

## International Scientific Conference

### **Borderlands facing a polycrisis in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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

Language of the conference: English

#### Organizers

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

Institute of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Opole

Department of Social-Scientific European Studies, Saarland University

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## Conference programme

### Sunday, 10 September 2023

16:00-18:00 – Arrival in Wrocław, registration, warming-up, finger food, and drinks

### Monday, 11 September 2023

#### 09:30-10:00 – Words of Welcome

Robert Olkiewicz, Rector of the University of Wrocław (tbc)

Marek Masnyk, Rector of the University of Opole (tbc)

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

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

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

**Hynek Böhm & 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: **Katarzyna Stokłosa** (University of Southern Denmark)

13:45-15:00 – Lunch

15:00-17:00 – Guided tour in Wrocław

18:00-19:30 – Bus transfer to Opole

### Tuesday, 12 September 2023, University of Opole

09:00-09:30 – Words of Welcome

09:30-11:00 – Panel sessions 1-4

11:00-11:30 – Coffee break

11:30-13:00 – Panel sessions 5-8

13:00-14:30 – Lunch

14:30-16:00 – Panel sessions 9-12 + PhD networking and exchange meeting

16:00-16:30 – Coffee break

16:30-18:00 – Closing discussion (senior and junior researchers)

19:00-21:00 – Gala dinner

### **Wednesday, 13 September 2023**

Excursions (separate registration & fee)

#### **1: Opole – Kreisau – Wrocław**

Kreisau (Krzyżowa) 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.

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

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 Katowice-Pyrzowice airport.