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The International Research Training Group (IRTG) "Baltic Borderlands: Shifting Boundaries of Mind and Culture in the Borderlands of the Baltic Sea Region", a collaborative programme between the universities of Greifswald, Lund and Tartu, has invited papers which examine the interaction and flows of people and their impact on current and historical spaces. Hereby, the borderland is a result of omnipresent intergroup and cultural interaction. We understand the borderland as present wherever people of different cultures meet (Anzaldúa, 1987: preface). The scope of the borderland goes beyond the territorial dimension to encompass mental and cultural interaction in abstract space.

Whilst our understanding of spaces and their construction is predominately geographical, we assume that the active creation of networks and organizational structures depend very much on social and cultural interactions which create, draw, dissolve and redraw borders. Therefore, it is worth redirecting the focus towards these processes of networking and organizing which have a considerable impact on the nature, form and size of the borderland and adjacent "larger entities such as empires, nations, or global networks" (Hämäläinen/ Truett, 2011: 358).

We have invited papers which deal with intellectual, artistic, theological, political, historical, literary, economic, etc. networks and organisations, which had a considerable impact on the structural, regional and trans-regional development of Europe through the eyes of these networks and organisations.

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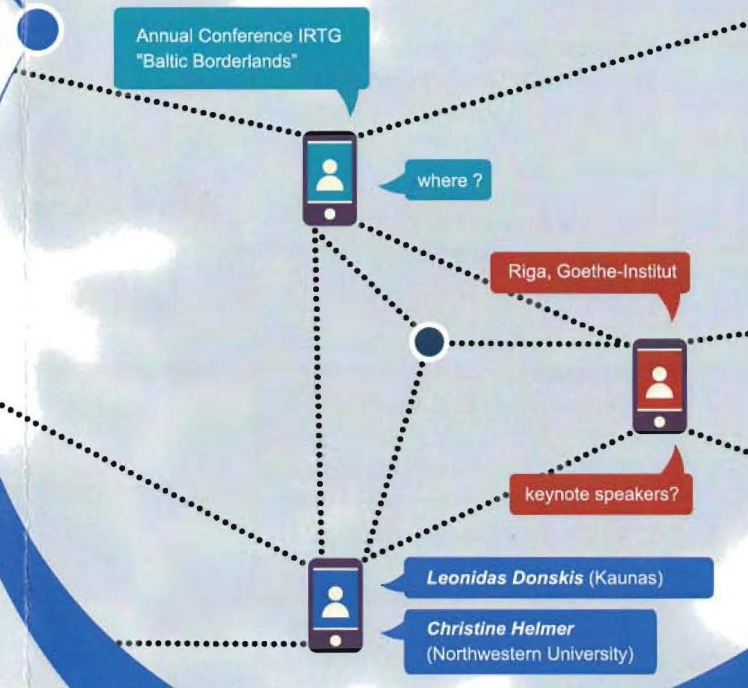
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INTERACTIVE BORDERLAND? RETHINKING NETWORKS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN EUROPE.

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Thursday (September 24th)

18:00 - Visit to National Library of Latvia

Friday (September 25th)

9:00 - Welcome

Michael North (Greifswald)

9:15 - Key Note I

Leonidas Donskis (Kaunas)

Boundary Regions in Europe: A Baltic Perspective
Introduction by Michael North (Greifswald)

10:30 - Coffee Break

11:00 - Panel **Ideas as an Engine of Change**

Chair **Ene Kõresaar (Tartu)**

Discussant **Alexander Drost (Greifswald)**

Steen Bo Frandsen (University of Southern Denmark)

Borderland(s) between Empires and Nation States

Tatsiana Astrouskaya (Greifswald)

Inventing the Nation anew: Belarusian Intellectuals on the Eve of the Soviet Union's Dissolution

Thomas Lundén (Södertörn Högskola)

Bordering Pomerania: Defining and Transgression in a Geopolitically Contested Region

12:40 - Lunch

14:00 - Panel **Finland: Building Bridges between Nations and Communities**

Chair **Jan-Henrik Nilsson (Lund)**

Discussant **Anti Selart (Tartu)**

Maare Paloheimo (Greifswald) and Timo Särkää (Jyväskylä)

Imperial Borderland and the Empire. Social and Business Networks in the Grand Duchy of Finland (1809-1917)

Tatiana Krihtova (University of Eastern Finland)

Russian-speaking Evangelical Christians in Finland: two Types of Transnational Religion Community

Antti-Jussi Nygård (Turku)

Othring the East - The Vanguard Nations' Club, 1919-1922

15:45 - Coffee Break

16:15 - Panel **Networks and Powers**

Chair **Stephan Kessler (Greifswald)**

Discussant **Gustavs Strenga (Riga)**

Goran Basic and Sophia Yakhlef (Lund)

Border Guard Cooperation.
Creating Cooperation Networks in the Baltic Sea Area

Michael Meichsner (Greifswald)

A Force from the Outside. Gotland and the Political Networks in the Baltic Sea Region in the 15th century

Keiu Telve (Tartu)

Cross-Border Commuting Through Networks:
Case Study of Estonian Male Commuters in Finland

19:30 - Dinner

Saturday (September 26th)

9:00 - Key Note II

Christine Helmer (Northwestern University)

Luther at the Border: A Case Study in the Borderlands of the Theological Imaginary
Introduction by Riho Altnurme (Tartu)

10:15 - Coffee Break

10:30 - Panel **Cultural Practices and Borderlands**

Chair **Michelle Facos (Bloomington)**

Discussant **Joachim Schiedermaier (Greifswald)**

Mikko Ketola (Helsinki)

Baltische Russlandarbeit in the 1920s and 1930s

Chloe Wells (University of Eastern Finland)

Eating Karelia: *karjalan piirakka* and *karjalan paisti* in Finnish North Karelian culture

Kristjan Kaljusaar (Tartu)

Hostages as Pillars of Power Structures and Vessels of Acculturation in the Baltic Region during the Expansion of Catholic Europe in the 12th and 13th centuries

Ariela House (Barcelona)

Performing Catalan Identity across the Border: Networks of Sardana Dancers in French Catalonia and the Spanish Catalonia in the 1960s

13:00 - Lunch

14:30 - Panel **Policing Borders and Managing Transgressions**

Chair **Andres Kasekamp (Tartu)**

Discussant **Mathias Niendorf (Greifswald)**

Kazimierz Musiał (Gdansk)

Probing the Concept of Epistemic Communities for the Baltic Sea Region

Dmitry Veber (St. Petersburg)

Crossing Borders. From Empire to Livonia. Strategy of Fiefpolicy of the Teutonic Order in the 16th century

Vitali Byl (Niasvizh)

Application of Western Legal Systems in Witch Trials in the Great Duchy of Lithuania in 16th-18th centuries

16:30 - **Marta Grzechnik (Greifswald / Gdansk)**

Closing Remarks