

# RELATIONAL BORDERS AND (CROSS-) BORDER RELATIONS

PROGRAM V01

## Day 1 - Thursday

09:00 – 09:15	Welcome & Opening		
09:15 – 10:30	Presentations of Projects and Initiatives		
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break		
11:00 – 12:00	Panel 1.A <i>UniGR-CBS Working Groups in Dialogue</i>	Panel 1.B <i>Academic Relations Across Borders</i>	
12:00 – 01:00	Lunch Break		
01:00 – 02:00	Panel 2.A <i>Borders and Cross-Border Relations in Literature</i>	Panel 2.B <i>Discourses of Bordering</i>	
02:00 – 02:30	Coffee Break		
02:30 – 03:30	Panel 3.A <i>Rethinking Borders &amp; (Cross-)Border Relations</i>	Panel 3.B <i>Representations &amp; Imaginaries</i>	
04:00 – 06:00	Roundtable Ukraine (SUUN) - online		

## Day 2 - Friday

09:00 – 10:00	Lecture María Verónica Elias <i>Governing the Border Through Discretion: Administrative practice at the U.S.–Mexico Border</i>		
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break		
10:30 – 12:00	Panel 4.A <i>Relations in Spatial and Linguistic Border Studies</i>	Panel 4.B <i>Gender (Relations) Across Borders</i>	
12:00 – 01:00	Lunch Break		
01:00 – 02:30	Panel 5.A <i>WG Bordertextures (open)</i>	Panel 5.B <i>WG Labor &amp; Education (internal)</i>	Panel 5.C <i>Border Crossings &amp; Transnational Entanglements (online)</i>

## PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

<b>Panel 1.A</b>	<b>Thursday 11:00-12:00</b>	<b>EN, DE, FR</b>
Eva Nossem (UdS)	Chair : UniGR-CBS Working Groups in Dialog	CBS
Ines Funk (UdS) Isabelle Pigeron-Piroth (ULux)	WG Labor & Education	CBS
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<b>Panel 1-B</b>	<b>Thursday 11:00-12:00</b>	<b>EN</b>
	Chair : Academic Relations Across Borders	BC, ASGF
Liudmyla Sherstiuk (PMBSNU Mykolaiv, Ukraine)	Rethinking Borders through Academic Cooperation	BC
Yuliya Sydorenko (PMBSNU Mykolaiv, Ukraine)	Cross-Border Relations and Transnational Entanglements in Wartime Education: The Case of COIL Partnerships in Ukraine	BC
Tetiana Shestopalova (Saarland U, PMBSNU)	Ukrainian Writers' Archives in the United States as Relational Border Chronotopes	BC, ASGF

<b>Panel 2.A</b>	<b>Thursday 13:00-14:00</b>	<b>EN</b>
	Chair: Borders and Cross-Border Relations in Literature	CBS; ASGF, BC
Lida Shams-Mostafi (Leibniz University Hannover)	Boder(line) Experiences: Refugee Narratives and the Use of Autofiction	ASGF
Olha Polishchuk (Saarland University)	Between Europe and the USA: Border Crossings and Unbelonging in Oksana Liaturynska's Migration Writing	ASGF, BC
Nicole Poppenhagen (Europa University Flensburg)	Currents and Borders: Transpacific Relationalities in Chinese American Narratives	ASGF

<b>Panel 2.B</b>	<b>Thursday 13:00-14:00</b>	<b>EN</b>
	Chair: Discourses of Bordering	ASGF, BC
Maryam Rajestari (Saarland University)	Relational Borders and Diasporic Protest Aesthetics: Symbolic Assemblages in Iranian Opposition Demonstrations in the United States	ASGF
Marharyta Lymer (PMBSNU Mykolaiv, Ukraine)	From "Freedom" to "Deal": Reconfiguring Ukraine as a Symbolic Border in U.S. Presidential Discourse	BC, ASGF
Dagmara Głuszek-Szafranec (University of Silesia at Katowice)	De-bordering, or How to Build Bridges Between Cultures? A Case Study of the Basque Country in Spain and a local community of Wilamowice in Poland	BC

<b>Panel 3.A</b>	<b>Thursday 14:30-15:30</b>	<b>EN</b>
	Chair: Rethinking Borders & (Cross-)Border Relations	CBS, BC, ASGF
Astrid M. Fellner (Saarland University)	Relational Border Chronotopes: Diffractive Bordertexturing across U.S.-Mexico and U.S.-Canada Borderlands	CBS, BC, ASGF
Leszek Drong (University of Silesia in Katowice)	Dismantling Discursive Boundaries: Contemporary Narratives of the Irish Border	BC
Melike Seker (Munzur University, Turkey)	Beyond the Nation-State: Rethinking Citizenship under Global Capitalism	CBS

<b>Panel 3.B</b>	<b>Thursday 14:30-15:30</b>	<b>EN</b>
	Chair: Representations & Imaginaries	BC, ASGF
Yuliana Palagnyuk (University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland)	Threat, savior, or victim? Media Representations of Ukrainian Migrants during Russia's Aggression against	BC

	Ukraine in the Context of Cross-Border Transformations	
Alina Mozolevska (Saarland University; PMBSNU Mykolaiv, Ukraine)	Visualizing Displacement and Non-Belonging: Ukrainian and US Media Representations of Ukrainian Refugees Abroad	BC, ASGF
Svitlana Kot (Saarland University; PMBSNU Mykolaiv, Ukraine)	Between Russia, the EU, and the U.S.: Border Shifts and Geopolitical Imaginaries in Political Cartoons Narrating Ukraine	BC, ASGF

Roundtable	Thursday 16:00-18:00	EN
SUUN ONLINE ROUNDTABLE	Borders in Flux and Academic Communities: Ukrainian Higher Education in a Wartime Context	BC, CBS
Astrid M. Fellner (Saarland University)	Chair	
Alla Tsapiv (Kherson University)	Leading a Displaced University: Crises Management, Academic Resilience, and Internationalization in Wartime Ukraine	
Natalia Marakhovska (Mariupol University)	The Civic University in Exile: Weaving Academia, Community, and Diaspora for Resilience and Mariupol Memory	
Natalia Tsybuliak (Berdyansk State Pedagogical University)	The Invisible cost of resilience: mental health in Ukrainian academic communities during wartime	

<b>Keynote</b>	<b>Friday 09:00-10:00</b>	<b>EN</b>
María Verónica Elias (University of Texas, San Antonio; UniGR-CBS Fellow 2026 @ RPTU)	Governing the Border Through Discretion: Administrative practice at the U.S.– Mexico Border	CBS, BC, ASGF

<b>Panel 4.A</b>	<b>Friday 10:30-12:00</b>	<b>DE/EN</b>
	Chair: Relations in Spatial and Linguistic Border Studies	CBS, ASGF
Claudia Polzin-Haumann & Christina Reissner	Grenzüberschreitende Projektarbeit: interne und externe Kommunikation	CBS
Carola Fricke	Relational Geographies of Co-Presences at Borders: Polymorphic Spatial Configurations of Bordering in Europe	CBS
Eva Nossem	Putting America's Borders in Relation: A Critical Discourse Analysis of U.S. National Security Strategies (2017-2025)	CBS, ASGF

<b>Panel 4.B</b>	<b>Friday 10:30-12:00</b>	<b>EN</b>
	Chair: Gender (Relations) Across Borders	CBS, BC, ASGF
Ane Marie Herceg (University of Maribor, Slovenia)	Minorities Beyond Borders: Transnational Women's Networks and the Post-1945 Question of Austrian Carinthia	CBS
Nataliya Pyrluk (Mariupol State University, Ukraine)	Overcoming Gender Borders: The Political Pathways of Merkel and Tymoshenko	BC
Jidapa Buayairugsa (National Chengchi University, Taiwan)	Assembling Belonging on TikTok: Thai Marriage Migrants Across Western-Oriented ('Sai-Foh') and East Asian Trajectories	CBS
Jael Basaraba (Saarland U; University of Saskatoon, Canada)	Fighting Words: The Vietnam War in selected American Printed Media, 1964-1975	ASGF

<b>Panel 5.A</b>	<b>Friday 13:00-14:30</b>	<b>FR/DE</b>
WG Labor & Education	Internal work meeting	CBS

<b>Panel 5.B</b>	<b>Friday 13:00-14:30</b>	<b>EN/DE/FR</b>
WG Bordertextures		CBS

<b>Panel 5.C</b>	<b>Friday 13:00-14:30</b>	<b>EN</b>
	Chair	online
Oleksandr Pronkevych (UCU)	Windmills as Representation of Border Crossing in U.S. Migration Narratives	BC, ASGF, CBS
Katharina Kleynmans (Osnabrück University)	Interconnected Borders: Cross-border Mobility and the Production of Border Space in the Republic of Moldova	CBS
Oluwasegun Ogunsakin (Ekiti State University, Nigeria)	Transnational Entanglements and Informal Trade Networks Across Nigeria-Benin Borders	CBS