



CONFLICT RESEARCH GROUP



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Bringing the Margins Back In

War Making and State Making in the Borderlands

International workshop chaired by Timothy Raeymaekers
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In collaboration with Jonathan Goodhand
(School of Oriental and African Studies, UK) and
Benedikt Korf & Tobias Hagmann (University of Zürich, Switzerland)

With the participation of ABORNE (African Borderland Research Network)

Ghent, 12-14 February 2010

Workshop programme

FRIDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2010

14.30 **Welcome by organizers**

14.45 **Opening session**

Introductions by Paul Nugent (University of Edinburgh) and Finn Stepputat (Danish Institute for International Studies)

16.00 **Break**

16.15 **Session 1**

'Regional conflict complexes and the war-to-peace continuum'
(chair *Jonathan Goodhand*)

Markus Hoehne & Dereje Feyissa (Max Planck Institute)
Borders as Centres: the evidence from Africa

Wolfgang Zeller & Cecilie Lancken-Verma (Universities of Edinburgh & Copenhagen)
Get it while you can: building business and bureaucracy between wars in the Uganda-Sudan borderland

Sylvia Brown (School of Oriental and African Studies)
Treading a fine line: the politics and practices of the Karen rebels in the Burmese-Thai borderlands

19.00 **Conference dinner sponsored by the Conflict Research Group**

SATURDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2010

9.00 **Session 2**

'Borders as economic centres'
(chair *Timothy Raeymaekers*)

Salvatore Di Rosa (University of Ghent)
Living the border: challenging boundary control in Abkhazia's Gali district

Jonathan Goodhand & Timothy Raeymaekers (School of Oriental and African Studies & University of Ghent)
State making from the margins? Comparative evidence from Congo and Afghanistan

Kristof Titeca (University of Antwerp):
The continuity of war and peace in the Ugandan-Congolese borderlands: the FAPC and cross-border contraband trade.

10.30 **Break**



11.00 **Session 3**
'Sovereignty at the border'
(chair Benedikt Korf)

Thomas Huesken (University of Bayreuth)
Political leaders and conflict resolution in the borderland of Egypt and Libya

Bert Suykens & Nel Vandekerckhove (Universities of Ghent & Amsterdam)
The Borders of India's Nation: irredentism and the affirmation of a resurgent Naga nation

Tobias Hagmann & Benedikt Korf (University of Zürich)
Agamben in the Ogaden: violence and sovereignty in the Ethio-Somali borderlands

Das Debojyoti (School of Oriental and African Studies)
Re-imagining margins, state power, space and territoriality in the Naga Hills

12.45 **Lunch**

14.30 **Session 4**
'Borders and state building'
(chair Tobias Hagmann)

Karen Buscher & Gillian Mathys (University of Ghent)
No condition is permanent: changing state/border relationships along the Goma/Gisenyi border

Christine Bichsel (University of Zürich)
Trouble on the margins: peace-building in the borderlands of post-Soviet Central Asia

Christopher Parker (University of Ghent)
Effecting the State through its others

Sandrine Perrot & Koen Vlassenroot (Centre d'Etudes et Recherches Internationales & University of Ghent)
Military entrepreneurialism in the Ugandan-Congolese borderland

16.00 **Break**

16.30 **Closing session**

SUNDAY, 14 FEBRUARY

10.00 **Optional sightseeing Ghent**

Departure participants

