

CALL FOR PAPERS

Paper session: “Governance and economic integration in urban border regions”

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Organizers

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Concept and objectives

The last decades have proven to be particularly favorable for a number of urban border regions, which have transformed from disadvantaged spaces due to their peripheral position to potentially prosperous interfaces. Numerous economic interdependencies contribute both to the embeddedness of such urban regions in global networks and to the formation of highly integrated functional areas at the regional scale. Border regimes have also arisen in those urban regions in order to regulate borders and control their effects on social, political and economic actors. This political regulation takes new institutional forms which challenge the classical view of international relations based on hierarchy, asymmetry in power relations, or state institutions and treaties.

The aim of this session is to address the relationship between these functional and governance processes: How does economic interdependency in multi-state urban regions shape governance challenges? Without limiting proposals to those who deal with international borders, we welcome papers dealing with the following topics:

- The relations between economic integration and governance;
- The interplay of global, regional and local scales for the cross-border integration processes;
- New metropolitan governance issues;
- Managing cross-border mobility;
- Urban development across internal (state/provincial borders);
- Cross-border projects at the regional/metropolitan scale.

Joining the session

Interested participants should send an abstract of max 250 words to Jen Nelles (jen.nelles@utoronto.ca <<mailto:jen.nelles@utoronto.ca>>) and Olivier Walther (olivier.walther@ceps.lu <<mailto:olivier.walther@ceps.lu>>) by 15th September 2011.