

Borders, security and globalization: comparison between the border policies of North America and the European Union.

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Globalization, Regionalization and Deterritorialization are phenomena that affect all continents. The distinctive features of the World Geopolitical Map are that boundary issues remain of paramount importance and that borderlands have their own distinct landscape features. Boundaries, borderlands, border regions and frontiers have a long and rich tradition not only in Political Geography; they continue to be among the major topics studied by political scientists and law experts in all continents. These researches are supplemented by other international and supranational associations and societies also committed to understanding the importance of boundaries in contemporary contexts. The last decade witnessed a growing attention towards security and implementation of border regulations on travellers, migrants and trade in many parts of the world, especially North America and the EU.

By comparing the different border policies of North America and the EU and through the analysis of their evolution, this paper aims to highlight the necessity for a multidimensional and holistic approach that would take into consideration the importance of borders as places of interaction of market forces, local cultures and local political influence. In addition, specific studies of border policies, that demonstrate both similarities and differences between North America and the EU, will be emphasized.