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CROSS-BORDER SPACES: CULTURE, IDENTITY AND BORDER

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By examining what it is that border interstices express and contain (and which are articulated in a multiplicity of ways of experiencing and viewing identity and cultural matters from an everyday standpoint) we can find a space for coexisting (or not) in the cross-border space with "others".

Meanwhile, beyond the "imagined border" (where very often the condition of border is exhausted or simply disappears), emerges the raw, dramatised side of border realities, with their main functions: separating-differentiating-segregating-delimiting.

This dual capacity of borders and their spaces, whether they are imagined or real, which gives them their condition of encounter and disagreement, of coexistence and intolerance, of peace or war - in short, shouldn't we ask ourselves, aren't there other ways of viewing and interpreting the identity and cultural matters in the cross-border space? This is the subject we will be examining today.

Programme:

Wednesday 16

18.00 **Opening address:** *"The borders of time and the confines of the soul"*
Manuel Cruz, University of Barcelona

Place: Auditorium, building V

Thursday 17

9.00 **Round table debate:** *"Cross-border spaces: Everyday life, identity and border"*
Featuring participation from students and teacher-researchers

Chair: Juan Manuel Fernández Chico, Editor of the magazine *Hecho Social* UACJ

Place: Masters in Social Sciences Building

11.00 **Addresses**

Carlos González Herrera, Chihuahua College-UACJ

Yolanda Onghena, CIDOB Foundation, Barcelona

Eduardo Barrera, University of Texas at El Paso-UACJ

Chair: Arturo Herrera Robles UACJ

Place: B. Chávez Hall

18.00 **Addresses**

Francesc Xavier Rubert de Ventós, Open University of Catalonia

Yago Mellado, CIDOB Foundation, Barcelona

Carlos Marentes, Center for Border Agricultural Workers, El Paso, Texas

Chair: Servando Pineda Jaimes UACJ

Place: Auditorium, building V

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Friday 18

11.00 **Addresses**

Clara Rojas, Autonomous University of Ciudad Juárez
Axel Ramírez, National Autonomous University of Mexico

Chair: Jesús Burciaga, UACJ-NMSU

Closing remarks

Carlos González Herrera, Chihuahua College-UACJ
Yolanda Onghena, CIDOB Foundation, Barcelona

Place: Francisco R. Almada Hall

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