

International Scientific Conference

Borderlands facing a polycrisis in the 21st century. Resilience and future perspectives of cross-border relations

10-13 September 2023

Wrocław – Opole

Venue:

10 - 11 September, University of Wrocław

12 - 13 September, University of Opole

Organizers:

Centre for Regional and Borderlands Studies, Institute of Sociology, University of Wrocław

Institute of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Opole

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Overall Conference Programme

Sunday, 10 September 2023 (Wrocław)

15:30-17:45 –Registration, and warming-up, Art Hotel in Wrocław, Kiełbaśnicza 20 Street
<https://www.arthotel.pl>

18:00 – Finger food and drinks Theater Room of the Art Hotel

Monday, 11 September 2023 (Wrocław, Oratorium Marianum, Plac Uniwersytecki 1)

08:30-9:30 – registration

09:30-10:00 – Words of Welcome

Robert Olkiewicz, Rector of the University of Wrocław

Magdalena Ratajczak, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences for International Cooperation

Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, University of Victoria

Elżbieta Opiłowska, Wojciech Opióła & Florian Weber: Introduction to the conference

10:00-11:30 – Keynotes: **Polycrisis and the resilience of cross-border relations**

Birte Wassenberg (University of Strasbourg) and **Hynek Böhm** (University of Opole and Technical University of Liberec)

Chair: **Florian Weber** (Saarland University)

11:30-12:00 – Coffee break (Oratorium Marianum)

12:00-13:30 – Roundtable: **Border transformations and new approaches in borderlands studies**

Bartosz Czepil (University of Opole)

Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly (University of Victoria)

Martin Klatt (University of Southern Denmark)

Florian Weber (Saarland University) & **Elżbieta Opiłowska** (University of Wrocław)

Chair: **Wojciech Opióła** (University of Opole)

13:45-15:00 – Lunch (Theater Room of the Art Hotel)

15:00-17:00 – Guided tour in Wrocław (meeting 2:55PM, at the Swordsman fountain, Plac Uniwersytecki 1)

18:00-19:30 – Bus transfer to Opole (bus leaves from the Art Hotel, Kiełbaśnicza Street 20)

Tuesday, 12 September 2023 (Opole, Collegium Civitas, Katowicka Street 89)

09:00-10:30 – Panel sessions 1-4

10:30-12:00 – Panel sessions 5-8

12:00-12:30 – *Coffee break (Room no. 15)*

12:30-14:00 – Panel sessions 9-12

14:00-15:00 – *Lunch break (Room no. 15)*

15:00-16:30 – Panel sessions 13-16

16:30-18:00 – Panel sessions 17-20

18:00-18:30 – *Coffee break (Room no. 15)*

18:30-19:30 – Closing plenary: **Future research perspectives in borderlands studies** (Room no. 20)

Julia Dittel, University of Saarland,

Jussi Laine, University of Eastern Finland,

Halina Sapeha, University of British Columbia,

Grzegorz Welizerowicz, University of Gdańsk

Chairs: **Marcin Dębicki & Elżbieta Opiłowska**

20:00-23:00 – Dinner (Collegium Civitas)

Panel sessions take place in the rooms: 112, 206, 212A, 219A, Collegium Civitas Building, Katowicka 89, Opole. Full program of panel sessions is available in separate file ('Sessions') on the website

Wednesday, 13 September 2023 (Opole)

10:00-19:00 – Excursions (separate registration & fee)

1: Opole – Krzyżowa – Wrocław

Departure: De Silva Hotel, Opole, Powolnego Street 10, 9:00 AM

Krzyżowa (Kreisau) is a village located in Lower Silesia. During WWII, an anti-Nazi opposition group (the Kreisau Circle), had met on the von Moltke estate. The members of the Kreisau Circle worked on plans to reconstruct Germany and Europe on the basis of democratic and Christian moral values. The Foundation Kreisau (Krzyżowa) is dedicated to deepening German-Polish dialogue and European understanding, referring to the aims of the founders of the Foundation, who in 1989 wanted to create a center for European dialogue and meetings in Krzyżowa. Moreover, the Foundation acts in recognition of the historical significance of the Polish-German Reconciliation Mass of 12 November 1989. The activity of Krzyżowa Foundation is based on International Youth Meeting Centre, Memorial Site and European Academy.

Excursion will end in Wrocław train station and Wrocław airport. Arrival in Wrocław train station around 5:00 PM. After excursion, there will be also a possibility to come back to Opole by the same bus.

2: Opole – Góra Św. Anny – Cieszyn – Katowice

Departure: De Silva Hotel, Opole, Powolnego Street 10, 9:00 AM

Góra Św. Anny (St. Annaberg) is a Silesian village, which was (and still is) very important memorial site of the Silesian Uprisings 1919-1921 which were Polish- German armed conflicts on border delimitation in Silesia. The city of Cieszyn/Cesky Tesin is a twin city located on the Czech-Polish border. Because of its rich history and current social, political, and cultural dynamics the twin city is a very popular case study in the cross-border research.

Excursion will end in Katowice train station and/or Katowice-Pyrzowice airport, around 5:30 PM. After excursion, there will be also a possibility to come back to Opole by the same bus.