Cross-border governance has become increasingly relevant for academics and policy makers recently. An enormous literature has documented the de-bordering and rebordering of Europe, resulting from the simultaneous proliferation of institutional relationships and re-emergence of nation-state building processes.

The objective of this international conference is to explore what is still unknown about cross-border governance for the last two decades. By bringing together political scientists, geographers and planners, the conference will open the black box of governance. Rather than focus on inputs and outputs, functions and flows we are interested in how networks, identities and competition influence the governance of these regions.

The conference will address three main questions:

1. Debordering/rebordering: how to understand the changing reality of borders in a non-binary way?

2. Between cooperation and competition: which articulations within a cross-border governance in search of meaning?

3. Scales, territories, networks: towards multidimensional approaches to transborder regionalisation?
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PROGRAMME OF THE FIRST DAY

09h00  WELCOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS SESSION

10h00  Liam O’Dowd (Queen’s University Belfast)
Infrastructural power, cross-border governance and the ambiguities of state borders

11h00  Coffee Break

11h15  Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly (University of Victoria)
Formal and informal governance in cross-border regions

12h15  Lunch Break

Session 1a: THE CHANGING REALITIES OF BORDERS

13h30  James Scott (University of Eastern Finland)
Cross-border governance as symbolic practice: orchestrating a new European order between rhetoric and reality

13h50  Martin van der Velde (Radboud University Nijmegen)
The difference a border makes: (un)familiarity and indiffERENCE

14h10  Markus Hesse, Sonja Kmec, Rachel Reckinger, Christian Wille (University of Luxembourg)
Regionalisation processes as practices of borderisation

14h30  Grégory Hamez (University of Lorraine)
The gap between cross border cooperation and borderers’ needs

14h50  Discussion

15h10  Coffee Break

Session 1b: QUESTIONNING EUROPEAN POLICIES IN CROSS-BORDER GOVERNANCE

13h30  Estelle Evrard (University of Luxembourg), Tobias Chilla (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg)
The new governance tool EGTC: double institutionalisation of cross-border cooperation?

13h50  Fabienne Leloup, Florine Meunier (Catholic University of Louvain),
The cultural policy at the Franco-Belgian border

14h10  Ilkka Liikanen (University of Eastern Finland)
Unpacking the rationales of EU policies of CBC in a wider Europe

14h30  Jean Peyrony (Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière)
Articulate the cohesion policy, the governance systems and the cross-border territorial projects

14h50  Discussion

15h10  Coffee Break

Session 2a: MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE WITHIN CROSS-BORDER REGIONS

15h30  Sabine Dörry, Antoine Decoville (CEPS/INSTEAD)
Cross-border governance and transportation policy networks in Luxembourg and the Greater Region. A social network analysis

15h50  Nicolas Escach (ENS Lyon)
City networks in the Baltic area: the multi scalar geography of an unrealized region?

16h10  Olivier Walther (CEPS/INSTEAD), Bernard Reitel (University of Artois)
The social structure of policy network in cross-border regions

16h30  Carola Fricke (Berlin University of Technology)
Re-conceptualizing cross-border governance, overcoming teleological institutionalization and dichotomization

16h50  Discussion

17h15  Departure from Hotel Novotel

17h45  Visit at Draï Eechelen Museum  5, Park Draï Eechelen  L-1499 Luxembourg

20h00  Dinner at Am Tiirmschen (Luxemburgish restaurant) 39, rue de l’Eau  L-1449 Luxembourg
08h30 Welcome coffee

Session 3: RESCALING CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION

09h00 Fabian Faller (University of Luxembourg)
Rescaling the borderland: cross-border bioenergy production patterns facing spatial policies

09h20 Anna Growe (University of Freiburg),
John Harrison (Loughborough University)
From places to flows? Planning for the new 'regional world' in Germany

09h40 Martin Klatt (University of South Danemark)
Surrender of the euroregional concept of cross-border governance? The restructuring of Region Sønderjylland-Schleswig in 2011 and cross-border governance

10h00 Gabriel Popescu (Indiana University South Bend)
Cross-border cooperation between territorial fixes and relational spaces

10h20 Discussion

10h40 Coffee Break

Session 4: POLICY NETWORKS WITHIN CROSS-BORDER GOVERNANCE

11h00 Philippe Hamman (University of Strasbour)
Analysing the cross-border governance from a transactional point of view: proposal for sociology of the space-borders

11h20 Christophe Sohn (CEPS/INSTEAD),
Dimitris Christopoulos (MODUL University Vienna)
Cross-border metropolitan governance in Europe: first assessment of a network analysis approach (MetroNet)

11h40 John Harrison (Loughborough University)
Cross-border urban governance: exploring the (in)compatibility of networked and territorial planning and governance arrangements

12h00 Sara Svensson (Central European University)
The limits of political networks: local government communication networks across borders

12h20 Discussion

12h40 Lunch Break

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS SESSION

14h00 James Scott (University of Eastern Finland)
On the urban dimension in border studies

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Prospects for research on cross-border governance

15h00 Martin van der Velde (Radboud University Nijmegen)
John Harrison (Loughborough University)
Gabriel Popescu (Indiana University South Bend)
Discussant: Christophe Sohn (CEPS/INSTEAD)
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