

## **International Scientific Conference**

*New Challenges for Borderlands Studies: Regional, European and Global Perspectives*

Opole, September 8-10 2021

### Venue:

Institute of Political Science and Public Administration,  
University of Opole,  
Katowicka Street 89,  
45-061 Opole, Poland

### Organizer:

University of Opole, Department of Regional Studies (Poland)

### Partners:

University of Ostrava, Department of Human Geography and Regional Development (Czech Republic)  
Border and Regional Studies Network (Central Europe)  
Technical University in Liberec (Czech Republic)  
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### Keynote speakers:

Anssi Paasi (University of Oulu, Finland)

### Research areas covered by the conference:

Border policies and border regimes,  
Borders and territoriality, history of borderlands,  
Brexit and the new EU-UK borders,  
COVID-19 and its impact on border flows,



Cross-border cooperation and integration,  
International migration,  
Multi-level governance, regional paradiplomacy,  
National and ethnic minorities, ethnopolitics,  
New approaches to border studies,  
New regionalisms,  
Problems that heed no borders,  
Trans-border and regional identities: living, belonging and communicating amid two worlds.

### Conference program:

#### *8<sup>th</sup> Sep. 2021 – in a hybrid formula*

14:00-18:00	registration of participants
18:00-18:30	opening ceremony
18:30-19:30	keynote lecture 1
20:00	historical guided tour through Opole city centre

#### *9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – in a hybrid formula*

09:00-11:00	panel session 1
11:00-11:15	coffee break
11:15-13:15	panel session 2
13:15-14:00	dinner
14:00-15:00	keynote lecture 2
15:00-16:30	panel session 3
16:30-17:00	coffee break
17:00-18:30	panel session 4
21:00	reception

#### *10<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – in a hybrid formula*

09:00-11:00	panel session 5
11:00-11:15	coffee break
11:15-13:15	panel session 6
13:30-14:00	closing keynote
14:00-15:00	dinner

### Language of the conference:

All the participants are required to submit their abstracts, presentations and papers in English. Discussion: English

### Paper publishing:

Selected papers after positive reviews made by independent reviewers will be published in the peer-reviewed scientific journals.

### Important dates:

1st February 2021	– opening call for panel sessions proposals
31st March 2021	– deadline for submitting the panel sessions proposals by panel chairs
15th June 2021	– deadline for registration to the conference, submitting abstracts
15th July 2021	– deadline for conference fee payment
15th August 2021	– deadline for submitting papers



Conference fee:

	International scholars (EUR)	Scholars from Poland (PLN)
<b>Participation in person:</b>		
<i>regular</i>	150	600
<i>discounted for PhD candidates, post-docs up to 5 years after completing the PhD and panel chairs</i>	100	400
<i>for partner institutions</i>	400	1600
<b>Participation online:</b>	30	120

We provide:

For the online participants: participation in conference (through Zoom, Google Meet or other platform), book of abstracts, possibility to submitting paper to peer-reviewed international journal, language assistance and proofreading.

For those who participate in person: as listed above and also: refreshments during coffee breaks, two lunches, reception on Thursday, guidance during a tour, support in booking accommodation in Opole, transfer from and to Opole railway/bus stations.

Accompanying events:

Summer School *Cross-border cooperation, migration and space in Central Europe* (6-10 Sep. 2021)

Kick-off meeting of the *Border and Regional Studies Network* (10 Sep. 2021)

Presentation of project *Support for the Research and Innovation Dimension of European Universities* (EC Horizon 2020 grant)

Presentation of project *Analysing Cross-border Co-operation in Visegrád Group countries (V4)* (financed by Polish National Research Centre)

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Submitting panel proposals: [online application form](#)

Call for papers will be open in March 2021

