



COLD WAR BORDERS AND BORDERLANDS IN EUROPE AND NORTHEAST ASIA, 1944-1991

APPROACHES TO NEW RESEARCH

**Workshop in Udine and Gorizia, Italy
9-11 March 2023**

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THURSDAY (Udine)

Tommaso Piffer, opening remarks

Mark Kramer

The Enduring Importance of Cold War Borders in Europe and East Asia

followed by panel discussion
with Hope M. Harrison and Xia Yafeng

**(6:30-7:45 PM,
reception afterward)**

FRIDAY (Udine)

(1) LIFE IN THE BORDERLANDS – part 1 (9:45 - 11:15)

Chaired by Nikos Marantzidis

1. **Zoe Allen-Mercier**, Soviet Mechanisms of Maintaining Social Order in Times of Détente and Domestic Opposition: The Example of Karelia During the Early Helsinki Process
2. **Tina Ivnik**, “Because of the Border, Nothing Can Be Done Here”: The Cold War and the Cultural Landscape Transformation of Italy’s Natisone Valleys
3. **Ed Pulford**, “Socialism in Several Countries”: The Conjunction of the PRC-USSR-DPRK Border
4. **Yuliya Komska**, Spectacle along the Iron Curtain: Miracles, Theater, Tightrope

COFFEE BREAK

(11:15 – 11:30)



(2) LIFE IN THE BORDERLANDS – part 2 (11:30 - 13:00)

Chaired by Maximilian Graf

5. **Adam Seipp**, Making the Fulda Gap: Soldiers, Tourists, and Locals in a Cold War Borderland, 1970-85
6. **Philipp Lesiak**, Incidents along Austria's Borders with Czechoslovakia and Hungary
7. **Dieter Bacher**, Border Incidents between Austria and Yugoslavia
8. **Timothy Webster**, Sakhalin Koreans: The Long Trip Home

BUFFET LUNCH (13:00 - 14:00)

(3) CROSSING BORDERS: Voluntary and Coercive (14:00 - 15:30)

Chaired by Tullia Catalan

9. **Zsolt Nagy**, Smugglers, Prostitutes, and Spies: 1970s Tourism and the Hungarian Socialist State
10. **Robert Nelson**, Settling the Refugees of Lost Provinces: Finnish and German Resettlement Programs in the wake of Soviet Ethnic Cleansing, 1944-91
11. **Jan Adamec**, Trans-Border Traffic, Tourism and Smuggling in the Regions of Cieszyn Silesia and Southern Slovakia and Their Impact on Czechoslovak Authorities' Perceptions of the 1956 Crises in Poland and Hungary
12. **Stefanie Woodard**, "People for Payments": The 1975 West German-Polish Emigration Agreement and the Upper Silesian Borderland

COFFEE BREAK (15:30 - 16:00)

(4) ECONOMIC DIMENSIONS (16:00 - 17:30)

Chaired by James G. Hershberg

13. **Taylor Zajicek**, "The Stones Shall Give Way": Diplomacy and Water Infrastructure in the Soviet-Turkish Borderland
14. **Peter Svik**, Borders and East-West Airspace: International Politics and Civil Aviation Routes between Europe and Northeast Asia during the Cold War
15. **Anna Maria Scognamiglio**, Strom über die Grenzen: How Electric Power Passed through Germany's Divide
16. **Lorenz Lüthi**, The Significance of Borders within CMEA [via Zoom]

DINNER (19:00)



SATURDAY (Gorizia)

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN GORIZIA (10:00)

(5) DIVIDED NATIONS, DIVIDED CITIES (10:30 - 12:00)

Chaired by Peter Ruggenthaler

17. **Eilin Rafael Perez and Ben Van Zee**, Divided Korea and Divided Germany: The Impact of Cold War Borders
18. **Pasuth Thothaveesansuk**, China-Taiwan and FRG-GDR: Policymaking and Divisions along the Cold War's Western and Eastern Borders
19. **Jason Johnson**, Researching the Cold War Inner-German Border
20. **Sonja Schmalenberger**, A Western Enclave in the East: West Berlin and the Berlin Wall in Cold War Films

BUFFET LUNCH (12:00 - 13:00)

(6) THE ROLE OF GREAT POWERS – part 1 (13:00 - 14:15)

Chaired by David Wolff

21. **Yasuhiro Izumikawa**, The Northern Territories, Soviet-Japanese Diplomatic Normalization, and Tokyo's Multiple Quests for *Jishugaiko* (Autonomous Foreign Policy) in the 1950s
22. **Akihiro Iwashita**, The Transformation of Japan's Border Issues during and after the Cold War: Northern Territories, Takeshima and Senkakus
23. **Sergey Radchenko**, Soviet-Sino Border Disputes

COFFEE BREAK (14:15 - 14:30)

(7) THE ROLE OF GREAT POWERS – part 2 (14:30-16:15 PM)

Chaired by Vít Smetana

24. **Nadia Boyadjieva**, Cold War Borders and National Minority Issues in the Balkans: Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Greece
25. **Richard Cummings**, Clandestine Broadcasting into Communist-Ruled Regions along the Iron Curtain
26. **Grace Huxford**, Britain's Cold War Borders in the Aftermath of Empire
27. **Fabio De Ninno**, The Republic, Maritime Frontiers, and the Remaking of Italian Defense Policy, 1968-1975



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(8) CLOSING REMARKS

(16:15 – 17:00)

Charles S. Maier [via Zoom] Were Cold War Borders Special? Reflections on Borders and Borderlands after 1945, with concluding comments by **Christian Ostermann**

VISIT TO THE BORDER MUSEUM

(16:45 – 18:00)

DINNER

(19:00)