

International workshop



Places of Cross-Border Interaction in History:

The Alps-Adriatic Region

22-23 May 2025

[Xcenter, Delpinova ulica 20 5000 Nova Gorica](#), Slovenia

Thursday 22 May 2025

9.30 – 9.45

Welcome of participants

09.45 – 10.00

Opening Remarks and Introduction

Keynote Lecture

10.00 – 11.00

Birte Wassenberg (University of Strasbourg): “How to Study Places of Cross-border Interaction: The Example of the Upper Rhine Region (since 1963)”

Chair and discussant: **Martin Klatt** (University of Southern Denmark – European Centre for Minority Issues)

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee Break



Panel 1

11.30 – 13.00

Borut Klabjan (ZRS Koper): "Border Crossing Points as Border Microcosmos"

Marta Verginella (University of Ljubljana): "The Quest for Health Care Across the Border. Women Partisan War Veterans and the Yugoslav Health Care System"

Federico Tenca Montini (ZRS Koper): "Revolution is my Neighbor: Places of Transborder Music Encounters Between Nova Gorica and Brda"

Chair & Discussant: **Pamela Ballinger** (University of Michigan)

13.00 – 14.30

Lunch

Panel 2

14.30 – 16.30

Marco Abram (ZRS Koper): Summits: Mountaineering and Peaks as Places of "Cross-border Friendship"

Jacqueline Nießer (Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies): "The Beach as Place of Cross-border Interaction"

Nina Hofmann (ZRS Koper): "Crossing the River. Dynamics of a Slovenian-Croatian Micro-region"

Urška Strle (ZRS Koper – ZRC SAZU): "The Potential of Wildlife Spaces to Deborder the Cold War Barriers: Some Examples from Hunting and Fishing"

Chair & Discussant: **Pieter Judson** (European University Institute)

17.00 – 19.00

Excursion/ Walk in Nova Gorica or in the outskirts

19.30

Dinner

Friday, 23 May 2025

Panel 3

Sabine Rutar (Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies – ZRS Koper): “The Coalmine in Sečovlje/Sicci-ole, Istria: A Place of Border(s) Crossing”

Tina Filipović (European University Institute – University of Pula): “Softening Borders through Tourist Meeting Places: Cafés, Taverns and Accommodations in Istria (1960s-1980s)”

10.00 – 12.00

Alessandro Ambrosino (Geneva Graduate Institute): “Economic Development and the Branding of “Alpe-Adria” The Ljubljana’s Chamber of Commerce and the Organization of the “Alpe-Adria” Fair (1958-1964)”

Brigitte Le Normand (Maastricht University): “The Ship as a Liminal Space: Encounters and Border Crossing in the Yugoslav Merchant Marine”

Chair & Discussant: **Gruia Badescu** (University of Konstanz)

12.00 – 13.00

Screening of the short movie “GO-VID - Quando riappare il confine - Ko vidiš spet mejo” (2020) and discussion with the directors **Carlo Ghio** and **Sara Terpin**

13.00 – 14.30

Lunch

Panel 4

Benedetto Zaccaria (University of Padua – ZRS Koper): “Universities as Places of Transregional Interaction: The Alps-Adriatic Rectors’ Conference”

14.30 – 16.00

Dunja Jelenković (University Ca' Foscari of Venice – Concordia University): “Film Festivals as Places of Cross-Border Interaction: the case of Yugoslavia and the (post-)Yugoslav States (WWII – today)”

Katia Pizzi (University of London): “Cold War Trieste and Cinema: Encounters in the UK Press”

Chair & Discussant: **Maura Hametz** (James Madison University)

16.00-16.30

Coffee Break

16.30 – 17.30

Roundtable “Does Europe Live on the Borders?” - with Martin Klatt (University of Southern Denmark – European Centre for Minority Issues), **Giustina Selvelli** (University of Ljubljana), **Mateja Sedmak** (ZRS Koper).

Chair: **Luka Lisjak Gabrijelčič** (Razpotja – Eurozine)

19.00

Exhibition opening

20.00

Dinner

Saturday, 24 May 2025

9.30 – 11.30

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