

# UniGR-Center for Border Studies

## Seminar Border Studies

13TH & 14TH NOVEMBER 2025  
TRIER UNIVERSITY  
CAMPUS II, KAPELLE (K101)

**Collaborations – Across Borders, Languages and Disciplines**  
*Collaborations – Zwischen Grenzen, Sprachen und Disziplinen*  
*Collaborations – Entre Frontières, Langues et Disciplines*

Please register in advance by 31 October 2025

[Click here to register!](#)

Dear members and interested parties,

The team at the UniGR-Center for Border Studies Trier is delighted to have the opportunity to host the Border Studies Seminar at Trier University this year. Under the motto of 'Collaborations', we want to provide a platform for the diverse initiatives in border research in the Greater Region. At the same time, we would like to offer an incentive for future collaborations through input and sufficient time for networking.

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### PROGRAMME

Thursday, 13th November

<b>12:00 – 12:45</b>	<b>Reception with refreshments</b>
<b>12:45 – 13:00</b>	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>Presentation and inputs from the working groups</b>
13:00 – 13:45	<i>WG Spatial Planning</i>
13:45 – 14:30	<i>WG Cross-border Labour and Education</i>

14:30 – 15:00	Coffee break
15:00pm – 16:00pm	<b>Keynote Lecture: Interdisciplinary Writing</b> <i>Dr. Andrea Franke &amp; Prof. Dr. Kimberley Peters</i>
16:00pm – 16:30pm	Coffee break
16:30pm – 18:00pm	<b>Workshop</b> <i>World Café on the future of UniGR-CBS</i>
18:00pm	<b>Day 1 closing remarks</b> <i>Followed by an optional dinner together on a self-pay basis</i>

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## PROGRAMME

### Friday, 14th November

09:00pm – 09:30pm	<b>Reception &amp; Welcome</b>
09:30pm – 11:00pm	<b>Presentation and input from the working groups</b>
09:30pm – 10:15pm	<i>WG Bordertextures</i>
10:15pm – 11:00pm	<i>WG Border Temporalities</i>
11:00pm – 11:30pm	Coffee break
11:30pm – 13:00pm	<b>Open Spaces</b> <i>[English] Disaffected EUropean democrats</i> <i>[English] Tourism and Leisure in the Border Region</i> <i>[French] Projet INTERREG Grande Région CAPACITI</i>
13:00pm – 14:30pm	Lunch break
14:30pm	<b>Day 2 closing remarks and Farewell</b> <i>followed by: working group meetings</i>

## PROGRAMME

### Open Spaces

#### **Disaffected EUropean democrats – learning from EU border regions**

*JProf. Dr. Carola Fricke & Prof. Dr. Daniela Baum*

Intensified by globalization, internationalization and Europeanization where power has been continuously transferred from the regional and national level to higher levels of polity, representative democracy worldwide but also in Europe is currently said to be under pressure. Therefore, the planned project seeks to study the question of disaffection with EUropean democracy in a particular setting: border regions in member states of the European Union (EU). In EU member states we can observe a new set of struggles resulting ultimately into a new political cleavage between proponents and opponents of European integration fuelling already existing problems of representative democracy. In EU border regions such conflicts are supposed to play out in a more pronounced way than elsewhere, because integration efforts as well as integration problems tend to emerge earlier and more strongly there. These considerations result in the following main research questions: (1) How precisely can we describe the different features of disaffection with EUropean representative democracy and how are general features of political disaffection interrelated with EU-specific challenges? (2) Which groups of society are more likely to be disaffected with these different features of EUropean representative democracy and for what reasons. (3) What are the main determinants of disaffection with EUropean representative democracy?

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#### **Tourism and Leisure in the Border Region**

*Prof. Dr. Fabian Frenzel & Prof. Dr. Michael Mießner*

This open space brings together researchers from across UNIGR to consider tourism and leisure in the region. We seek to initiate networking and collaborations on topics such as cross-border tourism development, river tourism (including river cruises), urban and rural touristification, related challenges such as housing shortage and congestion, rural gentrification, heritage commodification and management and sustainability in interdisciplinary perspectives, from planning to anthropology and archaeology, business studies, sociology and geography.

## Projet INTERREG Grande Région CAPACITI

*Dr. Florence Renard*

Le projet INTERREG Grande Région CAPACITI se donne pour mission d'associer activement les enfants dans la promotion et la défense de leurs droits.

CAPACITI est un projet visant à favoriser la participation active des enfants et l'inclusion de ceux-ci dans la défense et l'exercice de leurs droits dans la Grande Région. Huit partenaires financiers et actuellement quinze partenaires méthodologiques sont mobilisés autour de cet objectif.

Les enfants constituent le public-cible de ce projet financé par le programme Interreg Grande Région et bénéficieront, dès février 2028, de conseils, de formations, d'outils ludopédagogiques (des serious games, par exemple), et aussi d'histoires interactives. Ces outils seront proposés aux acteurs de la protection de l'enfance, qu'il s'agisse de praticiens, de familles et des enfants eux-mêmes.

Inégalités socio-économiques, barrières culturelles et linguistiques, coordination insuffisante entre les différentes institutions et secteurs... Nombreux sont les défis territoriaux qui entravent l'accès et l'exercice de ces droits.

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## DIRECTIONS & LOCATIONS

### Campus II, Kapelle (K101)

The seminar will take place in the chapel (room K101) on Campus II at Trier University. The campus can be reached directly by bus lines 4 and 14. Bus lines 3 and 13 also stop just a few hundred metres away. If you are travelling by car, there are plenty of parking spaces available on site. The chapel will be clearly signposted on the days of the event.

Further [information on how to get there](#) can be found on the website of Trier University.

## Catering

Basic catering during the seminar will be provided in the form of coffee breaks and various snacks. There is also a canteen on campus, which is open at lunchtime. In addition, there are several shops and restaurants in the immediate vicinity of the campus. Dinner on the first day is at your own expense. Registration for this is voluntary and is only used to provide an overview for reservation purposes.