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Border Landscapes across Europe

Geographical Landscape Research

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Introduction

The course will focus on questions of how the local, regional and EU-level administration creates different kinds of borders, how these borders and local land use system create different landscapes and, reversely, how landscapes have an active role in the constitution of different kinds of borders. Both borders but also landscapes will be studied from different viewpoints and from within different kinds of frameworks: physical, historical, political, cultural and human geographical approaches will inform the exact study questions. Such an interdisciplinary approach is needed in order to understand the holistic nature of landscape.

The course aims to strengthen students' knowledge of the ways of using the concept of landscape as a theoretical tool in research, focusing on geographical border questions. Special attention will be paid to the use of methods from both landscape ecology and cultural studies, and including a regional-geographical perspective (including the use of Geographical Information System – GIS) that will create a unified landscape course. After the course the students will have a better understanding of the complexity of the concept of landscape and better facility to study different landscapes. The student also will have a vision of how the concept of landscape can be used as a

tool of the local, regional and national environmental and land use planning and governance of different countries, and the importance of national borders in creating these special landscapes.

Participants

The number of participants on the course is limited about ten students from every University: Adam Mickiewicz University (Poland), University of Eastern Finland (Finland) & Universitat de Girona (Catalonia).

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Methodology

Two weeks of intensive course in Girona from 6th May until 17th May. This IP course includes: lectures, excursions, field works, group work, discussions and seminars of the influence of borderline in the landscape and society. The students will finish course reports after the intensive weeks.

The students will work in five multinational research groups, 6 students in each group.

6.-17.5.2013, University of Girona, Catalonia

The official program

Sunday 5.5

Welcome to Girona, arrival at 23h aprox.

Accommodation in Girona: Hotel Històric (www.hotelhistoric.com) & Casa Cundaro (www.casacundaro.com)

Your luggage will be kept in the hotel during the field work travel.

Monday 6.5

Time	Place	Subject	
9:00	Bar Faculty of Letters	Morning coffee	
9:30	Sala de Graus (Faculty of Letters)	Welcome to the University of Girona (UdG)	Vicerektor of International Relations Magüí Pérez
		Welcome to the department of geography	Head of department Rafel Llussà
		Opening of the course	Iwona Markuszewska/ Minna Tanskanen/ Josep Vila
Catalonia and its borderlines			
10-10:45	Sala de Graus	Introduction of the geography of	Dr. Rafel Llussà.

		Catalonia	Geography Departament. UdG
10:45-11:30	Sala de Graus	Land planning of Catalonia	Dr. Joan Vicente Geography Departament. UdG
11:30-12	Claustre	COFFEE BREAK	
12:00-12:30	Sala de Graus	Border landscapes: a preliminary approach	Roser Pastor. PhD student. Geography Departament. UdG
12:30-13:15	Sala de Graus	Border areas between territorial cooperation and local development. The case of la Cerdanyà.	Sr. Matteo Berzi. PhD student. UdG
13:15-14:00	Sala de Graus	High speed rail and mobilization of stakeholders and cross-border projects: the case of Transborder Catalan Eurodistrict	Dr. Jaume Feliu Departament de Geografia. UdG
14:00-15:30	Bar Faculty of Letters	LUNCH	
15:30-16:15	Sala de Graus	The Transfrontier Landscape Plan of the Vall Cerdana	Sr. Pere Sala Landscape Observatory of Catalonia
16.15-17.00	Sala de Graus	A crossborder's agents experience	Dr. Josep Anguera. Euroinstitut UdG
18:00		Girona by walk	Dra. Isabel Salamaña / Dr. Joan Vicente Departament de Geografia. UdG

Tuesday 7.5.

Excursion I – Spain / France Border

ITINERARY: Girona – Figueres – La Jonquera – Perpinyà – Andorra – Os de Civís

GIRONA BUS STATION: 9 AM.

AGENDA:

- Short visit to Figueres and La Jonquera (borderline).
- Lunch in Vilafranca de Conflent (free lunch not included in the IP, everyone needs to pay by themselves).
- Short meeting in Os de Civís (16:00 pm)
 - o Marc Garriga (Natural Park of Alt Pirineus/High Pyrenees. A border natural protected area)

16:00	Alt Pirineu Natural Park Office in Os de Civís	Alt Pirineu Natural Park. A border protected area. Os de Civís a special municipality.	Marc Garriga Natural Park of Alt Pirineus
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- AFTERNOON: (18h – 20h). Reading circle I: Discussion of articles

ACCOMODATION (Dinner and Breakfast): Hotel Os de Civís

(<http://www.hotelosdecivis.com/>)

Wednesday 8.5.

Excursion II – Andorra: a border country.

ITINERARY: Os de Civís – Andorra – Esterrí d'Àneu.

AGENDA:

10:00	University of Andorra	Modernization of Andorra	Maria Jesús Lluelles Geographer
10:45		Andorra's National Landscape Strategy	Anna Moles. Environmental Ministry of Andorra
11:00		Andorra's Natural Heritage	Ramon Copons. Centre d'Estudis de la Neu i de la Muntanya d'Andorra. Institut d'Estudis Andorrans.

- Visit and lunch in Andorra (free lunch not included in the IP, everyone needs to pay by themselves).
- Travel to Esterrí d'Àneu

ACCOMODATION (Dinner, Breakfast and Picnic Lunch): HA Trainera
(<http://www.hoteltrainera.com/English/>)

Thursday 9.5.

Excursion III - Aigüestortes i Sant Maurici National Park or Alt Pirineu Natural Park (border natural area)

ITINERARY: Esterrí d'Àneu – Espot – Esterrí d'Àneu.

AGENDA:

- MORNING (9h – 15:30h): Visit of National Park & Lunch.
- AFTERNOON: (17h – 19h). Reading circle II: Discussion of articles.

ACCOMODATION (Dinner, Breakfast and Picnic Lunch): HA Trainera
(<http://www.hoteltrainera.com/English/>)

Friday 10.5.***Excursion IV – Val d’Aran: a special border county in the north side of Pyrenees.***

ITINERARY: Esterri d’Aneu - Vielha - Girona

AGENDA:

- MORNING: Travel & visit to Val d’Aran.
- AFTERNOON Presentation in the Conselh Generau d’Aran.

15:00	Conselh Generau d’Aran	Cultural characteristics of Val d’Aran: past, present and future.	.Jusèp Louis Sans Socasau. Head of Language Policies (Conselh Generau d’Aran)
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Free weekend (living expenses not included)

Monday 13.5. STUDY CASES & WORKING GROUPS

9:00-11:00	Room B-5 (Faculty of Letters)	Introduction to the study topics. Orientation in research groups	Minna Tanskanen/Maija Sikiö/ Iwona Markuszewska/ Josep Vila
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Working in groups. Room Anna Mir (Library building)

Tuesday 14.5. STUDY CASES: MEETING & VISIT

9:00	Bus station	TRAVEL TO LA JONQUERA – EL PERTÚS – EL VOLÓ	
10:00	Centre Cultural de l’Albera "Can Laporta" c. major 2 La Jonquera	La Jonquera: past, present and future	Jordi Cabezas. Major of La Jonquera & President of the Alt Empordà County (2003-2011)
11:00	David Giband	Geography of Pyrénées Orientales (France)	Dr. David Giband. Département de Géographie. Université Via Domitia Perpignan.
12:00	Adenane Djigo	Geopolitics and political planning of french/spanish border.	Adenane Djigo. PhD student. Département de Géographie. Université Via Domitia Perpignan.

13:00		LUNCH IN LA JONQUERA	
14:30		VISIT & FIELD WORK: LA JONQUERA – EL PERTÚS EL VOLÓ	

Wednesday 15.5. WORKING IN GROUPS

Working in groups. Room Anna Mir (Library building)

Thursday 16.5. WORKING IN GROUPS

Working in groups. Room Anna Mir (Library building)

Friday 17.5. STUDY CASES: PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

9:00 – 9:45	Room Refetor 2 (Faculty of Letters)	STUDY CASE I: Landscape change across the border.	
9:45 – 10:30		STUDY CASE II: Perception of the border line.	
10:30 – 11:15		STUDY CASE III: Cultural identity across the border.	
11:15 – 11:45		COFFEE BREAK	
11:45 – 12:30		STUDY CASE IV: Evolution of the transport connection across the border: the role of the TGV and the future of the lorries.	
12:30 – 13:15		STUDY CASE V: The commercial role of the border area.	
13:15 – 14:00		CONCLUSIONS & FINAL COMMENTS	

AFTERNOON:

18:00	BUS STATION	FINAL DINNER	
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Final dinner at 20:00 in a secret place ☺!

Saturday 18.5.

3:30 am	PLAÇA SANT DOMÈNEC (SQUARE IN THE UNIVERSITY)	POLISH GROUP TRAVEL BY BUS TO BARCELONA AIRPORT (T-1).	
6:45 am	PLAÇA SANT DOMÈNEC (SQUARE IN THE UNIVERSITY)	FINNISH GROUP TRAVEL BY BUS TO BARCELONA AIRPORT (T-1).	

GOOD BYE☺! See you in POZNAN (POLAND), in May 2014!

INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT MEALS
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DURING THE FIRST DAY (MONDAY 6th MAY): LUNCH IS INCLUDED FOR EVERYBODY.

DURING THE TRAVEL FIELD EXCURSIONS: ALL THE LIVING EXPENSES ARE INCLUDED FOR EVERYBODY, EXCEPT LUNCH ON TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY. THIS TWO DAYS YOU HAVE TO HAVE LUNCH ON YOUR OWN. DINNER ON FRIDAY 10th MAY IS NOT INCLUDED BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TIME YOU WILL BE IN GIRONA.

IN GIRONA FINNISH & POLISH GROUP:

BREAKFAST & LUNCH IS IN THE FACULTY LETTERS' BAR.

DINNER IN THE CAMPUS' BAR (Plaça de Sant Domènec. Main Square in front of Rectorat of the University of Girona).

CLOTHES & SHOES

Remember we are going to visit a mountain area. So you need warm clothes (it can be really cold or rainy) and trekking shoes.

WEATHER FORECAST

SERVEI METEORÒLOGIC DE CATALUNYA: <http://www.meteo.cat/servmet/index.html>