



Scientific report for the 2013 ABORNE PhD Winter School and linked ABORNE Workshop on Transboundary Governance Systems and Regional Integration in Africa

Held in conjunction with Gaston Berger University in Saint-Louis, Senegal 9-12 and 14 – 15 January 2013

Summary

The two linked events brought an overall number of exactly 50 participants to the former French colonial capital Saint-Louis – a very inspiring but also in practical ways most suitable location for this ABORNE event. The size of the town and the excellent choice of the Hotel de la Poste in the town centre allowed the participants to focus on their work in a very well-functioning setting and feel inspired to explore their surroundings during work breaks, social occasions and free time. The additional cost and effort to bring the participants arriving from overseas from Dakar to Saint-Louis was thus well worth.

Of the selected 31 PhD participants 30 were able to attend – a surprisingly good turnout considering the considerable logistical problems for some of the (esp. African) participants to obtain visas. Exactly half of the participants were Africa-based, thus the organizer's original aim to bring together African and non-African young scholars for this event was a full success.

With 15 attending resource persons the organizers had a densely packed and intellectually high-powered programme for the Winter School to run through and with a mixture of tough time-keeping and good humour this was achieved.

The workshop attracted, despite a few last-minute cancellations, a very good sized group of 18 academic and policy experts/makers from all parts of Africa, Europe and North America. This number allowed for a slightly more relaxed but still full schedule during the two days of this second part of the meeting in Saint-Louis.

Of all the ABORNE science meetings so far, those who had been to several clearly experienced Saint-Louis as one of the all-time highlights. Several (ca. 10) new members joined ABORNE and the new ABORNE Facebook page, which was launched during the Saint-Louis event has already over 60 "likes" after only 3 weeks in existence, as well as numerous postings by members on ongoing activities within the network.

PhD Winter School

The winter school consisted mainly of presentations (15 minutes per speaker) by the participating PhD candidates, and feedback (15 minutes overall per presenter) given by assigned discussants and the rest of the audience. For each student, two senior resource persons and two fellow students were assigned to prepare written feedback as well, thus ensuring that all students' work was thoroughly read and commented on. Following the rather rigorous selection process of participants from the 60 submitted applications by a 7-person committee of senior ABORNE scholars, the student group was consequently highly motivated and all had a very clear focus on the study of African borderlands. The very high scientific quality of the student work was also noticeable and remarked upon by all senior participants. Students were at various stages of their dissertation projects and each presentation was discussed accordingly and on its own merit. It must also be pointed out that all students were required and did indeed deliver written papers of 5 000 – 8000 words length, each including a short abstract. This was made a condition for funding and added further to the highly motivated atmosphere.

A dedicated session for presentations by some of the resource persons on methodological, theoretical and empirical considerations involved in doing field work on African borderlands was also included in the programme, and this was very well received by the students.

It is not possible to replicate here the individual presentations or discussions. The winter school's final program is attached to this report. All abstracts and full papers as well as the program will shortly be made available via the ABORNE website's Science Meeting section – under password protection for ABORNE members only and, after a quarantine period of 2 years openly accessible to all.

The organisers have been in discussion with the director of CODESRIA in Dakar – one of the most prestigious academic research and policy institutions in West Africa – and plans for a publication of selected student papers are under way. This will obviously give some of the young scholars a very welcome platform to publish at an internationally visible and high level of scientific quality.

The very rich and varied social part of the programme gave ample time over the 4 days for all participants to meet each other informally and the senior participants made a conscious effort to mix with the students during coffee breaks, dinners, music concerts and the field trip which took place on the 4th day. The field trip visited several sites in the Senegal-Mauritania borderland including the Senegalese border checkpoint at Rosso. There the head of the local customs station was interviewed by the group in his office.

A feedback session during which all participants had the opportunity to share their overall experience and provide critical feedback to the organisers confirmed the overall impression of a very well-received program with countless new ideas and plans for follow-up activities between individual participants.

Workshop on Transboundary Governance Systems and Regional Integration in Africa

The ambition of this part of the event was to bring together scholars and practitioners working on and with issues concerning African borderlands, in an expressed effort to flag up and further enhance the knowledge transfer between what is at its heart still an academic research network and the field of policy. This has been a great part of the ABORNE agenda from the start. With a well-balanced group of academic and policy participants, this aim was clearly achieved. In all sessions, participants from both camps were mixed and in direct discussion with each other, thus allowing for a real and meaningful dialogue. The sessions were thematically organized around a number of key topics and for each 20 minute presentation ca. 25-30 minutes of discussion were available.

Among the numerous outcomes in terms of discussion and networking the following three should be highlighted:

1. ABORNE will amend its website and introduce a section “ABORNE and policy”, on which individual policy organisations already working with African boundary issues will be introduced and linked.
2. The German government’s development agency GiZ, which has co-funded this and previous ABORNE activities and was represented in Saint-Louis by Dr. Mohamadou Abdoul has approached ABORNE to assist in an effort to establish a network of centres of research excellence on African boundary issues on the African continent. The details of this endeavor are currently under discussion.
3. The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), which has co-funded this ABORNE activity and was represented by its Head of the Division of Cross-Border Cooperation, Mrs. Kinza Jawara-N’Jai is currently in discussion with ABORNE to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding as a basis for a more sustained cooperation on a number of issues between the two organisations.

It would go too far to try and replicate the content of each presentation and discussion held during the workshop in detail here, but the organizers have the following summaries to offer:

The Opening Ceremony on Monday morning was held on the premises of Gaston Berger University and followed by a press conference in which several journalists from local print media, TV and radio were informed about the ABORNE workshop

Prof. Pierre Englebert posed the question if *African Governance Be Reformed?* In his presentation and outlined 3 hypotheses about the lack of improvement in governance and economic growth in Africa on average based on quantitative data collected by the World Bank and other organisations producing data sets for the continent. He then discussed why individual cases do not fit the overall average trend of a flatline (no change) of poor governance on the continent overall: Rwanda, Liberia, Ethiopia and Sierra Leone, Burundi, Niger. He observed a positive effect of conflict on governance: “You come out of war you can only get better”. But crucially, he observed that when African governments are insecure/under duress with a real threat to their survival, they tend to deliver “the goods”. Very few African governments are under such duress, however, and this highlights the importance of bringing back politics.

Following the presentation by **Prof. William Miles** on *African Borderland Development Projects as Policy Instruments*, which took a similar but perhaps inverted view from Englebert of the problem of underdevelopment, in this case from the spatial periphery of borderlands, **Prof. Boubacar Barry** spoke about his project of 15 conferences and books on each of the ECOWAS countries convened and scientifically defined by country-based coordinators in each country. One of the outcomes, he explained, was the recognition of the way in which regional history is contained in each of the countries and how each reflects this in its own way also in the scholarship in each country. It was also realised how little interaction had existed before between the scholarly communities of the respective countries. The West African Institute in Cape Verde was founded as a result of this project with and through ECOWAS. In terms of scientific results, there appear to be winners and losers in regional integration. National interests can be at stake and tied up with personal interests of elites, which are therefore unlikely to allow for a willing reduction in sovereignty. In Prof. Barry’s, it is necessary to overcome 3 challenges:

1. Put end to political Balkanisation of the region as a result of colonial state- and boundary making.
2. Overcome scholarly Balkanisation: Over-emphasis of last 50 years since independence in academic approach to region as well as the political administration of it.

3. Overcome the Balkanisation of know-how in the region: separate educational systems based on colonial systems and languages as means of education, esp. higher.

Mr. Richard Ots from the International Organization for Migration spoke about *Migration flows between Mauritania and Senegal* and focused on the topic of labour migration as an aspect of the work of IOM.

Prof. David B. Coplan, in his talk titled “*Windows in a Continent of Glass Houses: Rationalising the Lesotho - South Africa Border*” highlighted the fragmented nature of border control regimes with the impetus to uphold /control boundaries being mixed with the employment/economic/ opportunities distributed among both those charged to uphold the law and those intent on breaking it (sometimes, it turns out, the same individuals wearing different hats at different times). He thus emphasized the aspect of borderlands as sites of opportunity.

Dr. Manuela Zips-Mairitsch and Prof. Werner Zips spoke about *the iSimangaliso Wetland Park on South Africa’s East Coast as a New Model for Transboundary Natural Resource Governance*. This vast area with highly unusual biodiversity but also other high-value resources is a case less disappointing in terms of the promise for game/transfrontier parks in southern Africa to be inclusive/useful for local communities living in conservation areas. It seems the approach and institutional setup in place are considerably better in this case, but more in-depth research is necessary to establish how democratic it really is?

Prof. Samba Traoré from the hosting Gaston Berger University Saint-Louis spoke on *Land Issues in the Management of Cross-Border Spaces* with particular focus on the Senegal-Mauritania Border Dispute of 1989-1992. He explored the historical roots of the 1989 conflict between Senegal and Mauritania and argued that land and natural resources, and not so much/only water were key to the motivation for this conflict. Shared land use in the river basin and related practice of permanent contact and negotiation over its use among the inhabitants were disturbed by the arrival of western concepts of territory introduced more forcefully around 1900.

After a long working day the evening programme consisted “poolside sundowner networking” followed by a dinner at a local hotel

On Tuesday morning, **Prof. Gilbert M. Khadiagala** opened the proceedings with his presentation on *Regionalism in Eastern Africa*. He argued that Eastern Africa is the least

integrated in terms of institutions and has a high occurrence of conflict, therefore constituting a “rough neighbourhood”. Borderlands in the region, he said, are double-marginalized. East Africa has not only several state-to-state cross-border conflicts but also very marginal borderlands, related also to the new scramble for mineral resources in some of these areas. He then gave some more details regarding the institutional landscape in the region, in particular the East African Community and InterGovernmental Agency against Drought. He observed that the Horn/Eastern Africa has an extraordinary number of external actors taking influence in the region and constantly suggesting new institutions to be established within the already fragmented and fledgling regional institutional environment. He made suggestions on how this fragmentation could be overcome as a top-down strategy, but he was less convinced he had advice to offer on how to overcome the marginalization of the borderlands.

Dr. Kristof Titeca then argued that the situation in the borderland of Uganda and DRC represents an ‘inconclusive peace’. State militaries are in both war and peace times heavily involved in cross-border personal profit-seeking activities and he posed the question whether the militarisation of the border occurs due to a lack of state reach.

Mrs. Aichatou Tamba from the Institute for Peace and Security Studies in Addis Ababa then gave details of the work of the Africa Peace and Security Programme of her organisation and in particular the annual colloquium organized by IPSS on borders and the involvement in the Delimitation and Demarcation process by the African Union Border Programme. In the discussion it was highlighted that a more critical approach regarding African boundary governance is needed as the status quo and soft approach of “from below” activity does not tackle the existing power structures which fail to address the more pressing issues.

Following a coffee break the following session session 5: was titled “Blockages and Flows in Borderland River Basins” and was opened by **Dr. Moussa Diaw** from the hosting Gaston Berger University. Dr. Diaw spoke in detail about the management and politics surrounding the exodus and repatriation of refugees associated with the 1989 conflict between Senegal and Mauritania. The expropriation of land in the Senegal River Basin which was part of the conflict was also highlighted.

Prof. Cristina Udelsmann Rodrigues then presented on the case of the Okavango Basin (Angola, Namibia and Botswana). She highlighted the human-made inequalities along the Okavango Basin impeding the joint management of this shared ecosystem.

Especially Angola, despite its rapidly-growing economic strength, does not appear to have the capacity, expertise, infrastructure and possibly political will it takes to become involved at a sufficient level equal to that of Botswana and Namibia.

The Practicalities of Cross-Border Cooperation were the topic of Tuesday's after-lunch session and **Dr. Mohamadou Abdoul** from the GIZ - African Union Border Programme informed the audience that his recent institutional migration from ENDA-Diapol to the GiZ had also affected his presentation, but that he would still speak about his area of expertise: the actual local implementation of regional integration in West African border regions and the involvement of local authorities in these processes. He discussed the question of definition of borderland/border zone: Where do borderlands start and end, in terms of the implementation of policies?

Mrs. Kinza Jawara-N'Jai from the ECOWAS Commission then presented on *Regional Integration From Below the Efforts of ECOWAS in Promoting Cross-Border Cooperation in West Africa*. In impressive detail, she outlined the progress and ongoing efforts of ECOWAS in cross-border cooperation and regional integration but in the following critical discussion some audience members also questioned the grassroots relevance and realities of what was presented as a largely government-driven set of initiatives and achievements.

In the concluding discussion which ended the workshop, the chair **Prof. Paul Nugent** asked what lessons we had learned over the past two days. He pointed out, and asked the audience to reflect on his observations, that lots of knowledge on African borderlands exists and is generated all the time, but the problem is what kind of knowledge and how relevant it is is not immediately clear. He reminded us that in 1963 there was a choice made by the OAU between one option: "Let's accept the colonial boundaries, demarcate them properly and then get over them." and another option: "These boundaries are dysfunctional, so let's change them". His resumé was that clearly, while the first option prevailed as a decision, it was never properly implemented, leaving much of this work still to be done 50 years later. The plenary then also discussed the issue of "scale articulation": how do we as scholars "scale up" our analysis and how do policy-makers "scale down" to the necessary level of detailed and case-specific understanding? While this was obviously not answered conclusively, it represented a suitable end point for 2 days of intense and - as all participants agreed in a final round for collective appraisal - highly fruitful discussions which heralded the end of an intense week of ABORNE activities in Saint-Louis, Senegal.

ESF visibility and co-funding

The ESF logo was consistently displayed on all official documents, alongside those of the co-funding organisations: the GIZ, ECOWAS (which funded very useful simultaneous translation throughout the two-day workshop) and IDRC. This funding was also acknowledged on several occasions by the speakers.



Programme for the 2013 ABORNE PhD Winter School

To be held in conjunction with Gaston Berger University in Saint-Louis, Senegal

9 – 12 January 2013

General

The meeting venue on 9-11 January is the Hotel La Poste, the same place where the students are accommodated. Hotel La Residence, where the resource persons stay, is less than 3 minutes walk from there. All coffee breaks and lunches will be taken at La Poste and everyone can use the swimming pool there.

Details regarding the excursion on 12 January will be announced during the previous days.

We are on a tight schedule throughout the event and it is essential that participants:

1. always show up on time at the meeting venue (that means sitting down by the time given in the programme)
2. stick to the strict time limit for student presentations (15 min max.) and resource person presentations (as given in the programme)
3. rehearse their presentations. Boil it down to a limited number of main points!
4. have their Power Point ready to go on a USB stick and upload it to the presentation computer before the session starts. Ask the session chair to assist you if needed.

The programme assigns 30 minutes for each student paper to be presented and discussed. If you go overtime, you lose time to receive feedback.

Both hotels in Saint-Louis provide wifi access everywhere on their premises. Please do not e-mail, facebook, SMS or whatever you may feel tempted to doing online during the sessions. This, as well as allowing your electronic equipment to make any noise during sessions are considered as extremely bad etiquette.

Papers will NOT be distributed as hard copies printed on dead trees. All participants have already been given access to all the papers via this link: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/svddriuc99i4xl/0hkjvzYwKo>. Note that all papers are works in progress and may not be cited or forwarded without explicit permission from the author.

The file names of the papers indicate the author last name and are alphabetically ordered accordingly from A-Z. The file name also indicates the name(s) of the dedicated resource person(s), who have prepared written comments. Each student must also prepare written comments for 2 other papers: his/her “neighbours” in the alphabetic list, unless otherwise agreed (e.g. if language problems arise).

Tuesday 8th

10:00 Departure of both group buses from front entrances of the two Dakar hotels. We suggest you take your seats no later than 9:45. Both groups will meet & mingle during a lunch stop and coffee break along the way.

Arrival time in Saint-Louis: ca. 14:30

Rest of the day: no programme!

Dinner: no arrangement – explore Saint-Louis, read student papers or get that Power Point ready...!

Wednesday 9th

08:45 – 10:45 Opening of the Winter School chaired by **Prof. Paul Nugent**

- **Prof. Paul Nugent:** *Welcome on behalf of ABORNE*
- **Dr. Moussa Diaw:** *Welcome on behalf of Gaston Berger University*
- **All participants:** *Round of introduction*
- **Aboubakr Tandia:** *Winter School Practicalities*
- **Wolfgang Zeller:** *Winter School programme and introduction to ABORNE*

10:45 – 11:15 Tea & coffee / processing of expense claims

11:15 – 12:45 Session 1 chaired by **Prof. Werner Zips**

- **Cris Boonen:** *Drawing Africa's Map: The Decision to Uphold Colonial Boundaries*
- **Lotje De Vries:** *Subject to Investigation - Reflections on Studying the State at South Sudan's Borders with DRC and Uganda*
- **Happy Kayuni:** *Contemporary African State and Trans-border Ethnic Identity: The Case of Chewa Kingdom of Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia*

12:45 – 14:15 Lunch break

14:15 – 15:45 Session 2 chaired by **Prof. Cristina Udelsmann Rodrigues**

- **Marta Patricio:** *Local State and Traditional Authorities: Governance Interactions in a Borderland Area*
- **Hugh Lamarque:** *Insulating the Borderland: Security and Securitisation along Rwanda's Western Frontier*
- **Fred Ikanda:** *Exploring the shifting identities between refugees and locals at the Dagahaley refugee camp, Kenya*

15:45 – 16:15 Tea & coffee

16:15 – 17:45 Session 3 chaired by **Prof. David B. Coplan**

- **Abubakar Samaila:** *Tokunbo Vehicles Trade Across Nigeria's North-West International Border*
- **Adam Sandor:** *Global/Local; Security/Border: Drug Trafficking, Security and the (re)Constitution of Borders in West Africa*
- **Fayomi Oluyemi:** *Is West Africa Borderless? Non-State Actors in Intra-Regional Migration in West Africa*

17:45 – 19:30 Free time & poolside sundowner networking

19:30 Dinner at Hotel La Poste

Thursday 10th

08:45 – 10:45 Session 4 chaired by **Prof. Boubacar Barry**

- **Caroline Roussy:** *The making of the Senegalo-Gambian boundary from mid nineteenth century to 1989: territories, territorialities, identities*
- **Mariama Khan:** *“They’ll Burn in Hell.” Cross-Border Trade, Transportation and Social Justice from the Margins of the State to Urban Spaces in West Africa*
- **Philippe Mamadou Frowd:** *Borderwork assemblages and the security-development nexus in Senegal and Mauritania*
- **Charlotte Ray:** *Mobility and Borders: The Integration of Self-Settled Casamance Refugees in The Gambia*

10:45 – 11:15 Tea & coffee / processing of expense claims

11:15 – 12:45 Session 5 chaired by **Prof. Paul Nugent**

- **Anna Marzagora:** *Ethiopian Ethnography and the Conceptualization of the Country’s internal and External Boundaries*
- **Julian Hollstegge:** *Narrating and Practising the Border between Uganda and South Sudan*
- **Namhla Matshanda:** *A political and social narrative of population movement on the Togo-chale border of Ethiopia*

12:45 – 14:15 Lunch break

14:15 – 15:45 Session 6 chaired by **Dr. Kristof Titeca**

- **Clara Devliger:** *“Assainissement” on the Kinshassa-Brazzaville Border*
- **Wilman Kapenjama:** *The Impact of cross-border food crops’ trade restriction on poverty reduction: a case study of Tanzania*
- **Aidan Russell:** *Vigilant Citizens on the Edge of A Paranoid State: Burundi 1962-1968*

15:45 – 16:15 Tea & coffee

16:15 – 18:00 Resource person presentations chaired by **Dr. Manuela Zips-Mairitsch**

- **Prof. David B. Coplan:** *Africa’s Contribution to Global Cross-Disciplinary Borderlands Theory*
- **Prof. Pierre Englebert:** *A Quick Survey of Quantitative Options in the Study of African Borders and Politics*
- **Prof. Boubacar Barry,** Chiekh Anta Diop University Dakar: *Boundaries and the challenges of regional integration in West Africa*

17:45 – 19:30 Free time & poolside sundowner networking

19:30 Dinner at Hotel Keur Dada

Friday 11th

08:45 – 10:45 Session 7 chaired by **Prof. Gilbert Khadiagala**

- **Victoria Oluyemi:** *Borders in Nigeria relations with Niger Republic*
- **Oluwole Coker:** *Border-Crossing and Dynamics of Representations in Third-Generation Nigerian Fiction*
- **Olukayode Faleye:** *Nigeria's transborders and National Security: Examination of the Emerging Terrorist Networks*
- **Monsuri Muritala:** *Livelihood, Crime and Cross-border Security in Africa: Nigeria/Benin Example*

10:45 – 11:15 Tea & coffee / processing of expense claims

11:15 – 12:45 Session 8 chaired by **Prof. Pierre Englebert**

- **Kenneth Nyangena:** *Spilling Blood over Water: The dynamics of Ethno-Territorial Conflicts of the Kenya-Ethiopia Border*
- **Mwangi J. Macharia:** *Engaging the Right Security Actors in the Horn of Africa: The Case for CEWERU in CEWARN in the IGAD framework*
- **James Zotto:** *Relations Between Tanzania and Malawi : A Study of Border Disputes*

12:45 – 14:15 Lunch break

14:15 – 15:45 Session 9 chaired by **Prof. Samba Traoré**

- **Pape Fara Diallo:** *Approche dialogique de la gouvernance transfrontalière : une contribution à l'étude poste-moderne de la problématique des frontières*
- **Mamadou Kone:** *L'apport de l'approche biographique dans l'étude des commerçants frontaliers ouest-africains*
- **Halima Zaki:** *Citoyenneté et Libre circulation des personnes: De Quelques anachronismes du Protocole de la CEDEAO pour la libre-circulation des personnes et des biens.*

15:45 – 16:15 Tea & coffee

16:15 – 17:15 Session 10 chaired by **Wolfgang Zeller**

- **Lieneke Eloff de Visser:** *Border Crossings in Times of War*
- **Louisa Cantwell:** *On the Frontline of a Frontline State: The Bakgatla-ba-Kgafela and the Liberation Struggle in South Africa 1948-1994*

17:15 – 18:00 Pooling Resources - Feedback & evaluation in and near the swimming pool

19:30 – 21:30 Dinner at Layalina (Lebanese Restaurant)

21:30 – 23:00 Film screening and presentation on film making as ethnographic method: **Prof. Werner Zips and Dr. Manuela Zips-Mairitsch** at Hotel La Poste

Saturday 12th

Day excursion to the Senegal - Mauritania borderland

9:00 Departure of both buses from hotels La Residence and la Poste respectively

Ca. 12:00 Packed lunch picnic near Rosso border checkpoint

16:00 Return to Saint-Louis and free time!

19:30 Dinner & disco at Le Papayer

Sunday 13th

9:00 Departure of 1st group bus to Dakar airport.

Departure of 2nd group bus to Dakar airport and hotels: time tbc

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Sunday 13th

For participants already in Saint-Louis:

no programme

For participants traveling from Dakar in group bus:

17:00 Departure from front entrance of Hotel Sargal

Coffee break along the way

Arrival time in Saint-Louis: ca. 20:00

Dinner & evening: No programme. Participants are asked to make their own arrangements (hotel and organizers can assist)

Monday 14th

08:00 Departure buses from Hotel La Residence to Gaston Berger University (20 min journey)

08:30 – 09:45 **Opening Ceremony**

chaired by **Dr. Moussa Diaw**, Political Science Department Gaston Berger University

- **Prof. Paul Nugent**, ABORNE Chairman
- **Prof. Amadou Tidiane Ndiaye**, Faculty Dean Law & Political Science Gaston Berger University
- **Prof. Amadou Lamine Gueye**, Provost Gaston Berger University

10:00 Departure buses from Gaston Berger University to Hotel La Poste

10:30 – 11:00 Tea & coffee

11:00 – 12:45 **Session 1: Cross-Border Development and Co-operation: What Works?**

chaired by **Prof. Gilbert M. Khadiagala**, Wits University

- **Prof. Pierre Englebert**, Pomona College: *Can African Governance Be Reformed? Potential Lessons from Outliers*
- **Prof. William Miles**, Northeastern University Boston: *African Borderland Development Projects as Policy Instruments and Instructional Device*

12:45 – 14:15 Lunch break

14:15 – 16:00 **Session 2: Cross-Border Co-operation and Regional Integration:
The Division of Labour**

chaired by **Prof. Werner Zips**

- **Prof. Boubacar Barry**, Cheikh Anta Diop University Dakar: *Nation-States and Regional Integration in West Africa within the Framework of the UNESCO MOST Program*
- **Mr. Richard Ots**, International Organization for Migration Nouakchott: *Migration flows between Mauritania and Senegal*

16:00 – 16:15 Tea & coffee

16:15 – 18:15 **Session 3: Boundary Issues ‘On the Ground’**

chaired by **Cristina Udelsmann Rodrigues**

- **Prof. David B. Coplan**, University of the Witwatersrand: *Windows in a Continent of Glass Houses: Rationalising the Lesotho - South Africa Border*
- **Dr. Manuela Zips-Mairitsch and Prof. Werner Zips**, Vienna University: *Boundless Wonderland? The iSimangaliso Wetland Park on South Africa’s East Coast as a New Model for Transboundary Natural Resource Governance*
- **Prof. Samba Traoré**, Gaston Berger University Saint-Louis: *Land Issues in the Management of Cross-Border Spaces - A Perspective on the Genesis of the Senegal-Mauretania Border Dispute of 1989-1992*

18:15 – 19:30 poolside sundowner networking

19:45 Bus departure from Hotel La Residence and dinner at Restaurant Keur Dada

Tuesday 15th

09:00 – 11:00 **Session 4: The Peace and the Piecemeal: Conflict in Border Regions I**

chaired by **Dr. Mohamadou Abdoul**

- **Prof. Gilbert M. Khadiagala**, University of the Witwatersrand Johannesburg: *Regionalism in Eastern Africa: Managing Conflicts or Muddling Through?*
- **Dr. Kristof Titeca**, Antwerp University: *Deals and Dealings: Inconclusive Peace and Treacherous Trade along the South Sudan - Uganda Border*
- **Mrs. Aichatou Tamba**, Institute for Peace and Security Studies: *Border Governance for African Integration: An Overview of Outcomes from the 1st Annual Colloquium*

11:00 – 11:30 Tea & coffee

11:30 – 13:00 **Session 5: Blockages and Flows in Borderland river Basins**

chaired by **Prof. Bill Miles**

- **Prof. Moussa Diaw**, Gaston Berger University Saint Louis: *La Politique de Rapatriement des Réfugiés Mauritaniens au Sénégal*
- **Prof. Cristina Udelsmann Rodrigues**, Lisbon University: *How to make transboundary projects work with unequal partners? The case of the Okavango Basin (Angola, Namibia and Botswana)*

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 16:30 **Session 6: The Practicalities of Cross-Border Cooperation**

chaired by **Mr. Richard Ots**

- **Dr. Mohamadou Abdoul**, GIZ - African Union Border Programme: *Le caractère stratégique des espaces transfrontaliers pour l'intégration de l'Afrique*
- **Mrs. Kinza Jawara-N'Jai**, Division Cross-Border Cooperation ECOWAS Commission: *Regional Integration From Below - Efforts of ECOWAS in Promoting Cross-Border Cooperation in West Africa*

16:30 – 16:45 Tea & coffee

16:30 – 17:30 **Concluding discussion: lessons learned?**

chaired by **Prof. Paul Nugent**

19:30 Dinner & music at Hotel Mermoz

Wednesday 16th

11: 00 Departure of group bus to Dakar airport and hotels

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