

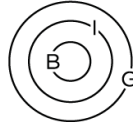


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## **Policy Forum: *Borders as a Creative Resource***

**Monday, May 23, 2016** the Nijmegen Centre for Border Research

Within the context of the international Borders in Globalization-project run by the university of Victoria and Carlton University (Ottawa) in Canada we are currently preparing a policy forum. Borders in Globalization (BIG) ([www.biglobalization.org](http://www.biglobalization.org)) is an innovative, integrative, and sustainable global network of academic partners, which is engaged with non-academic organizations that are involved in the management of borders and borderlands worldwide. The basic goal is to build excellence in the knowledge and understanding of borders. To this end, the partners will work together to create new policy and foster knowledge transfer in order to address such globalization forces as security, trade and migration flows, and also to understand the forces of technology, self-determination and regionalization that are affecting borders and borderlands in regions around the world.

In the current age of continuing globalization, borders and borderlands keep on playing an important role. Where some have suggested in the previous century that our future would be in a borderless world, this is certainly not (yet) the case. On the contrary, borders are still relevant markers of difference between states, both on the regional as well as supranational and global levels of scale. These markers and their difference do play out in quite different ways. Emphasizing borders as markers, they can be regarded as limiting exchange, certainly on the supranational and global level, or they are (seemingly increasingly) embedded in a security discourse. In both cases they are very much put in a perspective of barriers, to be leveled in the case of exchange or to be maintained and sometime even be reinforced in the case of security. In another perspective of stressing the differences much more they can also be regarded as resources. It is this latter perspective that we would like to scrutinize in this policy forum. First of all to what extent can borders and borderlands (still or increasingly) be regarded as useful and what would these borders and borderlands than look like. And secondly what creative ways can be and are considered to deal with borders in case of less desired effects

This policy forum wants to set up a dialogue especially but not exclusively among European academic partners and non-academic organizations. This dialogue on the border as a resource will be framed by the 'BIG'-approach, where the six central themes or perspective will be guiding. These are in random order culture, history, security, flows, sustainability and governance. The invited participants will reflect these themes. The forum will take the form of a few presentations by keynote speakers and most importantly (plenary and/or group) discussions. This all with the aim to stimulate new research and policy in this important arena.

## Preliminary program

(Venue: Euregio Rhine-Waal, Kleve, Germany)

Preliminary Program:

- 10:00: Welcome and Opening - Sjaak Kamps (Euregio Rijn-Waal) & Martin van der Velde (Radboud Universiteit)
- 10:15: Introducing Borders in Globalization - Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly (University of Victoria) & Victor Konrad (Carlton University)
- 10:30: Keynote: Borderland, History and Future of the Border Landscape – Henk van Houtum (Radboud University)
- 11:00: Keynote: Theme Governance – Janna van Diepen (Staatskanzlei des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen)
- 11:30: Coffee-break
- 12:00: Keynote: Theme Culture and History, The Euregio-ambassador – Paul Sars (Radboud Universiteit)
- 12:30: Keynote: Theme Security, Coping with ‘resourceful’ borderpeople/crossers – Stefan Jäger (Bundespolizei) and Charlie Smink (Koninklijke Marechaussee)
- 13:00: Lunchbreak
- 14:00: (parallel) breakout-sessions (*number and form depending on the number of participants*)  
Possible themes
- 1: Economy and Governance  
Chair: Martin Guillermo (AEBR)  
Commentator: Sjaak Kamps (Euregio Rijn-Waal)
  - 2: Education and Culture  
Chair: Mariska van der Giessen (Fontys Hogeschool, Venlo)  
Commentator: Victor Konrad (Carlton University, Ottawa)
  - 3: Labour and Shopping  
Chair: John Bardoel (Seinspost)  
Commentator: Charmaine Haswell (Wirtschaftsförderungsgesellschaft, Kleve)
  - 4: Sustainability and Security  
Chair: Jeroen Warner (Wageningen Universiteit)  
Commentator: Sven Robertz (Robertz Consulting)
- 15:15: Coffeebreak
- 15:45: Plenary discussion: The Border as a Creative Resource  
Format: Reporting from the breakout sessions and a panel-discussion (participants to be decided, but possible other partners in the BIG-project and others)
- 16:30: Close and Drinks