

# **Castle Talks on Cross-Border Cooperation**

***Fear of Integration?  
The Pertinence of the Border***

**9 December 2014  
9.00 – 17.00**

*At the Château Pourtalès  
161, rue Mélanie  
Strasbourg*



# Program

## Welcome: 9.00-9.15

**Uli & Harald LEIBRECHT** (CEPA Foundation)  
**Sylvain SCHIRMAN** (Institut d'Etudes Politiques Strasbourg)

## Introduction: 9.15-10.00

*Euroscepticism in Cross-Border Regions*  
**Birte WASSENBERG** (Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Strasbourg)

*Key Speaker :*

**Dirk Van EECKHOUT** (Ambassador, permanent representative of Belgium to the Council of Europe.)

## First part: 10.00-12.30

### Against Open Borders - against Integration ?

*Session chair:*

**Joachim BECK** (Fachhochschule Kehl))

*The Obstacles to Integration in Border Regions*

**Jean PEYRONY** (Mission opérationnelle transfrontalière)

*The Pertinence of the Border from a Legal Point of View*

**Frédérique BERROD** (Institut d'Etudes Politiques Strasbourg)

## Coffee break

*Session chair:*

**Benedikt SPEER** (Fachhochschule Kärnten))

*The pertinence of the external EU-Border: A Swiss point of view*

**Manuel FRIESECKE** (Regio Basiliensis)

*Risks and problems of a borderless Internet in the cross-border context*

**Felix BRAUN** (European Consumer protection Center, Kehl)

## Lunch : 12.30-14.00

## **Second part: 14.00-17.00**

### **Conflicts in Border Regions**

*Session chair:*

**Hynek BÖHM** (Euro Schola, Czech Republic /**Marek OLSZEWSKA** (Olza, Poland)

*Boundaries between Ourselves and Others. The Role of Prejudice and Stereotypes in Border Regions*

**Katarzyna STOKKOSA** (University of Southern Denmark)  
**Gerhard BESIER** (University of Dresden)

*The Case of Northern Ireland: More Conflict than Cooperation?*

**Anthony SOARES** (Centre for Cross-Border Studies, Armagh, Northern Ireland)

*Where borders still separate: cross-border cooperation in the Balkan area*

**Alessandro TORELLO** (University Siena)

### **Coffee break**

*Session chair*

**Bernard REITEL** (Université d'Artois)

*The case of Hungary: Cross-Border Cooperation marked by the Scars of History*

**Marianna SAFAR** (University of Strasbourg, Centre Raymond Poidevin)

*Which border is pertinent? The evolution of the perception of the Grande Region in the policies of the universities*

**Emilie DUVOT** (University of Strasbourg, Centre Raymond Poidvein)

*Beyond Europe: Fear of open borders at the US/Mexican Border*

**CEPA Student working group**

*Discussion*

**Conclusion : Birte WASSENBERG**

## **Venue**

### Location

Château de Pourtalès  
161, rue Mélanie  
67000 Strasbourg

### Directions

From Strasbourg Station

Tram line A or D to Place de l'Etoile, cross to the Quai du Général Koenig at Place du Maréchal de Lattre-de-Tassigny take Bus n°15 direction Robertsau, to bus stop Lamproie, from there follow rue Mélanie to the château.

### Enrolment

No registration fees, obligatory enrolment before  
**1 December 2014**

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