

# Studying Borders in Twenty First Century: (Re)Territorialization, (Re)Bordering, and the (Myth of) Borderless World

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# Introduction

Borders (again) do matter!!!

Need for new approaches in studying borders (including inspiration by classical concepts)

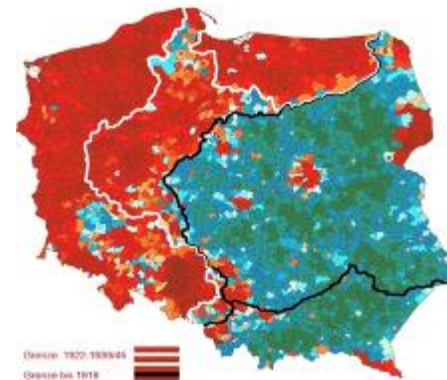
Aim: overviewing the main challenges of academic and political nature when researching state boundaries in current international environment.

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What is the new international environment?

# Border studies

- **Boundaries and frontiers** (Kristof 1959)
- **Academic interest** (Grundy-Warr, Schofield 2005)
  - security considerations
  - ethno-territorial conflicts,
  - maritime issues
  - conflict/collaboration points - debordering
- **Traditional vs. recent approaches** (Paasi 2005)
  - Borderscapes (Scott, 2009)
  - Phantom borders (von Loewis, 2017)



# Challenges

- Academic
- Political

Current processes:

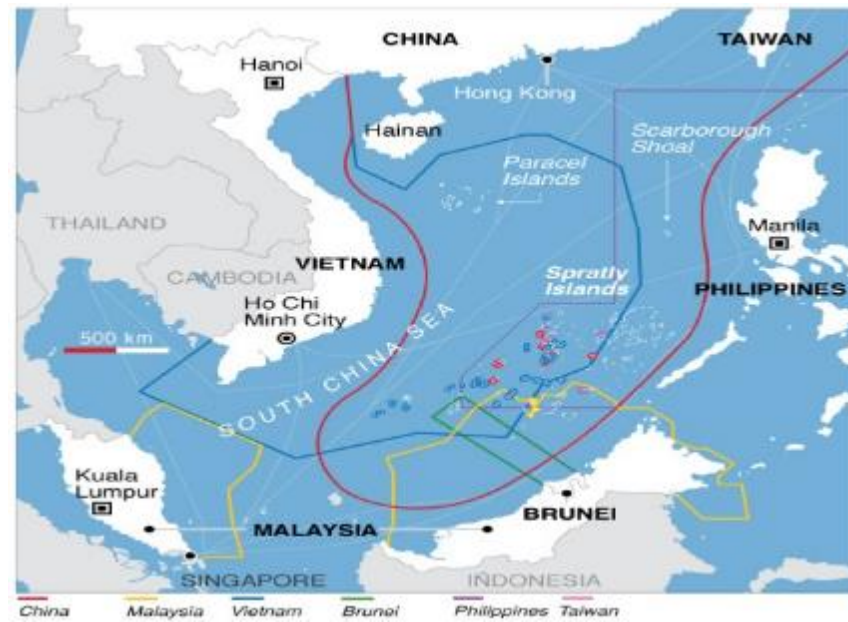
- (Re)Territorialization
- (Re)Bordering
- The (myth of) borderless world

# (Re)Territorialization

- Border as an element of sovereignty
- Sovereignty is always territorial (Kristof 1959)
- Westphalian model based on loyalty
- Borders as product of the past (O'Dowd, Wilson 2002)

but

- Space matters!

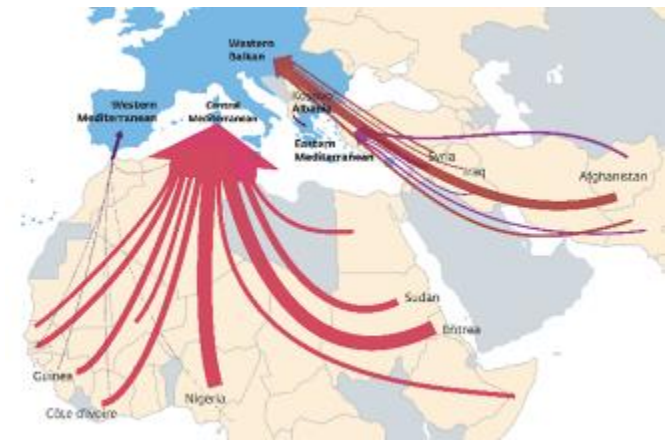


# (Re)Bordering

- National vs. Imperial borders (Jones 1959)
- Borders' delegitimization and devaluation (O'Dowd, Wilson 2002)

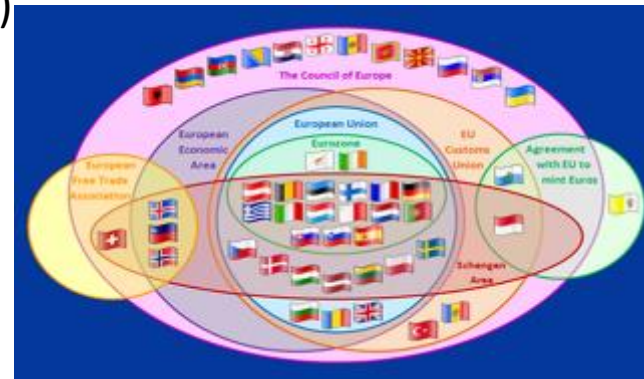
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- Growing social and economic uncertainty
- Immigration flows and (re)fencing (Jones 2018)
- „soft rebordering” (Uceda, Ruffi 2018)



# (Re)Bordering

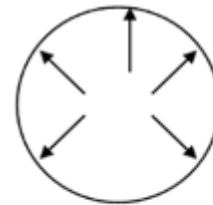
- Border perception
  - negative – after 1945 – separation and division(s)
  - positive – currently? – security, identification and orientation (Alkan 2002)
- Borders – subregions and blocks
  - diminishing within (economic, security, etc.)
  - growing role in-between (Alkan 2002)



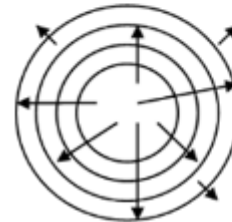
# The (Myth of) Borderless World

- Economic borders liberalization followed by neofunctional spill-over (O'Dowd, Wilson 2002)

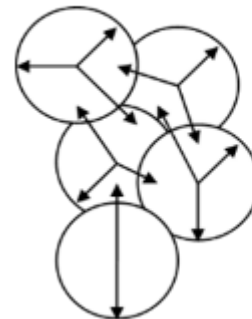
- Geostrategies and geopolitics of the EU (Browning, Joanniemi; Walters)



Westphalian



imperial



neo-medieval



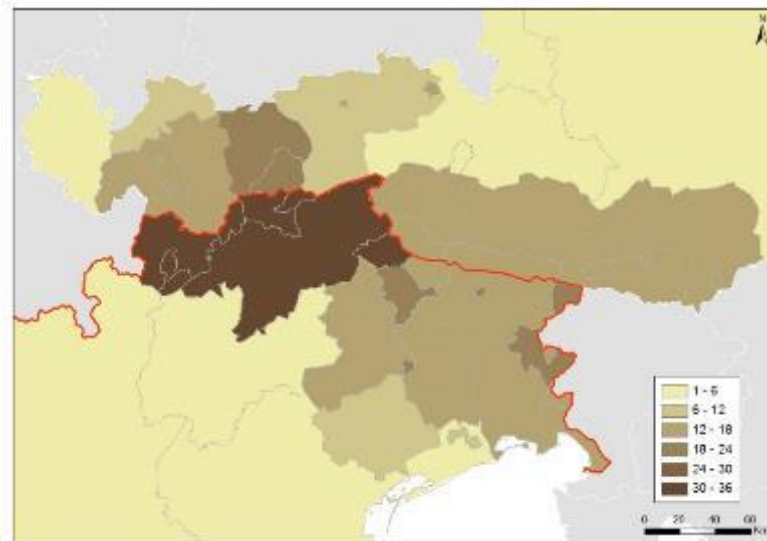
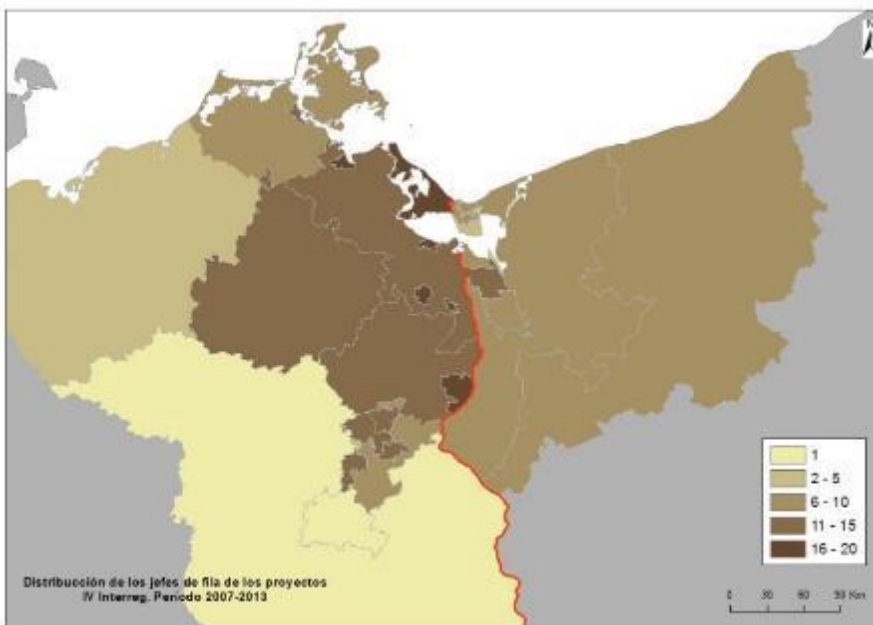
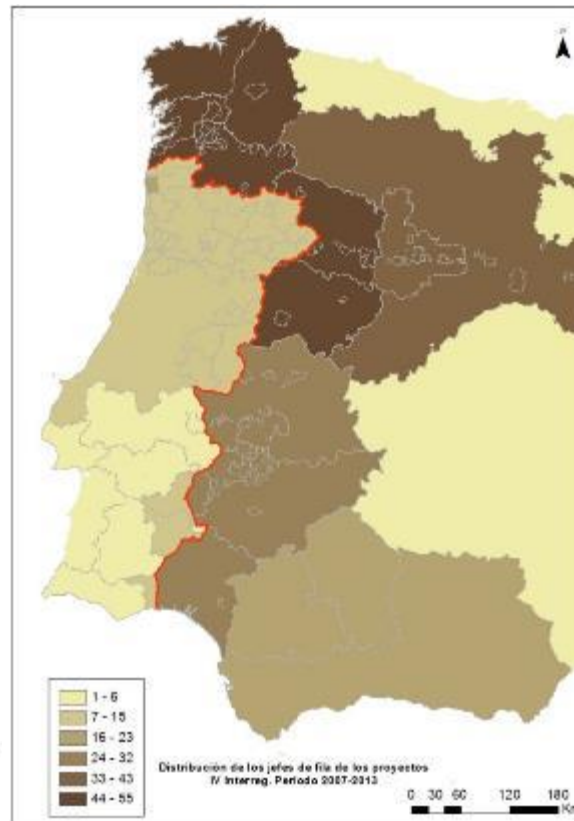
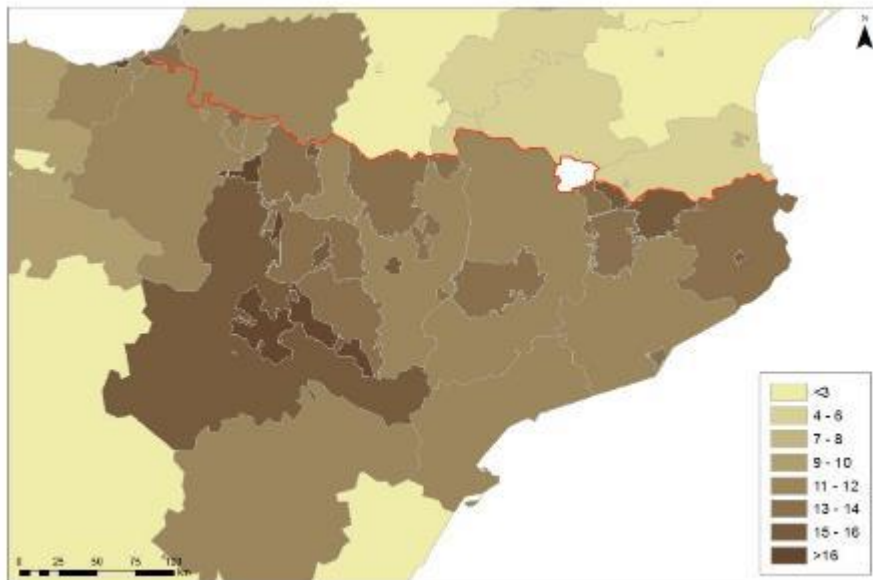
# Borders and the EU

- Changes in borders' roles after 1989:
  - Europe of the Regions
  - borderless Europe
  - fortress Europe
- Borders in Europe in 20th century
  - First and Second WWs – will of the winners
  - 1989 – no imposing power (O'Dowd, Wilson 2002)

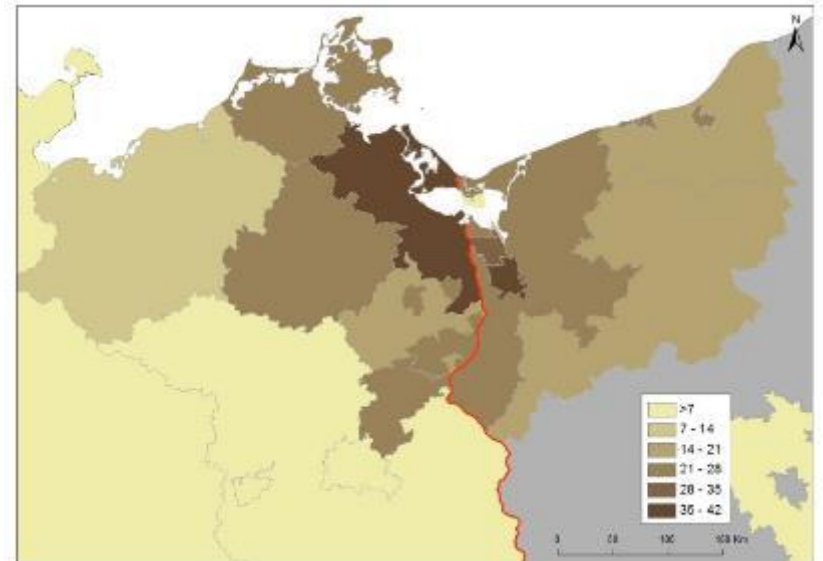
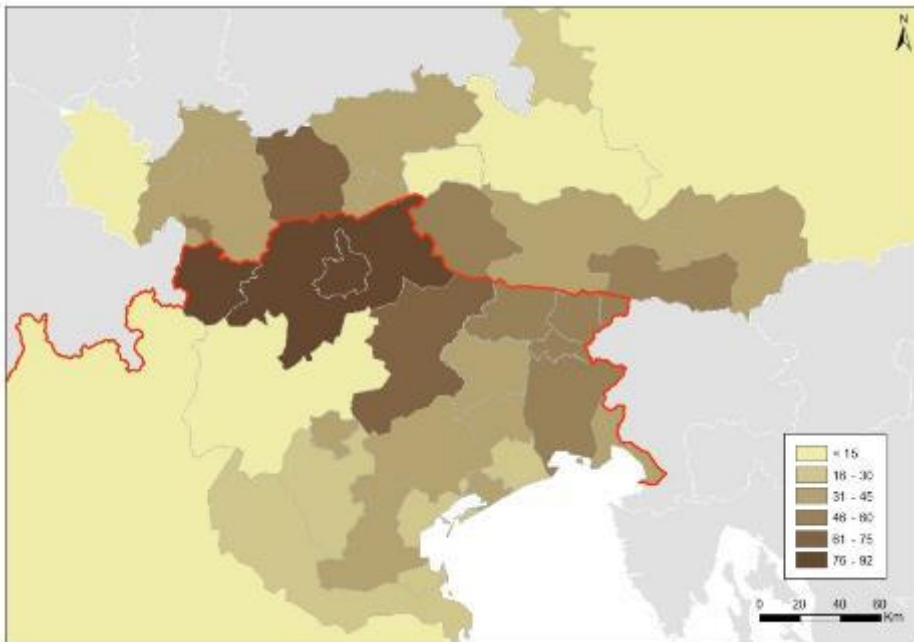
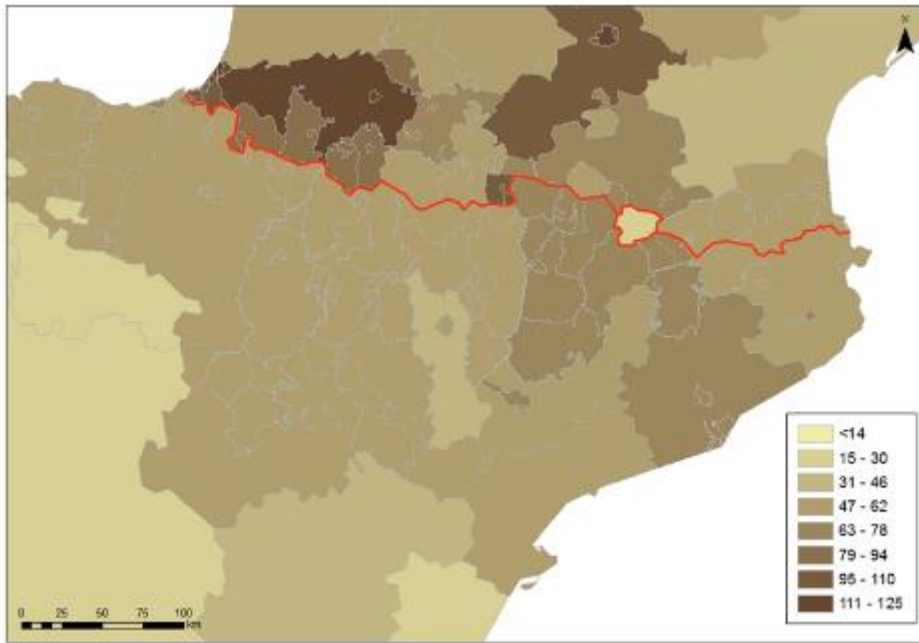
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- **Assymetries** (Janczak, Uceda, Castaner 2018)
  - Structural
  - Difference in potenciales
- Scale component – cross-border spaces as „laboratories of European integration” (Gasparini)

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# Concluding remarks