BORDERS, TERRITORY AND CONFLICT IN A GLOBALISING WORLD

IGU COMMISSION ON POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY

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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 Primorska, 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 Asymmetrical 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
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
Ellela Del'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, Transdniestr 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 Geopoacitics? 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 Shnell, Cornell University, USA
The Politics of Maps: Constructing National Territories in Israel

20:00: Conference Dinner
Sponsored by the Centre for the Study of European Politics and Society
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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