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## FENCES, NETWORKS, PEOPLE Exploring the EU/AFRICA borderland

Pavia, Faculty of Political Sciences, 15-17 December 2011

An international workshop co-organized by the University of Pavia (Department of Political and Social Studies and Cesare Bonacossa Center for the Study of Non-European Peoples), the University of Zurich (Department of Geography) and the University of Milan-Bicocca (Riccardo Massa Department of Human Sciences for Education, MEBAO-Missione Etnologica in Bénin e Africa Occidentale) with the support of the African Borderlands Research Network (ABORNE) and the European Science Foundation (ESF)

15 December 2011

### 14.00 – 15.30: Introduction

**Chair: Pierluigi Valsecchi (University of Pavia)**

14.00 – 14.20:

- Silvio Beretta, Dean of the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Pavia, and Director of “Cesare Bonacossa” Center for the Study of Non-European Peoples
- Antonio Mutti, Director of the Department of Political and Social Studies, University of Pavia
- Pierluigi Valsecchi, Director of the Master program in African and Asian Studies

14.20 – 14.40:

- Alice Bellagamba (Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin - University of Milan-Bicocca) and Timothy Raeymaekers (University of Zurich): “Fences, networks, people: a preliminary research agenda”

14.40 – 15.10:

- Gianpaolo Calchi Novati (University of Pavia): “Colonialism, Postcolonialism and Neocolonialism: What Else?”

15.10 – 15.30:

- Discussion

15.30 – 16.00: Coffee Break

**16.00 – 18.30: Working session - The Mediterranean Frontier**

**Chair: Timothy Raeymaekers (University of Zurich)**

16.00 – 17.00:

- Chiara Brambilla (University of Bergamo): “Shifting Italy/Libya Borderscapes: Negotiations, Claims and Counterclaims at the Interface of EU/Africa Borderland”  
Discussant: Heather Merrill (Hamilton College, USA)
- Antonio M. Morone (University of Pavia): “The Italian-Libyan partnership and the rights of African migrants”  
Discussant: Chiara Brambilla (University of Bergamo)
- Paolo Cuttita (University of Palermo): “Borderising the Island. Setting and narratives of the Lampedusa border play”  
Discussant: Henk Van Houtum (Nijmegen Centre for Border Research, Radboud University of Nijmegen)

17.00 – 17.15: Short Break

17.15 – 17.35:

- Heather Merrill (Hamilton College, USA): “Notes on implausible lifelines”.  
Discussant: Alice Bellagamba (Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin - University of Milan-Bicocca)

17.35 – 18.30:

- Discussion: “The Mediterranean Frontier”

20.00: Dinner

## 16 December 2011

09.00 – 9.30: Coffee

**9.30 – 12.30: Working session - Border regimes.**

**Chair: Henk Van Houtum (Nijmegen Centre for Border Research, Radboud University of Nijmegen).**

9.30 – 10.30:

- Sofiane Boudhiba (University of Tunis): “The Jasmine Revolution and the Lampedusa Crisis”  
Discussant: Paolo Cuttita (University of Palermo)
- Martin Lemberg (University of Copenhagen): “Border-induced Displacement: EU externalization and Africa”  
Discussant: Ruben Andersson (London School of Economics)
- Ruben Andersson (London School for Economics): “Lines in the sand and pixels on screens: the making of a Euro-African border”

Discussant: Sofiane Boudhiba (University of Tunis)

10.30 – 11.00: Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.00:

- Alison Mountz (Syracuse) and Jenna Lloyd (Balsillie School/Wilfrid Laurier): Geopolitics of human migration: constructing the region through crisis management and shifting regimes of state sovereignty  
Discussant: Polly Pallister-Wilkins (School of Oriental and African Studies)
- David Loher (University of Bern): “How Does Border Occur?” The Deterritorialisation of the European Border Regime as a Form of Transnational Governmentality and the Control of Border Knowledge in the Context of Transnational Migration Between Egypt and Europe”  
Discussant: Timothy Raeymaekers (University of Zurich)
- Polly Pallister-Wilkins (School of Oriental and African Studies): “The contradictions of the Melilla and Ceuta border fences”  
Discussant: Alison Mountz (Syracuse)

12.00 – 12.30:

- Discussion: “Border regimes”

12.30 – 14.00: lunch

**14.00 – 17.00: Working session - Migrant subjectivities, biographies and expertise.  
Chair: David Coplan (University of the Witwatersrand)**

14.00 – 15.00:

- Luca Ciabbarri (University of Milan): “Beyond Europe's frontiers: the rise and fall of the migration route Libya-Lampedusa and the forms of mobility from the Horn of Africa”  
Discussant: David Loher (University of Bern)
- Pedro Marcelino (York University): “Right Now, Personal Agency Trumps Geopolitics: Re-defining the migration nexus in Europe’s new frontier”  
Discussant: Xavier Gallardo (Nijmegen Centre for Border Research, Radboud University of Nijmegen)
- Jonathan Echeverri (University of Antioquia): “Routes, cracks and vehicles and the production of elsewhere among African foreigners suspended in Dakar, Senegal”  
Discussant: Paolo Gaibazzi (University of Latvia)

15.00 – 15.30: Coffee Break

15.30 – 16.30:

- Laura Menin (University of Milan-Bicocca): “Facing borders: Illegal mobility, religious imagination and gendered subjectivities in Morocco”.  
Discussant: Juliette Hallaire (Keele University)
- Paolo Gaibazzi (University of Latvia): “Rough Seas: beyond the ‘no border’ agenda, towards Euromediterranean social movements”  
Discussant: Pedro Marcelino (York University)

- Juliette Hallaire (Keele University): “Shaping EU/Africa border space: the mobility of the Senegalese migrant-fishermen, border experiences and resistance”  
Discussant: Laura Menin (University of Milan-Bicocca)

16.30 – 17.00:

- Discussion: “Migrant subjectivities, biographies and expertise”

## 17 December 2011

**9.30 – 11.00: Working session – Comparative perspectives**

**Chair: Alice Bellagamba (Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin- University of Milan-Bicocca)**

9.30 – 10.30:

- David Coplan (University of the Witwatersrand): “Encapsulated Migrants: living outside your heart in bordered Johannesburg”  
Discussant: Haim Yacobi (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)
- Haim Yacobi (Ben Gurion University of the Negev): “A jungle in the Villa. On borders, boundaries and African asylum seekers in Israel”  
Discussant: David Coplan (University of the Witwatersrand)
- Augustine Odinakachukwu Ejiogu and Okechi Dominic Azuwuiké (Imo State University): “‘Stranded in the Maghreb’: The Experience of Nigerian Europe-bound Illegal Migrants Repatriated from Libya”  
Discussant: Laurie Lijnders (University of Utrecht)

10.30 – 11.00: Coffee Break.

11.00– 11.40:

- Laurie Lijnders (University of Utrecht): “Frontiers of violence. Experiences and narratives of African refugees caught in the borderland of the northern Sinai”  
Discussant: Augustine Odinakachukwu Ejiogu (Imo State University)
- Sine Plambech (Danish Institute for International Studies): “Forced departures - Nigerian Women through the deportation and rescue industries”  
Discussant: Jenna Lloyd (Balsillie School/Wilfrid Laurier)

11.40 – 12.30: Wrap-up of conclusions and plenary discussion

12.30: lunch (optional)

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