



Border Regions in Transition  
(BRIT) Conference

# Cities, States & Borders

From the Local  
to the Global

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**17-20 May, 2016**

Hamburg (Germany) -  
Sønderborg (Denmark)



**HCU** | HafenCity Universität  
Hamburg



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# Welcome to BRIT 2016!

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.

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stances 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.

## 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 Trippel,**  
*Lund University, Sweden*

# 2016 BRIT Conference - Preliminary program

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 provisionary title of the keynote speeches, is given below.

## Tuesday 17 May 2016 - Hamburg

**08:00 - 9:30**

Registration

**9:30 - 10:00**

Formal opening  
Hamburg universities and  
authorities

**10:00 - 12:00**

Keynote lectures

*Tony Payan*

**Institutional Underdevelopment  
and Cooperation at the U.S.-  
Mexico border**

*Beatrix Haselsberger*

**Spatial Planning in Border  
Regions**

**12:00 - 13:30**

Lunch break

**13:30 - 17:00**

Paper sessions

**19:00**

Reception  
Hamburg City Hall

## Wednesday 18 May 2016 - Hamburg

**08:00 - 9:30**

Registration

**9:00 - 10:00**

Keynote lecture

*Paul Nugent*

**Borders, Cities and Trade  
in Africa**

**10:00 - 12:00**

Paper sessions

**12:00 - 13:30**

Lunch break

**13:30 - 17:00**

Paper sessions

**19:00**

Gala Dinner

## Thursday 19 May 2016 - German-Danish border region

**08:00 - 9:30**

Registration

**8:30 - 17:00**

Field trip on the German-  
Danish border by bus

**19:00 - 23:00**

Dinner

## Friday 20 May 2016 - Sønderborg

**08:00 - 9:30**

Registration

**9:00 - 10:00**

Opening speeches  
(University of Southern Denmark,  
City of Sønderborg)

**10:00 - 12:00**

Keynote lectures

*Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly*

**Local Global Pressures on  
Urban Border Regions**

*Michaela Trippel*

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

**12:00 - 13:30**

Lunch break

**13:30 - 16:00**

Paper sessions

**17:00 - 18:00**

Closing ceremony (by the organizers)  
Dinner (on your own)





## Organizing Committee

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