Border Regions in Transition (BRIT) Conference

Cities, States & Borders
From the Local to the Global

17-20 May, 2016
Hamburg (Germany) – Sønderborg (Denmark)
The objective of the 15th Border Regions in Transition (BRIT) Conference organized by the University of Southern Denmark, the University of Hamburg and the HafenCity University Hamburg is to rethink the complicated relationships that bind cities and state borders. The conference will offer a unique opportunity to explore the collaborative or competitive strategies of this odd couple under the current circumstances of globalization.

The conference will offer a unique opportunity to explore the collaborative or competitive strategies of cities and states under the current circumstances of globalization. Particular attention will be paid to the conceptual and empirical contributions that explore the globalized cross-border metropolis and its flows, the reunited city and its scars, the divided city and its walls, the securitized city and its border controls, the small city and its relative indifference to borders, or the border markets and their overflowing activity. The conference will make a significant contribution to the academic and policy debates related to the opening and securitization of borders in Denmark, the European Union, and the world.

Welcome to BRIT 2016!

Plenary Speakers

Professor Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, University of Victoria, Canada

Dr Beatrix Haselsberger, University of Cagliari, Italy, TU Wien, Austria

Professor Paul Nugent, University of Edinburgh, UK

Professor Tony Payan, Rice University, USA

Associate Professor Michaela Trippl, Lund University, Sweden
Since 1994, BRIT conferences are organized in two or more cities divided by a national boundary. The 2016 edition will be held in two locations, Hamburg in Germany and Sønderborg in Denmark. The conference will start in Hamburg in the morning of 17th May 2016 and will end in Sønderborg in the evening of 20th May. Transport will be provided from Hamburg to Sønderborg and back to Hamburg Airport in the morning of 21st May. The preliminary program, including the provisional title of the keynote speeches, is given below.

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Tony Payan  
*Institutional Underdevelopement and Cooperation at the U.S.-Mexico border*

Beatrix Haselsberger  
*Spatial Planning in Border Regions*

Paul Nugent  
*Borders, Cities and Trade in Africa*

Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly  
*Local Global Pressures on Urban Border Regions*

Michaela Trippl  
*Innovation-Driven Integration Dynamics in Cross-Border Regions*