

# Volition of boundary: identity considerations and expressions of otherness

Thursday and Friday, 20-21 September 2007

*With the aim of situating intercultural dynamics within a framework of reference capable of introducing new concepts for reflection, we propose the topic of borders. The border, as a metaphor, is that space of identification in which what is similar and what is different is decided. Something that we have in common is our difference with others, and through a shared "border" we discover what we are and what we are not, and where "our" similarity is "their" difference.*

*We will situate our reflection in a current context that is cosmopolitan and that needs a cosmopolitan view in order to observe the increase in interdependence and to understand the new spaces of identity.*

*We propose dealing with these "borders" as transient intercultural dynamics in the sense of space-time constructions, articulating strategies and motivating sentiments of belonging or rejection between and within societies.*

## Programme

### Thursday 20 September

#### Afternoon

#### 15.30 h Inaugural session

Joan Manuel Tresserras, Councillor for Culture and Communication Media in the Generalitat of Catalonia (pending confirmation)  
Josep Ribera, Director of the CIDOB Foundation

Presentation of the seminar

Yolanda Onghena, Intercultural Dynamics Programme, CIDOB Foundation

#### 16.15 h Geographic, sociological and metaphysical borders

Jacinto Choza, Philosophical Anthropology, University of Seville

#### 17.00 h Coffee break

#### 17.15 h Convenor:

Rosa Massague, Head of Foreign Relations El Periódico de Catalunya

**The experience of the out-of-bounds: situations of passage**

Nouredine Affaya, Philosophy, Mohamed V University, Rabat

**Cosmopolitanism as a transcendence of borders of identity and of otherness**

Burthan Ghalioun, Socio-Politics, Sorbonne University, Paris

#### 18.30 h From research

Yago Mellado, Doctoral student in Political Science

Enrique Díaz Álvarez, Doctoral student in Philosophy

#### 19.00 h Debate

Friday, 21 September

Morning

9.30 h **Konvener**  
Julià Castelló, President of the Commission for Solidarity in Journalism, Journalists' Association of Catalonia

**Borders and legal criteria on the acquisition of citizenship**  
Maria Elósegui, Philosophy of Law, University of Zaragoza

**'Nationalist' reconstructions in the face of the disappearance of borders**  
Ferhat Kentel, Sociology, Bilgi University, Istanbul

10.30 h Coffee break

10.45 h **Interculturality as capacity for living one's identity and borders**  
Rik Pinxten, Moral Studies, Ghent University

11.15 h **From experience**  
Celia Premat, Anthropologist, Research Coordinator in the Raval Children's Centre (Barcelona)  
Silvana Ospina, Communication, Neighbourhoods of the World, Barcelona team

Video screening

12.00 h Final discussion

13.15 h Closing ceremony



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Collaboration:

**Date**  
20-21 September 2007

**Place**  
Maragall Hall, CIDOB Foundation  
C/ Elisabets, 12 Barcelona

**Working languages**  
Spanish / French  
Simultaneous interpretation service available.

**Registration**  
Attendance is free, with limited seating.  
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