
Workshop: Frontiers and Borders in Global and Transnational History

Where & When: September 6 and 7 2013, Ghent University @ UFO, Sint-Pietersnieuwstraat 35

Organized by: NW Posthumus network Drivers and Carriers of Globalization and the Ghent University Communities Comparisons Connections research group

Day 1: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6th

13h15

Welcome, Presentation & Introduction

Prof. Eric Vanhaute, Prof. Eric Van der Vleuten and dr. Torsten Feys

14h00-15h30

Session 1: Communities shaped by borders, frontiers shaped by communities?

Chair: Prof. Erik van der Vleuten (Eindhoven University)

Deconstruction of borders and familiarity: analysis of historical representations of 'others' through research on celebrations in cross-border region Limburg in the 19th and early 20th century

Drs. Karen Arijs (Free University of Brussels)

Discussant Dr. Hans Krabbendam (Middelburg, Roosevelt Study Center)

At the frontier of land commodification. Community land and indigenous tribute in Carangas during Bolivia's first land reform (1866-1952)

Drs. Hanne Cottyn (Ghent University)

Discussant: Prof. Thomas Hall (DePauw University)

Perspectives on Cross-border Labour in Europe: '(Un)familiarity', 'Push-and-Pull', or 'Social Control'? A view from the Dutch-Belgian-German borderland, 1900-1973

Prof. Ad Knotter (Maastricht University)

Discussant: Prof. Frank Caestecker (Ghent University)

15h30-16h00:

Coffee break

16h00-17h30

Session 2: Watering down the borders: the liquidity of space confinements

Chair: Prof. Michael Limberger (Ghent University)

Comparing transpacific and transatlantic leaks in the US borders: a shipping company's view (1870-1930)

Dr. Torsten Feys (Ghent University)

Discussant: Prof. Milla Davids (Eindhoven University)

Rivers as borders in Africa.

Dr. Inge Brinkman (Leiden University)

Discussant: Prof. Thomas Hall (DePauw University)

Damming the Cold War? The Construction of the Nam Ngum Dam as a Contested Space in Southeast Asia

Dr. Vincent Lagendijk (Leiden University)

Discussant: Prof. Eric Vanhaute (Ghent University)

17h45-18h45

Key note Prof. Thomas Hall

19h15

Diner

DAY 2: Saturday September 7th

9h00-10h30

Session 3: The business in borders and frontiers: their impact on commercial structures and state formation

Chair: Prof. Eric Vanhaute (Ghent University)

Transatlantic knowledge transfer and appropriation activities of Unilever: the case of Becel''

Prof. Mila Davids (Eindhoven University)

Discussant: Dr. Joris Mercelis (Ghent University)

Customs systems and colonial power in Africa: taxing cross border trade in the Congo Free State and Belgian Congo (1885-1914)

Drs. Bas De Roo (Ghent University)

Discussant: Prof. Dries Lesage (Ghent University)

Creating a Commercial Frontier: The German Fur Industry in South-West Africa. 1900-1939

Drs. Robrecht Declercq (European University Institute/Ghent University)

Discussant: Prof. Jeroen Touwen (Leiden University)

10h30 -11h00

Coffee break

11h00-12h00

Session 4 Border management during the early modern age of empires

Chair : Prof. Thomas Hall (Depauw University)

Birthing and Aborting Borders: The Curious Case of European Colonial Empires, 1500-1750

Catia Atunes (Leiden University)

Discussant: Prof. Violet Soen (Leuven University)

Strategies of 'border management', 1580-1660

Drs. Bram De Ridder (Leuven University)

Discussant: Prof Michael Limberger (Ghent University)

12h00-13h00

Lunch

13h00-14h00

Session 5: Repercussion of military conflicts on frontiers

Chair Prof. Ad Knotter (Maastricht University)

The shifting genocidal frontier of Auschwitz

Arjen Ligtoet (Groningen State University)

Discussant: Prof. Marianne Rostgaard (Aalborg University)

The 'Mission Areas' of International Military Operations as Frontiers: The Socio-Spatial Regimes of the UN operations in the Gaza Strip and Cyprus

Drs. Martin Ottovay Jørgensen (Aalborg University / Ghent University)

Discussant:

14h-14h30

Coffee break

14h30-15h30

Session 6: Transport networks as constructors or deconstructors of borders?

Chair: Prof. Milla Davids (Eindhoven University)

Europe's border builders

Prof. Erik van der Vleuten (Eindhoven University)

Discussant: Dr. Inge Brinkman (Leiden University)

Transnational transport networks in the lower Rhine Region (1870-2010)

Drs. Marten Boon and Drs. Joep Schenk (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

Discussant: Dr. Torsten Feys (Ghent University)

15u45-17u00:

General Discussion & Closing remarks

Chair: Prof. Jeroen Touwen & Prof. Eric Vanhaute

Discussants: Prof. Erik van der Vleuten & Dr. Torsten Feys