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Invitation

**To be held at
The Marcus Family Campus
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva
July 6-11, 2010**

Wednesday July 7, 2010

09:00-09:30 - Registration

Room -136, Senate Building

09:30-09:50 - Opening Session and Greetings

Chair: **David Newman**, Ben-Gurion University

Jimmy Weinblatt, Rector, Ben-Gurion University

Moshe Justman, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences,
Ben-Gurion University

Vladimir Kolossov, Vice-President, IGU

Anton Gosar, Chairman, Political Geography Commission, IGU

09:50-11:00 - Session I: Keynote Lecture

Alexander Murphy, University of Oregon, USA

Territory's Continuing Allure

Round Table Discussion

John O'Loughlin, University of Colorado at Boulder, USA

Anton Gosar, University of Primorka, Slovenia

Vladimir Kolossov, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia

11:00-13:00 - Session II: Geopolitical Discourses I

Chair: **Doris Wastl-Water**, University of Berne, Switzerland

Corey Johnson, University of North Carolina, USA

A Discourse Analysis of the Re-Popularization of Classical Geopolitics

Jonathan Lieb, Florida State University, USA

*Creating 'Facts' on the Bumper: Nationalism, Geopolitics and Contestation
in the Automobile Era*

Sean Carter, University of Exeter, UK

The Territorialities of Diaspora Geopolitics

Oren Yiftachel, Ben-Gurion University

Territorial (Mis)management of Ethnic Conflict:

'Creeping Apartheid' and 'Gray Space' in Israel/Palestine

13:00-14:30 - Lunch

14:30-16:30 - Session III: Border Theory

Chair: **Neve Gordon**, Ben-Gurion University

Heather Nicol, Trent University, Canada

Building Borders the Hard Way: the Globalization of Border Control

Reece Jones, University of Hawaii, USA

Sovereignty and Resistance at the Border

Jussi Laine, San Diego State University, USA

*Border Paradox: the Juggle between Access and Control in Assymetrical
Border Settings*

17:00-19:00 - Session IV: (Parallel Sessions) European Borders

Chair: **Anne-Laure Amilhat-Szary**, University of Grenoble, France

Alexandru Ilies and Grama's Vasile, University of Oradea, Romania

*Dividing and Separating European Space: The New Eastern Border
of the EU and NATO*

Luiza Bialasiewicz, Royal Holloway College, University of London, UK

Out-Sourcing the Borders of Europe

Anton Gosar, University of Primorska, Slovenia

*Border Management in the Western Balkans Twenty Years after the
Disintegration of Yugoslavia*

Luca Zarrilli, University "D'Annunzio", Italy

*The Re-Opening of the Turkish-Armenian Border: Between Historical
Legacy and Soccer Diplomacy*

17:00-19:00 - Session V: (Parallel Sessions)

Ethno-Territorial Conflict I: Israel / Palestine

Chair: **Ayelet Harel-Shalev**, Ben-Gurion University

Ariel Handel, Tel Aviv University, Israel

*Movement, Continuity and Spatial Control: The Case of the
Palestinian Territories*

Stuart Schoenfeld, York University, Canada

*One State Conferences: Global Mobilization and Israeli / Palestinian
Geopolitics*

Erez Tzfadia, Sapir Academic College, Israel

*Suspending the Law: Ethno-Nationalism, Colonialism and Informal
Outposts in the West Bank*

Thursday July 8, 2010

09:00-11:00 - Session VI: Geopolitical Discourses II

Chair: **Heather Nicol**, Trent University, Canada

Fabrizio Eva, University of Venice, Italy

Current Geopolitical Narratives as Successful Hoax: Caging, Selfcaging and Materiality as Better Tools

Klaus Dodds, Royal Holloway College, University of London, UK

Arctic Meltdown? Territory, Law, Resources and the Contested Geographies of the High North

Sara Fregonese, Royal Holloway College, University of London, UK

Geopolitical Urbicides: A Material Approach to Conflict and Sovereignty in Lebanon

Ellena Dell'agnese, University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy

Re-Visioning Territory: Iran's Geopolitics of Engagement with the Heartland and the Midland Powers

11:30-13:00 - Session VII: Borders in Israel / Palestine

Chair: **Klaus Dodds**, Royal Holloway College, University of London, UK

Tammy Arieli, Van Leer Institute

National and Regional Governance of the Israel-Jordan Border Region

Gideon Biger, Tel-Aviv University, Israel

Israel's Borders: How a Boundary Made a Nation

David Newman, Ben-Gurion University

What Sort of Border for What Sort of Peace? Rethinking an Israeli-Palestinian Boundary

13:00-14:30 - Lunch

14:30-16:30 - Session VII: (Parallel Sessions) Geopolitical Representations I

Chair: **Becky Kook**, Ben-Gurion University

Anne-Laure Amilhat-Szary, University of Grenoble, France

Arts on the Border: Performative Culture and/or Cultural Geopolitics

Alan Ingram, University College, London, UK

Approaching Geopolitics and Security through Art

Alasdair Pinkerton, Royal Holloway College, University of London, UK

Critical Geopolitics of International Broadcasting: Radio War/Peace/Reconstruction

Jason Dittmer, University College, London, UK

Popular Evangelical Imaginaries of Conflict in the West Bank and Gaza

14:30-16:30 - Session IX: (Parallel Sessions) Ethno-Territorial Conflict II

Chair: **Oren Yiftachel**, Ben-Gurion University

Vladimir Kolossov, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia

Population Dynamics and Economic Transformations as Geopolitical Factors in Unrecognized Republics: Abkhazia, Transdnierstra and South Ossetia

Matteo Marconi, Sapienza University, Rome, Italy

Nation States and Ethnic Groups in the 21st Century: Territorial Conflict as Evidence of the Persistence of the Sovereignty Principle

Nick Megoran, University of Newcastle, UK

Bukharan Jewry: Transnational Geopolitics? Spatial Relationality and the Fallacies of Methodological Nationalism

Alex Jeffrey, University of Newcastle, UK

The Legal Geographies of Justice: The Spaces of Law in Post-Conflict Bosnia

17:00-19:00 - Session X: Geopolitical Representations II

Chair: **Anton Gosar**, University of Primorka, Slovenia

Ilya Solomeshch, Petrozavodsk State University, Russia

Nomadic Mental Borders and Abundance of Karelias

Edoardo Boria, University of Rome, Italy

Have Political Geographers Abandoned the Map? Reflections on a Relationship in Crisis

Ram Moriel, Ben-Gurion University

The Road from the Syrian Plateau to the Golan Heights: Revisiting Israeli Geopolitical Discourse

Christine Leuenberger and Itzhak Schnell, Cornell University, USA

The Politics of Maps: Constructing National Territories in Israel

20:00: Conference Dinner

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Friday July 9, 2010

09:00-10:30 - Session XI: Border Regions

Chair: **Luiza Bialasiewicz**, Royal Holloway College, University of London, UK

Doris Wastl-Water, University of Berne, Switzerland

Geopolitical Change and Everyday Strategies in Hungary's Culturally Diverse Border Regions

Gabriel Popescu, Indiana University, USA

Rebordering Geographies: Networked Borders, Borderlands and orderlines

Michael Schorr, University of Baja California, Mexico

Restructuring Cross-Border Urban Spaces, Historical Processes and Globalization: Mexico-USA vs Israel-Palestine

11:00-13:00 - Session XII: Research Agendas for Political Geography Perspectives from Israel and the UK

Roundtable Discussion

Chair: **John O'Loughlin**, University of Colorado at Boulder, USA

Klaus Dodds, Royal Holloway College, University of London

David Newman, Ben-Gurion University

13:00-14:30 - Lunch

14:30-16:30 - Closing Session

Saturday July 10, 2010

Field Trip: Territory, Conflict and Ethnicity in the Negev Region

Oren Yiftachel, Ben-Gurion

University,

Sponsored by the Department of Geography and Environmental Development

Sunday July 11, 2010

Field Trip: Borders, Settlements and Conflict in Israel and the West Bank

David Newman, Ben-Gurion University

Sponsored by the Department of Politics and Government

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