



## Call for Panels

### **B/ORDERING CULTURES: Everyday Life, Politics, Aesthetics**

**6th Annual Conference of the Kulturwissenschaftliche Gesellschaft, e.V.**

**European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder)**

**08.10.-10.10.2020**

The 6th Annual Conference of the Kulturwissenschaftliche Gesellschaft (KWG) with the title **B/ORDERING CULTURES: EVERYDAY LIFE, POLITICS, AESTHETICS** will focus on the interplay of borders and orders from the perspective of cultural studies. The **Viadrina Center B/ORDERS IN MOTION** and the KWG section **Cultural Border Studies** invite you to Frankfurt (Oder) on the German-Polish border to engage in vivid discussions on this highly relevant and debated subject. From 8 to 10 October 2020, a range of border and order concepts will be put up for discussion: possible interrelations between socio-symbolic, aesthetic-material and political-territorial notions of borders and orders as well as micro- and macro-perspectives on these phenomena will be key elements of our reflections.

*Bordering* as a core concept and term takes up the focus in the Border Studies and points toward the discursive and practical establishment as well as the structural dynamics of demarcation and ordering processes. We invite researchers to the border town to discuss border relations, their conditions, means of establishment, and order generating effects. How do orders, essentially defined by differentiation, deploy their weight through the interplay of these constituting elements?

**Everyday life, politics** and **aesthetics** form socially relevant domains of border/order relationships. Aesthetic-performative practices of exclusion and inclusion or temporal demarcations as a structuring element of everyday life only suggest possible access points to examine orders of interaction, gendered or even political orders in their effects on everyday life.

**Panel proposals** that examine questions of border AND order research from a cultural studies perspective in one of the fields mentioned are particularly welcome. In addition to questions of content, the focus will also include the following methodological perspectives on orders and borders:

- How can we look at the **borders of orders** and analytically approach overlaps and pluralities of the manifold ordering structures?
- In which way can we describe processes of demarcation, border negotiations and dissolutions as social practice and in their ordered nature from the viewpoint of cultural studies?

- How can we encounter the binary doctrine inherent in logics of border(ing) and order(ing) to reveal dynamic interrelations and shifts between demarcations and structural order (**In-betweenness**)?

The **Call for Panels** is addressed to researchers in social sciences, politics, history, linguistics and literature who see themselves as part of cultural sciences in their broader sense. Proposals for thematic sessions are invited to employ one or more of the areas of interest mentioned above, although the list may be extended.

The duration of a panel is two hours. There will be separate time within the programme for meetings of the KWG sections. It is recommended to organize a panel around three to four lectures, so that the lecture slots each comprise 20 minutes of presentation + 10 minutes of discussion. The conference language is German, but other languages are welcome. Panel proposals are requested by **15.09.2019** to [kwg20@europa-uni.de](mailto:kwg20@europa-uni.de) in the form of a PDF file. The proposals should contain the following data:

- Abstract (approx. 300-500 words excluding references)
- Optional: List of speakers for your panel. Names and place of origin of the speakers invited from abroad with the addition "asked" or "confirmed" if they need funding. We will make every effort to provide (partial) travel cost support for foreign participants. For organisational reasons, we must receive the names of the speakers to be funded by 15.09.2019. We regret that we will not be able to consider later nominations of persons for sponsoring.

Feedback on your panel proposal can be expected by 15. October 2019.

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For further information see: : <https://www.borders-in-motion.de/kwg-jahrestagung-2020>

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