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Borders, boundaries, frontiers, and borderlands of South East Europe: Enacting, engaging and performing.

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This panel takes questions of borders and bordering seriously, to examine how different enactments of border policies are implemented, responded to and challenged as people cross borders, enact solidarity and build new lives in different communities. It draws on a range of examples from communities across South East Europe who come into contact with different levels and enactments of borders, boundaries and frontiers. Rather than only exploring borders and boundaries from above, looking at their significance in maintaining the state system, this panel engages also with a bottom-up perspective that recognises the different ways in which borders and boundaries intersect and influence the lives of people interacting with them.

The panel focuses on the multitude of different experiences and insights within these spaces, ranging from solidarity, exclusion, unity and inequality. We seek to explore those insights and how they link back to the international system, especially in how they challenge the contemporary system of governance. Moreover, we seek to explore how these encounters can inform future perspectives and developments that the international systems urgently requires.

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