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International Conference on Linking Theories of Border, Concepts of Cosmopolitanism and Citizenship in Migration Studies; Thursday 6 to Saturday 8 December 2012 at Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, Germany

The conference sets out to make a significant contribution to the development of migration theory. It will focus on three interlinked concepts: border(land), citizenship, and cosmopolitanism. Currently, these concepts are highly debated in transnational and transdisciplinary academic discourses – initiating a fruitful dialogue between them might lead to paradigmatic shifts in migration studies and beyond.

Experts from different countries and academic disciplines examine the specific dimensions of the ongoing deep transformation of statehood, citizenship, sovereignty and identity formations in sending, transit, and receiving states.

## Registration

Full conference (waged)	60 Euro	Day registration (waged)	30 Euro
Full conference (students/unwaged)	30 Euro	Day registration (unwaged)	15 Euro

Registration is possible until 15 November 2012; the form can be found at [www.neboco.org](http://www.neboco.org)  
For enquiries please get in contact with the conference organisers at [neboco@uni-oldenburg.de](mailto:neboco@uni-oldenburg.de)

## Thursday, 6 December

16.00 Pre-Conference Event

### Invisible Lines / Movements of Migrations in Dialog

(Edith Russ Site for Media Art, Katharinenstraße 23)  
Artists (Emma Wolukau-Wanambwa, Barbara Loreck & Hubert Mahela) and students present their work on Migration/Border Regimes

18.00 Opening and Public Evening Lecture

### Empire, Globalisation, and the Subject

(Kulturzentrum PFL, Peterstraße 3)  
Ranabir Samaddar,  
Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group, India

## Friday, 7 December

9.00 Introduction

### Theories of Borders and Cosmopolitanism in Migration Studies

Lydia Potts, Katharina Hoffmann, Anna Hollendung, Bojana Babic, Universities of Oldenburg and Bremen, Germany;  
Sabine Hess, University of Göttingen, Germany;  
Irienne Freemantle, Ingrid Palmay, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

## Section 1 Border Regimes: Formations of European and African Borderlands

9.30 Keynote Lectures

**Migration, Routes, and Power: From Borderlands to Viapolitics.** William Walters  
**Africa's Contribution to Global Cross-Disciplinary Borderlands Theory.** David B. Coplan

11.00 Simultaneous Panels

### P1: New Approaches in Border Studies

- EU Border Security Practices and the Figure of the 'Irregular Migrant': Biopolitical Governance, Thanatopolitical Writing, Zoopolitical Critique. Nick Vaughan-Williams
- Border Studies from an Ethnographic Perspective. Alison Mountz
- Sex, Nation and Violence: The Gendered Nature of Xenophobia. Ingrid Palmay

### P2: Border(land)s

- Bamako as a Border Place. Stephan Dünwald
- Creating Europe's Borders: State Power and Migrant Agency. Cetta Mainwaring
- Borders Unbound: Spatial Insistences, Temporal Captures, and Debordering Practices in the Mediterranean Space of Arab Uprisings Migrations. Glenda Garelli & Martina Tazzioli

### P3: Border Technologies & Resistance

- The Virtual Door: Towards a Technéology of European Migration Control. Lorenzo Rinelli
- The Visa Information System: Autonomy of Migration within Biometric Border Regimes. Stephan Scheel
- Everyday Migrant Struggles and Activist Solidarity in EU Border Regions. Maurice Stierl

### P4: Intra African Borderlands

- Living in the Borderlands: The Construction of Belonging among Congolese Migrants in the Border Towns Between the DRC and its Neighbours. Gabriel Tati
- Forging Citizenship by Territorializing Ethnicity: Aspects of Regional Identity Formation in Western Ethiopia. Alexander Meckelburg
- Transnational Simultaneity: An Emerging African Perspective of Cross-Border Lifestyle. Adebuseyi Isaac Adeniran & Esther Tolulope Kuti

## Section 2 Border Imaginaries: On the Discursive (De-)Construction of Demarcation Lines

14.00 Keynote Lectures

**Images of Transgression: On the Visual Deconstruction of Borders.** Marion von Osten  
**Islamophobia in Europe.** Chris Allen

15.00 Simultaneous Panels

### P5: Modes & Media of Drawing Demarcation Lines

- (Re)Inventing Yugoslavia on the Internet. Jure Gombač
- Mental Border Praxis in Banker Bilo. Turkish Migration Movies. Ömer Alkin
- In the Border's Shadow: The 'Imperceptible Migrant' in Turkish-German Drama. Jane Wilkinson

### P6: Transcending Borders? Migrant Images in Fiction and Film

- Alternative Border Crossings: A Critical Cosmopolitan Approach to Writing and Reading Practices in Fiction and Non-fiction. Anne Surma
- EUMENA – A New Region and Economic Border in the Making? Annika McPherson
- Cosmopolitanism and/or Xenophobia: Consuming Burek in Slovenia. Jernej Mlekuž

### P7: (Post)colonial & National Border Imaginaries in African Contexts

- Migration and Colonial Power Along la Litoranea Libica: From Italian Colonial Occupation to 2011 Humanitarian Government. Emilio Distretti
- Victim, Migrant or Perpetrator? Maneuvering in the Fight Against Human Trafficking at the South African-Zimbabwean Border. Anna Hüncke
- Interacting Discourses on Human Trafficking, Human Rights, and Autochthony in Zambia. Tim Bunke

### P8: Border Imaginaries: Politics & Policies

- Imagining Crossing Borders. Representation and Migration in Contemporary Politics of Asylum. Heather L. Johnson
- Representing Liberal Norms? Collective Actors and their Position on Liberalism in Border Policies. Lena Laube & Christof Roos
- The War on Terror, Border Security and the Reproduction of the 'Other'. Lord Mawuko-Yevugah & Aline Mugisho

## Workshops

17.30b Simultaneous Workshops

### Workshop I

- Cosmopolitan Culture in Rwanda. Haydee Bangerezako
- Love Without Boundaries!? Binational Couples and their Dealing with Immobilization Due to Border Regimes. Miriam Gutekunst
- The Radical Democracy of Migratory Struggles. Helge Schwiertz

### Workshop III

- The Negotiation of "Truth" in the Asylum Procedure. Julika Bäumer
- The Metaphysics of Borders and the Place for Freedom of Movement. Murat Ates
- Contested Images of Europe, Migration, and Borders in the Art Work „WESTERN UNION: Small Boats“ by Isaac Julien. Katrin Hunsicker

### Workshop II

- Regionalization and the Politics of Migration Management. Jenna Althoff
- Theorizing France's Ministry of Immigration and National Identity: Borders, Populations and National Identity Postcolonial Europe. Ozden Ocak
- Historicizing Present-Day European Societies by Telling Medieval Histories – The Middle Ages as a Narrative Substructure of 21st Centuries' Territorial Identity Constructions. Daniel Wimmer

20.30b Music Concert

**Night of Global Music Player:  
Music Crossing Borders**  
Aula, University of Oldenburg  
Global Music Player e.V., Oldenburg

## Saturday, 8 December

## Section 3 Transgression of Borders and Transnational Social Experiences: A New Cosmopolitanism or Translocal, Postnational Citizenship

9.00 Keynote Lectures

**Migration, Displacement and Cosmopolitanism from Below: Some Critical Interventions.** Atreyee Sen  
**Beyond Borders?! On Conviviality between 'Nepantla' and 'Creolization'.** Encarnación Gutiérrez-Rodríguez

10.30 Simultaneous Panels

### P9: Cosmopolitanism & Citizenship in Dialogue

- Conceptions and Uses of Citizenship at the Margins of the State. The Case of the South African-Mozambican Borderland. Tara Polzer Ngwato
- The Social Imaginary and the Embedding of Human Rights Culture as 'Cosmopolitanism from Below'. Claudia Tazreiter
- Systemic Exclusion: The Cost of Statelessness. Brad K. Blitz
- Practices and Discourses of Migrant Cosmopolitanism in Johannesburg. Iriann Freemantle

### P10: Cosmopolitanism & Citizenship in Dialogue

- Conceptualizing Diasporic Cosmopolitanism and Social Remittances. Tsypylma Darieva
- Snapshots from the Margins: Transgressive Cosmopolitanisms in Europe. Feyzi Baban & Kim Rygiel
- Seeking Citizenship Abroad: Youth Subjectivity Across the Mediterranean Frontier. Francesco Vacchiano

### P11 Activism and Resistance

- Hip Hop Activism in the Genegal Within and Beyond the Border. Nannette Abrahams
- Negotiations of Human Rights in the Context of Irregular Migration and the Regionalization of Border Regimes: Comparing the "Borderland"-Cases of Mexico and Turkey. Ilker Ataç & Stefanie Kron
- Rise and Growth of Rebel Movements across Eastern African Borders: Symptom of Regionalized Insecurity or Territorial Identities? Francis Odari Onditi

14-16b Conclusions

### Roundtable Discussion for Migration and Border Studies

Comments by the conference observers:  
Ahmed Gamal Eldin, Ahfad University for Women, Sudan  
Melissa Steyn, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa  
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### Roundtable Discussion with

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