

Hot Spot *Global-Local Divides and Connections* (GLOCAL)



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GLOBAL-LOCAL DIVIDES AND CONNECTIONS

GLOCAL brings together a group of scholars engaged in important topics related to the themes of borders, conflict and development. Our scholars work on diverse areas of research topics from economic migration to state building in post-war contexts to the politics of development and foreign aid. Our expertise positions us to conduct research on some of the most pressing topics of the day, including the local and global dimensions of the current arrival of refugees in Europe. One of the central aims of GLOCAL is to analyse important contemporary phenomena with a critical lens that emphasises global-local interactions. Its focus is on 'local' problems related to socio-economic inequalities, (geo)political conflicts over resources, territories and identities, political violence and war, global migration, spatial separations and divisions, and (lack of) growth and development. These local issues cannot be seen apart from wider transnational dynamics, while global developments always have some form of local manifestation. This raises important cross-disciplinary challenges for studying divides and connections and for developing policies aimed at addressing them.



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WHAT DOES GLOCAL OFFER?

GLOCAL is an international centre of expertise focused on critical and innovative thinking about borders, conflicts, and development-related issues, with an emphasis on local-global interactions.

GLOCAL researchers analyse and map the transnational dimensions of “local” problems related to:

- political or geo-political conflicts over borders, resources, and identities;
- political violence and war;
- global migration;
- global inequalities;
- growth and development or lack thereof.

GLOCAL uses the new perspectives and research outcomes to:

- evaluate current border policies and conflict management mechanisms;
- address inequalities and growth problems;
- inform policymaking.



“How local growth-related inequalities are related to global migration and conflict issues poses important academic and policy challenges.”

Jeroen Smits, coordinator

EXTERNALLY FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Bordering, Political Landscapes and Social Arenas (EUBORDERSCAPES)
European Commission FP7 - Henk van Houtum and Rodrigo Bueno Lacey

State Fragmentation and Sub-State Actors Somalia and Afghanistan in Comparative Perspective (FRAGMENTATION)
European Commission Marie Curie - Romain Malejacq

Land Conflicts, Local Governance and Decentralisation in Post-Conflict Uganda, Burundi and Southern Sudan
NWO - Mathijs van Leeuwen

Unfamiliarity as signs of European times (UNFAMILIARITY)
European Science Foundation - Martin van der Velde and Bianca Szytniewski

Looking through the lens of land (Land Governance Reform)
NWO - Mathijs van Leeuwen, Gillian Mathys and Lotje de Vries

Fortress Europe as a Mobile Space?
Intra-EU Mobility of African Migrants
NWO - Joris Schapendonk

New Indonesian Frontiers: Stuck between the market, state and civil society in the contest over natural resources
KNAW/DIKTI - Lothar Smith, Huib Ernste and Martin van der Velde

Enhancing Local Peace Committees in Burundi and DR Congo
NWO - Mathijs van Leeuwen

Donor-Government Relations in Sub-Saharan Africa
European Commission Marie Curie - Haley Swedlund

INDICOEF: a freely available database on development indicators for developing countries
Gapminder Foundation – Jeroen Smits

PROJECT EUBORDERSCAPES

EUBORDERSCAPES is an international and multidisciplinary research project funded by the European Union. The project emphasises the social significance and subjectivities of state borders while critically interrogating “objective” categories of state territoriality and inter-national relations. The researchers analyse how different perspectives on state borders resonate in concrete situations of everyday life. EUBORDERSCAPES investigates the changing meaning of internal and external borders of the EU.

In doing so, it focuses on new developments in cross-border cooperation and free travel in the EU. Moreover, it offers a better understanding of the current refugee crisis in relation to the external border policies of the EU.

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It is the mission of the Institute for Management Research (IMR) to carry out state of the art research into complex problems of governance and management, with the aim of explaining the causes of these problems, and using that knowledge to create potential solutions. The complexity of the problems being studied calls for the combination of knowledge and expertise from multiple disciplines, and for collaboration with the societally relevant parties. IMR researchers achieve this mission by combining scientific excellence with societal relevance. This is reflected in the motto of IMR: creating knowledge for society.

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