

DISRUPTIVE BORDERLANDS

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POTENTIAL OF
TRANSBORDERING
PRACTICES,
IMAGINARIES
AND POLICIES

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Border regions are key places for experimenting with innovative social and cultural practices, non-state centric spatial imaginaries, and pioneering forms of governance and public policies. This is primarily due to their peripheral location and the presence of national borders, which compel local actors and borderlanders to innovate in order to overcome constraints and obstacles and seize opportunities, thus highlighting the concept of borders as resources. However, the ongoing rebordering dynamic, characterized by the reinforcement of national-territorial ideas, border securitization and the hardening of border regimes, poses serious challenges to the functioning of border regions as permeable spaces conducive to cross-border movements, integration and cooperation.

In such a context, the aim of this international conference is to question the capacity of borderlands' stakeholders and inhabitants to sustain the dynamics of territorial cooperation and cross-border integration developed over recent decades. More specifically, we invite border scholars from all social sciences and humanities as well as practitioners to present their work, reflecting on transbordering practices, imaginaries and policies that have arisen in response to rebordering dynamics within border regions in any part of the world. Through a critical examination of the innovative and emancipatory potential of everyday bordering experiences and policy initiatives, we aim to take stock of the disruptive capacity of borderlands, understood as the collective ability of local actors and borderlanders to develop innovative ways of negotiating borders and to meet the challenges posed by their hardening. Finally, this conference will explore groundbreaking research approaches, theories and innovative methodologies to account for and promote such transbordering experiences and initiatives emerging from cross-border contexts as spaces of possibilities.

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Programme at a glance

Wednesday, September 4th

08:30- 09:00	Participants' arrival (Maison du Savoir, 3rd floor)		
09:00 - 09:30	Opening address (Auditorium 3.530)		
09:30 - 10:15	Keynote 1 - Eeva-Kaisa Prokkola, University of Oulu (Auditorium 3.530)		
10:15 - 10:35	Coffee break		
10:35 - 12:15	Session 1A (Room 3.190)	Session 1B (Room 3.200)	Session 1C (Room 3.220)
12:20 - 12:50	Presentation of border studies initiatives (Auditorium 3.530)		
12:50 - 14:00	Lunch break (Skip)		
14:00 - 15:40	Session 2A (Room 3.190)	Session 2B (Room 3.200)	Session 2C (Room 3.220)
15:45 - 17:25	Session 3A (Room 3.190)	Session 3B (Room 3.200)	Session 3C (Room 3.220)
18:30 – 20:00	Reception at the City Hall in Esch-sur-Alzette		

Thursday, September 5th

09:00 - 10:40	Session 4A (Room 3.190)	Session 4B (Room 3.200)	Session 4C (Room 3.220)
10:40 - 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11:00 - 12:40	Session 5A (Room 3.190)	Session 5B (Room 3.200)	Session 5C (Room 3.220)
12:40 - 13:50	<i>Lunch break (Skip)</i>		
14:00 - 18:00	Excursion to Schengen		
18:30 - 22:45	Dinner at the restaurant Bistrot Gourmand (Remerschen)		

Friday, September 6th

09:00 - 10:30	Session 6A (Room 3.190)	Session 6B (Room 3.200)	Session 6C (Room 3.220)
10:30 - 10:50	<i>Coffee break</i>		
10:50 - 12:20	Session 7A (Room 3.190)	Session 7B (Room 3.200)	
12:25 - 13:10	Keynote 2 - James W. Scott, University of Eastern Finland (Auditorium 3.530)		
13:10 - 14:20	<i>Lunch break (Skip)</i>		

Day 1: Wednesday, September 4th

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- 09:00 - 09:30** **Opening address** (*Auditorium 3.530*)
- 09:30 - 10:15** **Opening plenary: Borderlands and 'community resilience' – A complex match?** (*Auditorium 3.530*)
Keynote speaker: Eeva-Kaisa Prokkola (University of Oulu)
- 10:15 - 10:35** **Coffee break** (*Maison du Savoir, 3rd floor*)

10:35 - 12:15

Session 1A: Borderlands inside out – Trans-disciplinary conceptual and methodological dialogues across the social sciences and humanities		
Chair: <i>Andrea Masala (University of Bergamo)</i>		
Title		Speaker
BorderArt(E)Scapes. contemporary art, anthropology and borderscapes: from the late nineteenth century to the 2000s, reading contemporaneity and experimenting with new research practices		Video by <i>Brambilla Chiara & Giorgio Bacci (University of Bergamo)</i>
The "Border arting" proposition: a new instrument to navigate borderlands?		<i>Anne-Laure Amilhat Szary (Grenoble Alpes University) & Andrea Masala (University of Bergamo)</i>
Disrupting riverine borders in the US-Mexican borderlands		<i>Astrid Fellner (Saarland University)</i>
Bordertexturing as a disruptive research perspective for sensing/making sense of borderlands in times of perplexity		<i>Eva Nossem (Saarland University)</i>
Exploring Mediterranean borderlands in mid-twentieth-century travel writing		<i>Jopi Nyman (University of Eastern Finland)</i>
Session 1B: Cross-border spatial development and planning: local and bottom-up initiatives		
Chair: <i>Juan-M. Trillo-Santamaría (University of Santiago de Compostela)</i>		
Title		Speaker
Unlocking Borderland Prosperity: a focus on European cross-border cooperation (CBC) regions through examination of fourteen vital development factors		<i>Rui Alexandre Castanho (Polytechnic of Portalegre & WSB University)</i>
The communication's role: an applied informal planning method in the cross-border region between Switzerland and Italy		<i>Annalisa Rollandi (University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland)</i>
Riverfront redevelopment in cross-border cities		<i>Antoni Durà Guimerà (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) & Xavier Oliveras-González (El Colegio de la Frontera Norte)</i>
The ecological transition at the local cross-border scale. A Discourse Network Analysis of local actors of border municipalities in Luxembourg		<i>Frédéric Durand & Umberto Sconfienza (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research)</i>
Citizen energy cooperatives in the Upper Rhine Region: cross-border and commoning issues in the energy transition in Europe		<i>Philippe Hamman (University of Strasbourg)</i>

Room 3.220	Session 1C: Transbordering mobility practices	
	Chair: <i>Philippe Gerber (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research)</i>	
	Title	Speaker
	Cross-border commuting and the emergence of a two-tier society. The case of the Lorraine-Luxembourg border region	<i>Grégory Hamez</i> (University of Lorraine) & <i>Lionel Viglino</i> (French National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies, INSEE)
	Re-interpreting sovereignty: cross-border mobilities in an Irish border region in anticipation of Brexit	<i>Milena Komarova</i> & <i>Katy Hayward</i> (Queen's University Belfast)
	What does the history of transborder railway connections tell us about dynamics of borderland? The case of Euroregion Praděd/Pradziad in Czech-Polish Borderland	<i>Emil Drápela</i> (Technical University of Liberec) & <i>Bartosz Czepil</i> (University of Opole)
	Ferries and borders: Nordic transbordering practices in response to rebordering dynamics	<i>Sara Svensson</i> & <i>Tomas Nilson</i> (Halmstad University)
	No borders when driving agricultural economy! An analysis of cross-border grain flows in Lorraine	<i>Louise De la Haye Saint Hilaire</i> (French National Institute for Agriculture, Food, and Environment, INRAE)

12:20 - 12:50 **Presentation of border studies initiatives** (*Auditorium 3.530*)
 Keynote speakers: *Anna Casaglia (University of Trento)*, *Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly (University of Victoria)*, *Christian Wille (University of Luxembourg)*

12:50 - 14:00 **Lunch break** (*Skip - see location map*)

14:00 - 15:40	Room 3.190	Session 2A: Coloring Borders Green – Exploring the potential for border studies to contribute to climate mitigation and adaptation research	
		Chair: <i>Dorte Jagetic Andersen (University of Southern Denmark)</i>	
		Title	Speaker
		New Wine on Old bottles: the green transition as a driver of cross-border collaboration?	<i>Dorte Jagetic Andersen</i> (University of Southern Denmark)
		Imagining sustainable borders in a time of climate change	<i>Søren Tinning</i> (University of Southern Denmark), <i>Anne-Laure Amilhat Szary</i> (Grenoble Alpes University), <i>Johan Schimanski</i> (University of Oslo) & <i>Anthony Cooper</i> (Erasmus University Rotterdam)
		The socio-materiality of energy borderlands - Exposure to uncertainty regarding Polish-German energy infrastructure	<i>Kamil Bembrista</i> (Brandenburg University of Technology)
		Liquid borders: environmental dynamics and green transition strategies in the Flensburg Fjord	<i>Annika Pohl Harrison</i> (University of Southern Denmark)
		Bordering after Nature: Like an Animal and beyond	<i>Lola Aubry</i> (University of Luxembourg) & <i>Anne-Laure Amilhat Szary</i> (Grenoble-Alpes University)

Room 3.200	Session 2B: The performative discourse of the radical right on borders and borderlands	
	Chair: <i>Christian Lamour (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research)</i>	
	Title	Speaker
	European geographies of discontent and social borders: their implication in illiberal right wing politics	<i>James W. Scott (University of Eastern Finland)</i>
	The shifting meaning of the Finnish-Russian border in times of climate crisis	<i>Sonja Pietiläinen (University of Oulu)</i>
Room 3.220	Session 2C: Border scholars in the spotlight: the role of researchers in addressing contemporary border crises	
	Chair: <i>Virpi Kaisto (University of Eastern Finland)</i>	
	Panelists: <i>Jussi Laine (University of Eastern Finland), Daniel Meier (Sciences Po Grenoble), Terence Garrett (The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley), Sergio Peña (El Colegio de la Frontera Norte), Iverson Ng (Tallinn University) & Laurie Trautman (Western Washington University)</i>	

15:45 - 17:25

Room 3.190	Session 3A: European borderlands facing the polycrisis – Challenges and future perspectives for cross-border cooperation in the 21st century	
	Chair: <i>Elżbieta Opiłowska (University of Wrocław) & Florian Weber (Saarland University)</i>	
	Title	Speaker
	A sort of 'Closely Watched Trains' – Fluctuating passenger railway offers between Poland and Ukraine as a reflection of re- and debordering processes therein	<i>Marcin Dębicki (University of Wrocław)</i>
	Resilience of cross-border cooperation in tri-border region (CZ-DE-PL) after the pandemic	<i>Hynek Böhm (University of Opole & Technical University of Liberec) & Wojciech Opióła (University of Opole)</i>
Room 3.200	Session 3B: Informal cross-border connections	
	Chair: <i>Ekaterina Mikhailova (The Arctic University of Norway)</i>	
	Title	Speaker
	Ukrainian-Slovak border as a space of improvisation in post-socialism. Informal, cross-border economies in the setting of the border village community	<i>Matej Butko (Comenius University Bratislava)</i>
	Maintaining contacts at the Tajikistan-Afghanistan border under the Taliban	<i>Mélanie Sadozai (University of Regensburg)</i>
Room 3.200	Disrupted connections: cross-border relations among indigenous Sami in the midst of Russia's war in Ukraine	<i>Aileen Aseron Espiritu (The Arctic University of Norway)</i>
	Bottom-up geopolitics: everyday geopolitics during the Anglo-French fishing row	<i>Karst Berkenbosch & Arie Stoffelen (KU Leuven)</i>

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Session 3C: Border struggles in times of rebordering and geopolitical tensions		
Room 3.220	Chair: Sara Svensson (Halmstad University)	
	Title	Speaker
	Border dispute resolution by third parties	Halina Sapeha & Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly (University of Victoria)
	Where geopolitics fears to tread: uchronic constructions of Scottish and Catalan borders in two contemporary narratives	Jorge Sacido-Romero , Valerià Paül & Laura Lojo-Rodríguez (University of Santiago de Compostela)
	The Russian-Chinese border at the present stage: old opportunities or new threats?	Evgenii Gamerman (Russian Academy of Sciences)
	Peripheral territories as a factor of strengthening the barrier function of the Russian-Chinese border	Olga Zalesskaya (Blagoveschensk State Pedagogical University)

18:30 - 20:00

Reception hosted by the Mayor of Esch-sur-Alzette (City Hall, Esch-sur-Alzette)
4-minute train journey from Belval campus to Esch-sur-Alzette

Day 2: Thursday, September 5th

09:00 - 10:40

Session 4A: Italian borderscapes after 2020. Trans/Cross-bordering cooperation, governance, and planning tools		
Room 3.190	Chair: Ingrid Kofler (Free University of Bozen/Bolzano)	
	Title	Speaker
	The border as a 'scene': crisis and controversies at the EU internal borders	Anna Casaglia & Alizée Dauchy (University of Trento)
	Mapping (Italian) borderscapes 'in motion'. Tangible and intangible dimensions of an entangled crisis	Alice Buoli (Politecnico di Milano)
	Changing governance in EU border regions? The case of Italian Alpine territories	Raffaella Coletti (National Research Council of Italy - Institute for the Study of Regionalism, Federalism and Self-Government)
	Territorialising cross-border development policies: challenges and opportunities in ALCOTRA programme	Marco Del Fiore & Loris Servillo (Politecnico di Torino)
	Crises at the French-Italian border: reconfiguration of Ventimiglia's camps and border management since the midst of the COVID pandemic	Silvia Aru & Lorenzo Mauloni (University of Turin)

09:00 - 10:40

Room 3.200	Session 4B: Unpacking border regions through the lens of spatial mobilities and social interactions of people	
	Chair: Olle Järv (University of Helsinki)	
	Title	Speaker
	Cross-border senses of place – understanding differences of cross-border and domestic everyday activities and place meanings	Sarah Gottwald (Leuphana University)
	Cross-border cultural integration and cultural dynamics through the lens of perceptual imaginaries: using the innovative P-ITEMS model in the Basque and Upper Rhine cross-border regions	Ahmed Bakry & Anna Growe (University of Kassel)
	Understanding functional border regions in Europe through the lens of mobility	Olle Järv (University of Helsinki), Ate Poorthuis (KU Leuven), Michaela Söderholm (University of Helsinki) & Håvard Aagesen (Norwegian University of Life Sciences)
	Cross-border and regional activity spaces in the Greater Region of Luxembourg: a comparison	Philippe Gerber , Sylvain Klein , Olivier Klein & Aurélien Castaigne (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research), Guillaume Drevon (Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne), Geoffrey Caruso (University of Luxembourg)
	How local geography and destinations influence individual effects in the decision to commute across the border. Ruptures and continuities along the entire border facade of France	Geoffrey Caruso , Isabelle Pigeron-Piroth & Artemis Tsiopa (University of Luxembourg)
	Session 4C: Identity-building and place-attachment in cross-border areas	
	Chair: Christian Wille (University of Luxembourg)	
Room 3.220	Title	Speaker
	Feeling excluded from where you work and not willing to be where you live: exploring place attachment in the Alzette Belval cross-border area	Estelle Evrard (University of Luxembourg)
	Displacement and gentrification in the France-Luxembourg border region	Madalina Mezaros (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research)
	Debordering versus rebordering through cross-border identity-building initiatives	Niklas Schulz (University of Lorraine)
	Multilingual policies and practices in Andorra and the German-speaking community of Belgium	Gabriel Rivera Cosme (Independent researcher) & Juan Jimenez-Salcedo (University of Mons)

10:40 - 11:00

Coffee break (Maison du Savoir, 3rd floor)

Room 3.190	Session 5A: Italian borderscapes after 2020. Practices, narratives, and imaginations	
	Chair: Alice Buoli (Politecnico di Milano)	
	Title	Speaker
	Exploring transbordering practices in the Alps: a case study of small rural communities	<i>Ingrid Kofler</i> (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano)
	Minority narratives on borders and the European Union in times of crises	<i>Johanna Mitterhofer, Alice Engl & Marcus Nicolson</i> (Eurac Research)
	Impact and responses to the current polycrisis in cross-border mountain regions: the case of the Aosta Valley	<i>Isabella Traeger</i> (Politecnico di Milano)
	Videographic transborder practices: scales of intimate proximity to the Italo/Swiss border landscape	<i>Silvia Cipelletti</i> (Università della Svizzera Italiana)
	Into the woods: imaginaries between freedom and control at the Italian border	<i>Nicoletta Grillo</i> (University of Hasselt)
	Session 5B: Border temporalities	
	Chair: Carolin Leutloff-Grandits (European University Viadrina) & Machteld Venken (University of Luxembourg)	
Room 3.200	Title	Speaker
	Border temporalities and time-space compression	<i>Kira Kosnick</i> (European University Viadrina)
	Chronoreferencing the Italian-Slovenian borderlands. Citizen science, digital hermeneutics and output criticism	<i>Machteld Venken</i> (University of Luxembourg)
	Ideology, non-simultaneity and border violations	<i>Annette Werberger</i> (European University Viadrina)
	Utilising and shifting asymmetric border temporalities: the case of migrant entrepreneurs in Kosovo	<i>Carolin Leutloff-Grandits</i> (European University Viadrina)
	The chronopolitics of bordering: conceptualization and perspectives from grassroots pro-refugee solidarity movements	<i>Lola Aubry</i> (University of Luxembourg) & <i>Joris Schapendonk</i> (Radboud University)
	Imaginations of the borders of tomorrow	<i>Hannes Krämer</i> (University of Duisburg-Essen)
Room 3.220	Session 5C: Border symbolism and multimodal representations: insights from social semiotics	
	Chair: Christophe Sohn (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research)	
	Title	Speaker
	Critical toponymy meets social semiotics: insights from place names and (re) naming in European cross-border urban areas	<i>Ekaterina Mikhailova</i> (The Arctic University of Norway) & <i>Frédéric Giraut</i> (University of Geneva)
	Exploring borders through news images: changing visual media representations of the Finnish-Russian border	<i>Virpi Kaisto</i> (University of Eastern Finland)
	Everyday border symbolism post-2020 and post-2022: new challenges and new meanings in Frankfurt (Oder)–Ślubiце	<i>Ekaterina Mikhailova</i> (The Arctic University of Norway)
	Cross-border imaginaries: the semiotic borderlands of Frankfurt (Oder)–Ślubiце	<i>Jerome Jakob</i> (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research)
	Border semiotics and cross-border regionalization: a visual analysis of cross-border cooperation in the Greater Region since the 1970s	<i>Loris Pagnani</i> (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research)

- 12:40 - 13:50** **Lunch break** *(Skip, see location map)*
- 14:00 - 18:00** **Excursion to Schengen**
Visit of the “European Museum” surroundings and wine tasting at Ruppert's vineyard
- 18:30 - 22:30** **Conference dinner** *(supplementary option)*
Restaurant Bistrot Gourmand, Remerschen

Day 3: Friday, September 6th

09:00 - 10:30

Room 3.190	Session 6A: Innovation in borderlands 1	
	Chair: Machteld Venken (University of Luxembourg)	
	Title	Speaker
	The innovative potential of borderland judicial and police cooperation	Dominik Brodowski (Saarland University)
	Cross-border experiences of Members of the European Parliament and the European Parliament as imaginative laboratory for cross-border policies in the 1970s	Christoph Brüll & Machteld Venken (University of Luxembourg)
Room 3.200	Genealogy of a major border innovation. The installation of border fences at the French-German Border (1910s)	Benoit Vaillot (University of Strasbourg, Center Marc Bloch, University of Luxembourg)
	Women “playing tea”: institutional innovation on the Sino-Kazakh border	Verena La Mela (University of Heidelberg)
	Session 6B: Perspectives from the borderlands on migration and violence	
	Chair: Elżbieta Opiłowska (University of Wrocław)	
	Title	Speaker
Room 3.200	Natural defenses: non-human agency in border politics.	Olga Cielemecka (University of Eastern Finland)
	The social construction of forgetting: the case of borders	Corina Tulbure (University of Warsaw, West University of Timisoara)
	Borderland as a transit space. The case of Polish- Ukrainian border	Agnieszka Bielewska (University of Wrocław) & Ewa Ślęzak-Belowska (Krakow University of Economics)
	The U.S.-Mexico Borderlands: photography as a transnational medium of migration	Hanna Büdenbender (Saarland University)

Room 3.220	Session 6C: Drivers and challenges of cross-border cooperation	
	Chair: <i>Hanna Böhm (University of Opole & Technical University of Liberec)</i>	
	Title	Speaker
	Cross Border Coordination in Africa	<i>Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly (University of Victoria)</i>
	Mapping cross-border cooperation structures and initiatives in Latin America: the AEBR experience	<i>Juan-M. Trillo-Santamaría (University of Santiago de Compostela), Martín Guillermo-Ramírez (Association of European Border Regions) & Roberto Vila-Lage (University of Santiago de Compostela)</i>
	Revitalization from below: disruptive cross-border cooperation in the Russian-Norwegian borderland	<i>Bjarge Schwenke Fors (The Arctic University of Norway)</i>
	Geopolitics behind the scenes? Interviewing stakeholders of the cross-border cultural initiative EGTC Catalan valleys	<i>Valerià Paül, Juan-M. Trillo-Santamaría & Roberto Vila-Lage (University of Santiago de Compostela)</i>
	Food territorialisation by the means of cross-border cooperation: experiences from the Greater Region	<i>Julien Noël (University of Lorraine), Louise De La Haye Saint Hilaire (French National Institute for Agriculture, Food, and Environment, INRAE), Rachel Reckinger (University of Luxembourg), Sabrina Dermine-Brullot (Technological University of Troyes) & Pierre Guillemin (French National Institute for Agriculture, Food, and Environment, INRAE)</i>

10:30 - 10:50 **Coffee break** (*Maison du Savoir, 3rd floor*)

10:50 - 12:20

Room 3.190	Session 7A: Innovation in borderlands 2	
	Chair: <i>Jussi P. Laine (University of Eastern Finland)</i>	
	Title	Speaker
	Organising value creation in border regions: back-to-back or strongly connected?	<i>Hannah Paul, Carola Wilhelm & Tobias Chilla (Friedrich-Alexander-University)</i>
	From the margins of the state: regional innovation in the Canada – US borderlands	<i>Laurie Trautman (Western Washington University)</i>
	Innovative potential overruled by geopolitics? An end to the Finnish-Russian pragmatic frame	<i>Jussi P. Laine (University of Eastern Finland)</i>
	The role of borderlands in the energy transition: toward a theoretical framework	<i>Itay Fischhendler (Hebrew University)</i>
	Securitization of regional change in southeastern Estonia	<i>Antti Roose (University of Tartu)</i>

10:50 - 12:20

Session 7B: Cross-border integration: analytics and perceptions		
Room 3.200	Chair: Olivier Klein (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research)	
	Title	Speaker
	Housing across borders: submarkets and economics of information along the Mexico-United States-Canada boundaries	Atenea De La Cruz Brito (Autonomous University of Baja California)
	Integration of twin cities: an investigation on the case of the urban areas on both sides of the Strait of Messina, in Italy.	Dario Antonino Musolino (Università della Valle d'Aosta, Bocconi University)
	Impact of population transfers on cross-border integration? Example from the Czech-Polish borderland	Hynek Böhlm (University of Opole & Technical University of Liberec) & Wojciech Opiola (University of Opole)
	ACROSS Project: towards a Data Hub for border regions and cross-border interactions	Matteo Berzi & Benedikt Herrmann (European Commission, Joint Research Centre)

12:25 - 13:10

Closing plenary Conceptualising borders in society – Engaging with friction and disruptive times
(Auditorium 3.530)

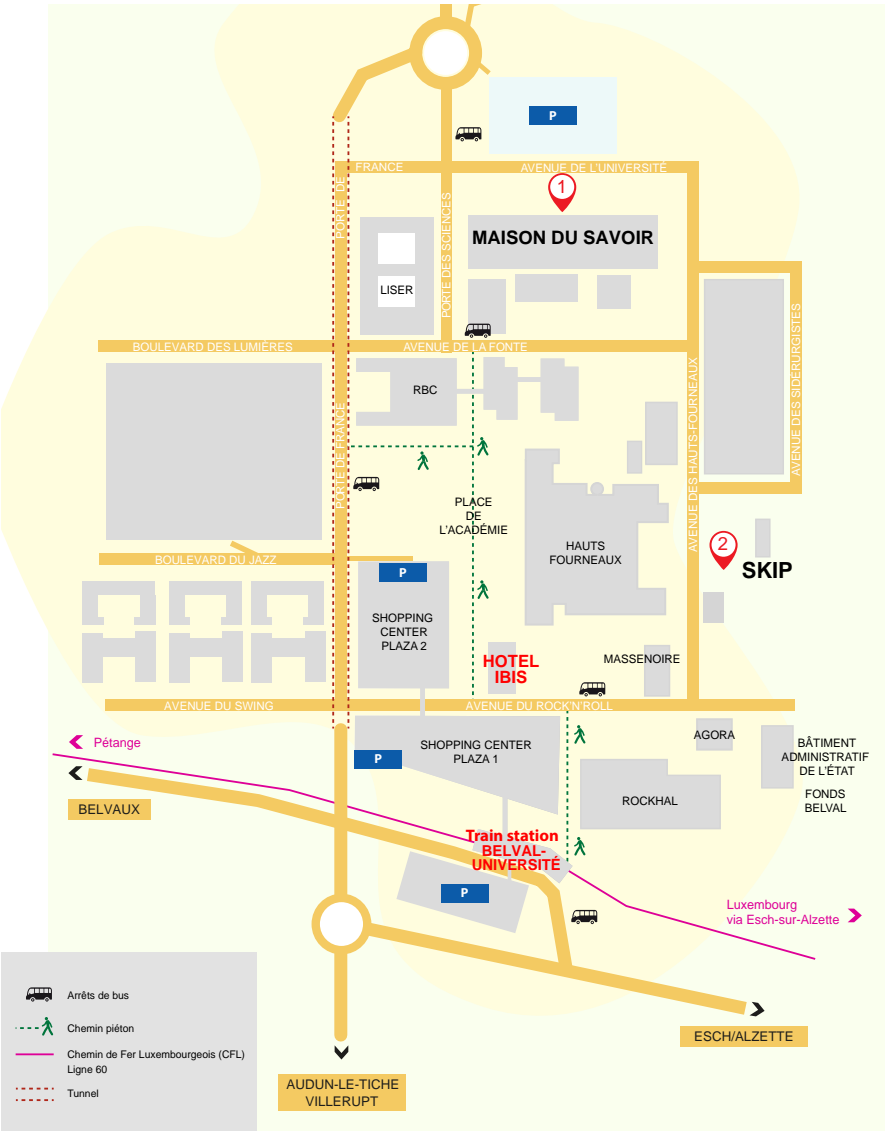
Keynote speaker: James W. Scott (University of Eastern Finland)

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Lunch break (Skip, see location map)

With my best wishes for a wonderful conference
Christophe Sohn (LISER), Conference Chair

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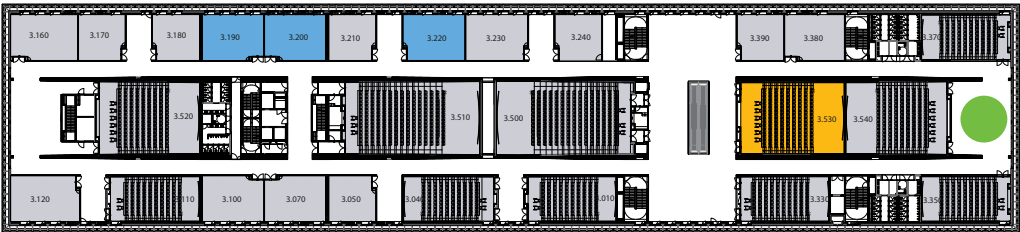
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