

## **Borders, Politics, and Databases: Using Data to Power Border Studies**

June 3rd & 4th, 2024 – Strasbourg, France

Room: R1.1

**Day 1: Monday, June 3, 2024**

### Housekeeping & Introduction

9:30am – 10:00am

*Speakers:* Daniela Senk | Head of Unit, European Parliament  
Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly | Project Director, Borders in Globalization Lab

*Conference Logistics:* Anne Thevenet | Deputy Director, Euro-Institut/TEIN

### Panel 1: Data and methods I

10:00am – 11:15am

*Chair:* Wojciech Opiola  
*Discussant:* Halina Sapeha

Matteo Berzi & Benedikt Hermann (European Commission) – “*ACROSS Project: integrating data collection on cross-border interactions across EU borders.*”

Maria Sigrídur Finnsdóttir (University of Victoria) – “*Trends in the growth of the European radical right: Illustrating dataset and indicator design.*”

Elif Karan (Tekirdag Namik Kemal University) – “*Exploring border dynamics through agent-based modeling.*”

Break

11:15am – 11:30am

### Panel 2: Borders, policies, and flows

11:30am – 12:45pm

*Chair:* Maria Sigrídur Finnsdóttir  
*Discussant:* Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly

Giulia Gagliano-Tsuda (York University) – “*Unveiling the nexus between welfare provisioning, unequal domestic responsibilities, and mobility: How welfare state policies exacerbate or ameliorate gender differences in cross-border mobility in Europe.*”

Giorgia Bressan (Tor Vergata University of Rome) – “*Borders, infrastructure building and gas. Exploring the evolution of Italy’s dependence on foreign partners using gas flow data.*”

Sophia Carodenuto & Benjamin Ajabuin (University of Victoria) – “*Visualizing the invisible impacts of sustainable trade policy: Food insecurity for smallholder commodity producers.*”

Lunch  
12:45pm – 2:00pm

Panel 3: Historical and Theoretical Perspectives

2:00pm – 3:15pm

*Chair:* Benjamin Perrier

*Discussant:* Maria Sigridur Finnsdottir

Ari Finnsson (University of Toronto) – “*Confronting complexity: Operationalizing historical data for border and international relations databases.*”

Karolina Czabanowska & Wojciech Opiola (University of Opole) – “*Searching for solutions (measures) in researching cross-border cooperation from a historical perspective.*”

Cristina Blanco Sío-López (Universidade da Coruña) – “*A boundary-breaking European utopia? The EU’s “free movement of persons” as a data history of belonging and displacement.*”

Break  
3:15pm – 3:30pm

Panel 4: Cultural and spatial perspectives

3:30pm–4:45pm

*Chair:* Shoukia van Beek

*Discussant:* Jules Soupault

Ketevani Kapanadze (Charles University) – “*Bring together what belongs together: The case of divided cities in Europe.*”

Ahmed Bakry (University of Kassel) – “*Repositioning the national borders: Measuring the negative national border effect through the lens of cultural networks in three EU cross-border regions.*”

Soumya Bhowmick (Observer Research Foundation) – “*Navigating globalization: A comprehensive analysis of perspectives and policies.*”

Melinda Istenes-Benczi & Teodor Gyelnik (Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives) – “*W/ordering in the EU. Changes of European discourses on migration.*”

Break  
4:45pm – 5:00pm

Keynote  
5:00pm – 6:00pm

Ricardo Ferreira (European Commission) – “*Data on cross-border interactions in Europe, contributions from the European Commission.*”

Apéritif  
6:15pm – 7:30pm

Dinner (Speakers Only)  
8:00pm – 9:30pm

Venue: Le Gourmet de l'Orangerie | 30, allée de la Robertsau, Strasbourg

**Day 2: Tuesday, June 4, 2024**

Housekeeping & Introduction  
9:30am – 10:00am

*Speakers:* Daniela Senk | Head of Unit, European Parliament  
Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly | Project Director, Borders in Globalization Lab

*Conference Logistics:* Anne Thevenet | Deputy Director, Euro-Institut/TEIN

Panel 5: Data and methods II  
10:00am – 11:30am

*Chair:* Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly  
*Discussant:* Benjamin Perrier

Jean Rubio (Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière) – *“Cross-border observation: Data collection, harmonisation, indicators, issues and difficulties, and the role of cross-border observation working groups.”*

Benjamin Perrier (University of Victoria) – *“Collecting juridical data and designing questions for datasets: EU and French dyads case study.”*

Wojciech Opiola & Bartosz Czepil (University of Opole) – *“Human migrations-borderland dynamics nexus: Mapping multidimensional interdependencies by using SCOPUS database.”*

Break  
11:30am -11:45am

Panel 6: Solidarity, asylum, and unsettled borders  
11:45am – 1:15pm

*Chair:* Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly  
*Discussant:* Wojciech Opiola

Jules Soupault (University of Victoria) – *“The criminalization of solidarity in Europe: A discussion on the scope and perspective.”*

Tatsiana Shaban (University of Victoria) – *“Refugees and asylum seekers: Defining the status of the Ukrainian refugees in the EU's neighbouring countries.”*

Halina Sapeha (University of Victoria) – *“Unsettled borders and protracted disputes in the post-Soviet region.”*

Shoukia Van Beek (University of Victoria) – *“Legal friction and fiction: How borders fail to maintain territorial integrity and contain Indigenous nations.”*

Lunch  
1:15pm – 2:30pm

Panel 7: Migration, policy, and borders  
2:30pm – 4:00pm

*Chair:* Halina Sapaha  
*Discussant:* Tatsiana Shaban

Tobias Heyduk (University College Cork) – “‘Must-have’ or ‘nice-to-have’? Assessing the necessity of adaptations in the legal- institutional framework for the provision of cross-border public services (CPS).”

Nadine Graham (University of Victoria) – “Who stays and who belongs? Comparing the impact of directives and the Integrated Political Response Crisis on mixed migratory flows to external southern EU borders and internal northern EU borders after the post 2015 migration crisis.”

Roberto Rodolfo Georg Uebel (ESPM) – “Border dynamics and migration policies: A comparative study between the EU and Mercosur.”

Ana Maria Torres Chedraui (Erasmus University Rotterdam) – “Just not our type? A quantitative assessment of the effects of different return and readmission frameworks on Europe’s enforced return rates.”

Break  
4:00pm – 4:15pm

Keynote II  
4:15pm – 5:15pm

Birte Wassenberg (University of Strasbourg) – “Which models of cross-border cooperation for the EU?”

Dinner  
7:30pm – 9:00pm

*Venue:* Brasserie le Tigre | Impasse des Jardiniers, Strasbourg