

# **BORDER STUDIES DOWN UNDER:**

## **Workshop on Borders and Non-State/Sub-state Actors**



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**BorderlandsStudies**

**March 7-8, 2016, Wellington, New Zealand**

The Victoria University of Wellington and the Association for Borderlands Studies invite proposals for individual papers and complete panels for a workshop on borders and non-state/sub-state actors that will take place on Monday-Tuesday, 7-8 March 2016, at Victoria University of Wellington in Wellington, New Zealand. To date, border studies have tended to focus on state actors and neglect the role and place of non-state and sub-state actors, such as civil society groups, local governments and individuals, in border related issues. This two-day workshop aims to explore the border roles of these varied actors and point to similarities and differences across various regions.

Topics may include (but are not limited to):

- The role of non-state and sub-state actors in territorial disputes
- The effects of territorial disputes on local communities
- Non-state actors and the construction of national identities
- Regionalism and non-state/sub-state actors
- Border control and non-state/sub-state actors
- Borderlands and non-state/sub-state actors

Proposals for panels/papers, as well as further inquiries, should be sent to Dr. Alexander Bukh at [Alexander.Bukh@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:Alexander.Bukh@vuw.ac.nz).

Proposals should include the title of the individual paper or panel, an abstract (max. 200 words) and a short author bio (about 100 words). The deadline for submitting proposals is 20 November 2015. Accepted proposals will be notified by 10 December 2015. The workshop will be open to public.

A participation fee of 100 USD will cover coffee breaks as well as lunch and dinner on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. Unfortunately we are unable to offer any travel grants and all participants will be expected to cover their personal travel expenses and accommodation in Wellington.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of March we will have a half day study tour to Te Papa Museum and on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March there will be an optional ferry trip to the South Island (at additional cost).

This workshop is organized as part of a Royal Society of New Zealand Marsden Fund research project. The workshop is one of a series of initiatives that will serve to mark the planned inauguration of an ABS Japan Chapter at the newly-established Centre for Asia-Pacific Future Studies, Kyushu University.

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