

# **Border security meeting cross-border territorialities**

**Aboriginal experiences in the Americas**

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- Aboriginal territorialities: social practices and political strategy
- Border security: borderland political clout and implementation of public policies
- Beyond duality: co-construction of national security and borderland cultures

## **Borderlands: Flexible territorialities and policies**

- What does recognition of cultural difference mean in borderlands?
- Focus on cooperation and negotiation between local and other governments
- Aymaras in Chile-Peru-Bolivia
- Mohawks in Canada-USA

## **Questioning culture and security in aboriginal territories**

- The Strategic Alliance Aymaras without Borders: 57 rural municipalities
- 2001-2003: local-transnational networks. « Development with identity », insertion of Aymara population in *formal* activities.
- 2006: presentation of the project “Natural and cultural Aymara heritage” to the Regional Public Goods program (IADB): priority to homologation of security policies and training of local leaders on security issues



# “Development with identity” on the Altiplano

- Inserting security within development policies
- From National Security doctrine to regional security and security of flows.
- Security: not only imposed by juridical *rules*, but the process of appropriation relies more on the diffusion of *norms*.
- Norms created and modified in the course of interactions between different groups of stakeholders.
- Diffusion of border security norms: not stopping human flows, but assigning conditions to cross-border mobility.
- Border territoriality, cross-border security?
- Renewed opportunities of dialogue between center and peripheries, new networks and visibility.

# Securitization of Aymara borderlands

- Addressing security: Police cooperation and political arenas
  - Akwesasne Partnership Initiative in Canada, TBS in the USA
  - Border Security summits in Akwesasne (2006, 2014)
- Adaptation of security requirements to cultural specificities?
- Which securitization in Akwesasne? Norms of behaviour through recognition of cultural specificities in the implementation of security policies?

# **Akwesasne: Perspectives of research**

Thank you for your attention