

We understand phantom borders as political borders, which politically/legally do not exist anymore but seem to appear in different forms and modes of social action and practices today, as for example voting as one part of political behaviour. Considering the visibility of historical borders in the territorial distribution of election results in Poland – many more countries in Europe and the world could be mentioned – the question occurs if or if not this visibility indicates a persistence of historical (social or political) spaces or why else these phantom borders seem to be visible.

Within the conference we want to elaborate on different territorial particularities concerning cultural, historical, social, linguistic, religious and economic aspects which may affect political behaviour and electoral geography.

The presentations will focus on the following questions:

In what way is history reflected in political behaviour, as in election results?

At which scales and in which way phantom borders appear and disappear?

How does the national and regional governance context affect political behaviour?

How does the external governance / foreign affairs context / transnational networks affect political behaviour?

What role do (Geo)Political Images play in (re)constructing phantom borders?

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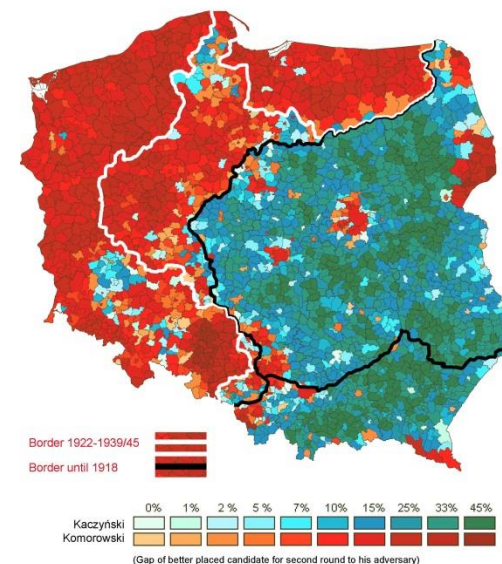
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Mapping of results in the presidential elections in Poland 2010 (first round)



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Conference

Phantom Borders in the Political Behaviour and Electoral Geography in East Central Europe

November 14-15, 2013

European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder
Collegium Polonicum, Słubice

Thursday, November 14

European University Viadrina, Senatssaal, Große
Scharnstr. 59, 15230 Frankfurt/Oder

09:00 Arrival

09:15 Welcome address

Gunter Pleuger (President of the European University
Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder))

Kerstin Schoor (Head of the Viadrina Center B/ORDERS
IN MOTION)

09:30 Opening

Béatrice v. Hirschhausen (Head of the Phantom Borders
Research Project)

Sabine v. Löwis (Research Fellow of the Phantom Borders
Research Project)

10:00-10:45 Keynote Speech

Vladimir Kolossov (Moscow)

**Phantom Borders: Methodological Approaches and an
Attempt of Classification**

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

**11:00-13:30 Panel 1: Phantom Borders in Electoral
Behaviour at Different Scales**

Chair: Timm Beichelt (Frankfurt/Oder)

Ionel Boamfă, Gabriel Camară, Alina Munteanu (Iasi)

National and Regional Patterns and Breaks in the Voting
Behaviour of European Electors

Martin Šimon, Tomáš Kostecký (Prague)

Measuring Phantom Borders: The Case of Czech /
Czechoslovakian Electoral Geography

Viktor Putrenko (Kiev)

Spatial Relationships of Electoral Behaviour and Phantom
Borders in Ukraine

Jarosław Jańczak (Frankfurt/Oder, Poznań)

Phantom Borders and Electoral Behaviour in Poland at
Regional and Local Level. Historical Legacies and their
Influence on Contemporary Politics

**Discussion of the Papers in Panel 1 by Tomasz Zarycki
(Warsaw)**

13:30-15:00 Lunch

**15:00-17:50 Panel 2: (Geo) Political Images and
Phantom Borders**

Chair: Andreas Umland (Kiev)

Antje Schlottmann, Roger Baars (Frankfurt/Main)

Regional Governance and the "Phantom Region"
Mitteldeutschland. The Political Dimension of Spatial
Concepts

Anna Zadora (Strasbourg)

The Phantom Borders between Belarusians and Poles:
History, Mental and Political Controversial Border

15:40-16:00 Coffee Break

Dimitrii Sidorov (Long Beach/California, London)

Phantom Geopolitics of Russia's Border with Europe

Thomas Serrier (Frankfurt/Oder, Paris)

Prisoners of History? West European Imaginations of
East Central European Phantom Borders

**Discussion of the Papers in Panel 2 by Judith
Miggelbrink (Leipzig)**

19:00 Dinner

Friday, November 15

Collegium Polonicum, Saal 13, Ul. Kościuszki 1, 69-100
Słubice

09:00 Arrival

09:15 Welcome address

Krzysztof Wojciechowski (Director of Administration,
Collegium Polonicum, Słubice)

**09:30-12:00 Panel 3: Cultural, Historical, Ethnic and
Social Backgrounds of Electoral Phantom Borders**

Chair: Jarosław Jańczak (Frankfurt/Oder, Poznań)

Tomasz Zarycki (Warsaw)

The Electoral Geography of Poland: Between Stable
Spatial Structures and their Changing Interpretations

Andreea Zamfira (Bucharest, Brussels)

The Transposition of Different Ethnic and Interethnic
Contexts into Different Patterns of Voting Behaviour

Patrik Tátrai, Balázs Szabó (Budapest)

Cultural Background and Regional Differences of Voting
Behaviour in Slovakia - 1992-2012

10:30- 10:50 Coffee Break

**Discussion of the Papers in Panel 3 by Kai Olaf Lang
(Berlin)**

12:00-13:30 Lunch

**13:30-16:00 Panel 4: Phantom Borders in Economic,
Social and Political Behaviour**

Chair: Werner Benecke (Frankfurt / Oder)

Anna Borowczak, Michał Dolata (Poznań)

Relict Boundaries as Economic and Political Behaviour
Differentiation Factor in Wielkopolskie Voivodeship
(Poland)

Zdeněk Kučera, Pavel Chromý (Prague)

Territorial Identity of Czechia's Borderland and its
Changes during 20th Century

Henry Rammelt (Lyon)

Did Recent Common History Level Social Mobilization
within Romania? A Comparative Analysis of Mobilization
throughout Romanian Regions with Unequal Indicators
of Social Capital

Saida Sirazhudinova (Rostov)

Political and Electoral Behaviour in Russia

Discussion of the Papers in Panel 4 by Kai Struve (Halle)

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:00 Final Discussion:

Vladimir Kolossov, Tomasz Zarycki, Kai-Olaf Lang,

Thomas Serrier (Chair), Jarosław Jańczak (Chair)