Border Crossing

The Global History Lab's Annual Conference

Friday 26 June 2026
8am - 6pm UK time (GMT+1)
Online

Topics include:
Family, Migration, Culture, Borders (including war), Health & Environment

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Welcome - Marcia Schenk (marcia.schenck@uni-potsdam.de)

08:00 - 08:05 (UK time)

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Panel 1: Health, Environment, Science, and Economy

08:05 - 09:15

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Name	Title
Fatima Nahle	Mind Over Medicine: How placebos have shaped health practices over the years
Artem Haziiev	Transformation of Tradition: A Field Study of the Green Holidays Cycle in the Village of Svarytsevychi
Elaiym Samatbekova	Stories from the Fields: Farmers' Experiences with Climate Change and Water Availability
Atifullah Oma Khail	How Conflict Spillovers Between Pakistan and Afghanistan Have Raised Cooking Oil Prices in Kabul
Edwin Joseph	Shifting Pathogens, A History of Respiratory Viruses in Nigeria, 2019-2024
Paul Ghodes	Voices of Elektropolis: Industrial Devaluation and Working-Class Memory in Post-Socialist Berlin-Oberschöneweide

Panel 2: Health, Environment, Science, and Economy

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Name	Title
Mohammad Mesbah Hamdard	The 2002 Currency Reform in Afghanistan and Its Impact on People's Lives
Daniel Imole Ikudehinbu	Sea Incursion and the Impacts of Climate Change in Aiyetoro Community, Ilaje Local Government Area, Ondo State, Nigeria, 2010–2025
Pearla Imad	The evolution of surgical practices (19th-21st century)
Tiya Salem	The Evolution of Animal Surgery in Veterinary Medicine
Abdul Belal Wahabzai	The Thirsty Capital: Water Access, Inequality, and Survival in Kabul
Nadin Molochnikov	Colonial Epistemologies and the Transformation of Knowledge Authority: from Enlightenment Encyclopaedias to Digital Knowledge Systems

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Name	Title
Tebi Hope Olorunlogbon	A Historical Study of the Growth and Development of Bodija Market in Ibadan, 1980–2020
Yara Harfouch	The cultural significance of traditional levantine dishes during the Ottoman Empire (1500-1918)
Lydia Bou Fakhreddine	Lebanese food culture (1950-now)
Dionisios Avramopoulos	The Decline of the Greek Textile Industry: The Case of Peiraiki-Patraiki and the Social Effects on the Labor Force and the City of Patras
Ammar Saab	The Impact of Social Media Use on Mental Health Among University Students in Lebanon

Break

09:15 - 09:25

Panel 1: Family and Marriage

09:25 - 10:45

Moderator: Ellie O'Shea (evo22@cam.ac.uk)

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Nigina Zoidboeva	Family and Community Perceptions of Tajiks Who Leave Islam
Nuriya Odinaeva	Memories from Childhood: Oral History of Adults Raised by Single Mother in Post-Soviet Tajikistan
Taiye Ayandokun	Marriage Practices in Pre-colonial Yoruba Land
Katharina Stetskiv	The (re)construction of "family" in migrational perspective

Arwen-Leigh Rector	German Tradwives and the Sale of an Idea
Niveen Malaeb	Lebanese wedding traditions (1950-now)
Rasha Abdelbaki	History of using honour killings

Panel 2: Gendered Histories

09:25 - 10:45

Moderator: Richard Latham Lechowick (rl759@cam.ac.uk)

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Name	**Title**
Anonymous speaker	Women, Religion, and everything it has to do with Web 2.0
Tanisha Islam	Gender, Leadership, and Religious Politics: Can Women Lead in Conversative Political Paradigms in Bangladesh?
Aruuke Ergesheva	Women's Labor and Cotton in Soviet Kyrgyzstan
Salwa Alsiddeg Adam	Women Voices for Peace Through Music in Kiryandongo Refugee Settlement
Jana Kösling	Non-male inside perspectives on Potsdam's squatting-scene in the 90s and 00s
Steven	Understanding and Learning Feminism through Social Media in the Post-Coup Myanmar
Mariliza Tzinaki	Voices of Greek Women in Metapolitefsi Politics

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Canwat Rahuma Abdu	Women and Sports
Lilli Waldmann	Lesbian life in the GDR
Reine Chaaban	The Matilda Effect
Inaya Ishaq	How visible is the queer history of South Asia amongst queer youth, what is their understanding of it and how different factors affect their experiences
Mila Mihajlović	Beyond Borders: Memory, Dreams, and the Women History Forgets
Anna Zhovtis	Learning Exile: Oral Histories of Knowledge and Survival among Queer Russian Refugees after 2022

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Panel 1: War and Borders

10:55 - 12:15

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Melisa Biba	The expulsion of the Cham people from Greece after WW2 and the power of memory
Jacobo Caperos Gutiérrez	Daily Life of a Victim of ETA Terrorism
Ewan Abou Rashid	Lebanese Civil war and Foreign Intervention
Sana Anuar	Experiences of Kazakh prisoners of war after the Second World War through the lens of family history
Bianca Cappi	The close relationship between Academia and the Brazilian military dictatorship
Diana Handrabura	The Sociocultural Phenomenon of Vidbir: Civic Agency, Conflict Resolution, and the European Gaze in Ukraine (2016–2026)

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Dalia Fayad	Hiroshima
Michail Dragopoulos	Remembering the 1999 Bombing of Belgrade
Brennan Hafer	Imperial Wars in the Liberal and Neoliberal Age: The American War in Vietnam and the 'Global War on Terror' (GWOT)
Leanna Petra Molinari Conti	Aprilian territory prior to the foundation: a portion of the Pontine Marshes between the 19th and the 20th century and its relationship with human communities
Zofia Myszkowska	New cultural landscape of Poland's western territories after 1945 – adaptation, continuity and change of pre-war German structures

Nino Sharadze	Georgia and Russia: Stolen Lands and the Abkhazian War as an Open Wound

Panel 3: Youth, Education, and Social Mobility

10:55 - 12:15

Moderator: Jayn Vasylenko (yevhev99@zedat.fu-berlin.de)

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Elena Farre	Voices in the Corridors: Youth Activism, Identity, and the Transforming Face of Student Life at Liceo Mamiani (1968–2026)
Perpetua Abi-Oboh	International Travel and Elite Mobility in Nigeria's Fourth Republic, 1999-2023
Ally D.	Russian graduate students in the US: navigating academic lives under Trump's second presidency term
Elizaveta Vergel	"Tsar's People": Teachers' Role in the Russian School Education After 2022
Kiriaki Siama	Education in Cyprus under British Rule
Ramisa Tasmiah	Bangladesh's July Revolution: The Students Who Fought and the Politicians Who Cashed In
Konyo Simon Kalo Kome	Effects affecting social service delivery today
Sofiia Fulmes	The Student Community of the Ukrainian Catholic University during the Revolution of Dignity

Lunch break

12:15 - 12:45

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Moderator: Riley Linebaugh (riley.linebaugh@uni-potsdam.de)

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Silsila Zafari	How do Afghan girls experience online education under social restrictions in Afghanistan?
Kilian Kleeberg	School Systems in the BRD and GDR, 1960s-1980s
Peghla Shalamkhel	Why Afghan girls grwoing under the educational ban and how the image of that restriction can impact non-Afghan girls?
Myo Myint Maung Maung	Liberal Arts Education and Civic Agency under Authoritarian Rule: Experiences of Parami University Students in Myanmar
Andreas Stratoudakis	Coming of Age in Crete under Nazi Occupation
Lena Szymańska	Voices of Solidarity: Memory and Experience in 1980s Poland
Sofia Smirnova	Two Classrooms, Shared Colonial Past: How Dutch Colonialism in Indonesia Is Taught and Felt - Indonesian and Dutch Student Oral Histories

Panel 2: Migration and Culture across borders

12:45 - 14:15

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Claudia Sotillo	How do colonial sexual myths persist in the policing of Windrush-era masculinity and its modern fetishisation?
Kira Müller	Cologne as an international metropole in the Middle Ages
Shamseldeen Ismail Abdallah	Effect of the integration of refugees into the host community
Jamie Rowland	The History and Complexity of West African Migration to Europe: A Human Experience
Thanos Chatzipantazis	Home is where the Heart is: Internal Migration in 1980s Greece
Paraskevi Pla	An Oral History of the Greek 'Brain Drain'

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Marisol Saez	Ordinary Lives, Global Echoes: The Paradox of the Venezuelan Diaspora in Argentina (2013-2026)
Diana Movchan	Ukrainian religious icons and Ukrainian identity in exile
Kudirat Ayomide Akinyele	A Comparative Study of Immigration into Nigeria after World War II and Contemporary Nigerian Immmigration

Hosam Saud Imam Mhamed	Cultural Uniqueness in the Kiryandongo Refugee Settlement
Tlotlo Golekanye	Reception of Steve Biko and the Black Consciousness Movement in Italy
Adriana Carcelén Pérez	The Rohingya population and the perception of these refugees in the eyes of the Birmanian population

Break
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Panel 1: Memory and Heritage
14:25 - 15:50
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Lidiia Zinkevych	Living Through Transition: Personal Memories of Social and Economic Change in 1990s
Marlene Naumann	Selling History? Tourism, Heritage, and the Transformation of Lost Places
Pascal Alf	Border crossing without leaving: Perception of everyday ife in southwestern Germany after WorldWar II
Anastasiia Levina	Medieval Modernity
Anna Sollazzo	The Legacy of the 1979 Iranian Revolution: Memory, Identity, and Contemporary Geopolitics
Vani Nagar	Human Sacrifice

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Stefaniia Shpirt	Between Memory and Heritage: Jewish Life in Odesa
Karina Alimbaeva	The Decline of the Chagatai Language
Anna Edomskaia	War post-memory as a foundation of individual normative compass: perception of the Siege of Leningrad by young adults from St. Petersburg
Daria Vorobeva	Comparative Attitudes Towards Communism Across Generations in Russia and Italy
Adjeiwaaha Noemi Yeboah	Christianity in Ghana. From colonial instrument to cultural infrastructure of contemporary capitalism
Nia Kapanadze	Psychological and identity transformations under prolonged occupation: implications for hybrid warfare and societal resilience in Georgia

Panel 3: Art, Fashion, and Urban life
14:25 - 15:50
Moderator: Ella Le Peltier-Foschia (ef499@cam.ac.uk)
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Celine Kanso	Fashion through time
Ioanna Mentzou	Tourism and Self-Fashioning on the Greek Islands
Hung Mai	HA NOI ROCK CITY and its closure - a brief history of the Indie Music scene in Ha Noi 2010-2025
Sana Jafari	The 1979 Iranian Revolution and its impacts on art
Mikael Garofolo	Dance Subculture in Rome: Oral History, Memory, and Urban Nightlife Before and After the Pandemic
Giuseppina Lopez	Causality of the Covid-19 pandemic on fashion culture, identity, and consumption amongst Gen Z - With particular interest in the rise of second-hand market engagement
Aayu Tiwary	Sustainable Fashion: Student Wardrobes and Everyday Choices

Break
15:50 - 16:00

Panel 1: Media and Literature
16:00 - 17:30
Moderator: Victor Apryshchenko (vapryshchenko@bard.edu)
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Aswad Khan	From Rumour to Riot: Media Narratives, Political Activists, and Misinformation in Bangladesh
Tawhid Kabiri	The Impact of Social Media on People's Social Relationships in Kabul City
Zahraa Abdulsater	Franz Kafka's relationship to his father and how it influenced Kafka's perception of authority and his sense of self
Salmen Kamol	The Ragnarök
Anel Nabiyeva	The Social Construction of the Ethnonym 'Asian': From Colonial Discourse to Contemporary Representation in Culture and Media (A Case Study of Kazakhstan)
Mudasira Nizamani	Changing News Consumption and Emotional Desensitization in the Digital Age

Panel 2: Politics and Diplomacy

16:00 - 17:30

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Eleftheria Skordili	Remembering the Greek "Bail Out" Referendum of 2015
Carmen Ballesteros Redondo	How shared cultural identity shaped the resilience of Mexico-Spain relations across two episodes of political rupture: the post-Civil War estrangement (1939–1977) and the diplomatic crisis over the Conquest (2019–2026)
Robert Hutt	Revering Colonial Pasts: positive European political narratives of colonial history
Zahin Raisa	Voice of Bangladesh at the Ballot
Rabita Salam	Leaders Come and Go, Parties Change: Does the Fate of the General People Really Change?
Al Sabah Arnish	Uncertainty, Investment, and Survival: Political Instability and Economic Life in Bangladesh
Ahnaf Rahman Brinto	Bangladesh National Party's Landslide Victory: Institutional Reform, Islamist Resurgence, and Voter Behaviour in Bangladesh's 13th Parliamentary Election

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Fotini Panagiotopoulou	Bottom-Up Institutional Cultural Diplomacy in Greece: The Case of ECCD
Spiros Tsaprailis	Contested Memories of the 2016 Prespes Agreement
Lukas Uhde	Black servants at european courts in early modern times. Between serfdom and possibility?
Abdoulhadi Nasser Mohamed	Djibouti comme carrefour géopolitique mondial : bases militaires, stabilité économique et héritage post-colonial
Alireza Panahi	Djibouti comme carrefour géopolitique mondial : bases militaires, stabilité économique et héritage post-colonial
Kira Hastenrath	The NSU Complex in Germany: Right-Wing terrorism, state failure and the underlying story of trying to find a home
Ludwig Putzo	"Eurafrica": Histories of the European Union and Africa
Tala Hatem Yehya	The Past and Present of Government Informers
Nika Barlaam	Were Asylums really abolished in 1978? An historiographical perspective on psychiatric care in Italy