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## On Borders and Boundaries: German-Czech Conference for Young Researchers

**Organizing Institutions:** Chair for East and Southeast European History (LMU, Munich), Institute of International Studies (Charles University, Prague), Munich Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies, Junge Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteuropakunde Regionalgruppe München, DGO-Zweigstelle München

Date: April 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Place: Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich

### Outline:

Even though state borders in Europe in times of Schengen, Erasmus and EU roaming seem less and less important to a lot of young people, borders and boundaries nevertheless are key factors of our discourses. Regardless of the external frontiers of the EU, discursive boundaries of what can (or cannot) be said or even limits of CO<sub>2</sub> emission – borders, boundaries, frontiers and limits are relevant in many different contexts and guide our perception of the world. Even the state borders within the EU have attained a new relevance due to the Covid-19 pandemic which no one expected two years ago. The conference is hosted in Munich. We welcome young scholars (students of Master's programs or doctoral students) from the Czech Republic and Germany to engage in interdisciplinary discussion on the issue of borders and boundaries. Individual presentations (15-20 min) will be integrated into panels and are commented upon by advanced researchers. A publication of the conference proceedings is envisioned in the DigiOst book series. The Working language of the conference is English.

University students and the interested public are cordially invited to the talks and ensuing discussions.

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## Conference program:

### April 28th (Thursday)

Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1, 80539 München: DZ 001  
or via zoom: meeting-ID: 991 5947 3361, code: 337027

Arrival and registration (until 4:30 p.m.)

5 p.m.: Opening of the conference and Key note: Open Borders and their Consequences: European Free Movement and its Discontents (Jannis Panagiotidis, Vienna) - hosted by: DGO München

7:30 p.m.: Dinner for all participants of the conference

Restaurant "Atzinger", Schellingstraße 9, 80799 München

### April 29th (Friday)

Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1, 80539 München: C 022  
or via zoom: meeting-ID: 912 3114 1263, code: 668763

9 a.m.: Panel 1 "Persistent borders? Physical and imagined boundaries"

- Jana Lipská (Prague): How Borders are still important in the "Schengenized" EU: the Case of Conditionality for Western Balkans
- Miriam Pfordte (Leipzig): Moving Boundary. The "Iron Curtain" as infrastructure and its impact on spatial imaginations
- Matěj Moravanský, Jan Černín (Prague): The border of the "West"? Czech imaginaries of the "West" thirty years after 1989: border, imitation and the steal.
- Discussant: Václav Šmidrkal (Prague)

10:30 a.m.: Panel 2 "Crossing the Iron Curtain"

- Lena Senoner (Potsdam): Overcoming Borders between the Socialist and Capitalist World Economy – The activities of the Foreign Trade Organization Carl Zeiss Jena on the British Market
- Ladislav Beneš (Prague): A Crack in the Iron Curtain. Friedhelm Borggreffe's Role in the Central European Protestant Churches
- Jakob Marcks (Prague): „The local people do not favour residing in apartments“. East Germany's HABITAT seminars on housing and the Global South
- Discussant: Darina Volf (Munich)



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12 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Lunch break

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1 p.m.: Panel 3 "Physical Border Crossings"

- Shreya Sharma (Prague): Women in Borderlands: Case Study of Machsom Watch in Israel
- Dimitrios Mitsopoulos (Berlin): Contraband trade during the Balkan wars and the transition to nation-state
- Discussant: Adrian Brisku (Prague)

2:30 p.m.: Panel 4 "Social Border Crossings"

- Niklas Platzer (Munich): Crossing borders, breaking boundaries – The case of the Emperor Joseph II.
- Fatma Serra Inan (Munich): Crossings: Border Ceremonies in Ottoman Habsburg Diplomacy 1500-1700
- Discussant: Marion Dotter (Munich)

4 p.m.: Summary and closing of the conference

Additional program (hosted by the Junge DGO Regionalgruppe):

7 p.m.: Lecture and discussion with Olga Stehliková on her book "Portraits" and the borders of poetry

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