Invited Workshop
African Borderlands
From Empirical Studies towards a Theory
26-28 July 2008, Bayreuth, Germany

Program

Arrival 25/07/08 and transfer to Thurnau dinner in Thurnau

26/07/08 - Saturday

Opening Session

09.00-09.30 am Georg Klute & Thomas Hüsken (Bayreuth University):
Welcome and Introduction to the Program

Session 1: Border politics and politics across borders

Chair: Georg Klute

9.30-10.00 am Tara Polzer (Forced Migration Studies Programme, University of Witwatersrand): Citizenship, state and identity. Boundedness and inclusion? Conceptions and uses of citizenship at the margins of the state. The case of the South African-Mozambican borderland

10.00-10.15 am Questions & Discussion

10.15-10.45 am Thomas Hüsken (Bayreuth University): Bedouin politics in the borderland of Egypt and Libya

10.45-11.00 am Questions & Discussion

11.00-11.30 am Coffee Break
11.30-12.00 am  Dereje Feyissa Dori (MPI Social Anthropology, Halle / Bayreuth University): *Making the best out of state borders in the Horn of Africa*

12.00-12.15 pm  Questions & Discussion

00.15-00.45 pm  David Coplan (University of Witwatersrand, South Africa): "Inseparable Since Birth: Twin Towns and Unitary Concepts in Border Studies"

00.45-01.00 pm  Questions & Discussion

01.00-02.00 pm  Lunch Break

**Session 2: Border Spaces**

**Chair:**  Anthony Asiwaju (African University Institute, Imeko, Nigeria)

02.00-02.30 pm  Riccardo Ciavolella (University of Milan-Bicocca / EHESS, Paris): *Frontier, border and margin. Fulani, history and governance on the Mauritania/Mali border (Karakoro region)*

02.45-03.00 pm  Questions & Discussion

03.00-03.30 pm  Cristina Udelsmann Rodriges (Centro de Estudos Africanos – ISCTE, Lisbon): *Angola's southern border: entrepreneurship, opportunities and the state in Cunene*

03.30-04.00 pm  Coffee Break

04.00-04.30 pm  Wolfgang Zeller (Institute of Development Studies, University of Helsinki): *Danger and opportunity in Katima Mulilo: A Namibian border boomtown at transnational crossroads*

04.30-05.00 pm  Questions & Discussion

05.00-05.30 pm  Sebastian Lecocq (Ghent University): *West African Pilgrims to Mecca*

05.30-05.45 pm  Questions & Discussion
05.45-06.15 pm  Paolo Gaibazzi (University of Milan-Bicocca): Citizens, kinsmen, migrants: discourses and practices of belonging among Soninke communities across the Senegalo-Gambian border (Upper Gambia River Basin).

06.15-06.30 pm  Questions & Discussion

**End of Day one: Barbeque and commuting in the courtyard of the palace**

**Second Day Sunday 27/07/2008**

9.00-9.45 am  Paul Nugent, Wolfgang Zeller, David Copland: Report of the Executive Council on recent events and projects

9.45-10.00 am  Questions & Discussion

10.00-10.30 am  Coffee Break

10.30-12.00 am  Workshop 1: From Empirical Studies towards a Theory
                 Workshop 2: Research Methodologies in Borderlands
                 Workshop 3: Future Projects for Aborne

12.00-12.30 pm  Presentation workshop 1
12.30-12.45 pm  Questions & Discussion

12.45-02.00 pm  Lunch Break

02.00-02.30 pm  Presentation workshop 2
02.30-02.45 pm  Questions & Discussion

02.45-03.15  Presentation workshop 3
03.15-03.30 pm  Questions & Discussion

03.30-04.00 pm  Coffee Break

04.00-04.45 pm  General Discussion

04.45-05.15 pm  Planning of next steps

*Transfer to Nuremberg Airport*