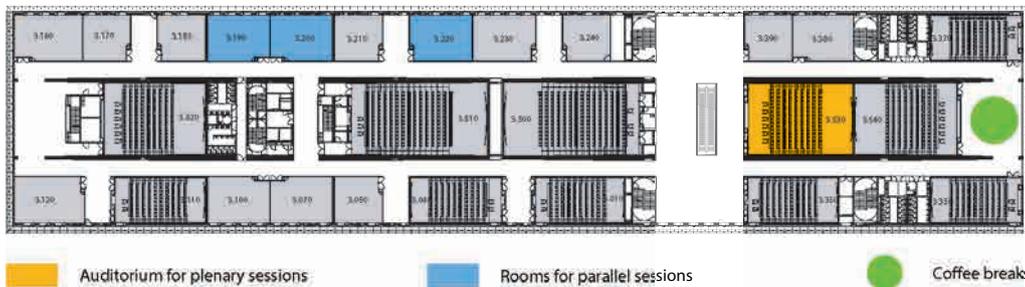
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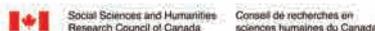
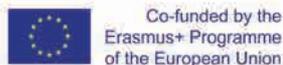


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