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**Lecture abstracts:**

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***Seeing from the border in times of multiple crises – reflections on the critical potential of “the borderland perspective” in dealing with crisis***

We seem to be faced with a series of critical events shaping the world. Armed conflict, economic crisis, refugee crises, and health and climate crises have, at least discursively, turned into “critical continuities” increasingly presented as the dominant paradigm of government. The term “crisis” is currently used to account for almost any form of socio-historical change, and thereby turned into a political tool, hiding non-innocent matters of concern below so-called “matters of facts” calling for similarly indisputable emergency responses.

It is in this context of inflationary use of the term “crisis” that this keynote intervenes. The aim is to problematize “the worldly condition of crisis” by critically reflecting the notion of crisis from the perspective of the borderlands, thereby countering discourses that simply reify crisis. By zooming in on the borderlands via notions such as “the border multiple”, “borderlands resilience” and “green borders”, the argument is that “seeing from the border” carries great potential to develop constructive ways of dealing with the presupposed worldly condition of crisis. This is foremost because the borderland perspective moves us beyond indisputable claims about urgency and emergency responses by showing that living and being in crisis involves a complex field of ongoing ontological struggles and politics embedded in everyday life practice and calling for much more situated and subtle responses.

James Wesley Scott

***Borderlands Thinking in Geopolitical Times***

In this presentation I will relate the idea of “border thinking” (pensamiento fronterizo) to borderlands and their vital role in negotiating common spaces across difference.  This rather philosophical presentation is inspired by conceptual change in understanding what borderlands are, where they can be and what they in their various iterations signify. I argue that one constant within the evolution of borderlands as an idea is that of a transition space or “in-between” zone that mediates between cultures, states and states of mind. Borderlands can indeed be anywhere, but they are not just anything or randomly organised phenomena. Similarly to the term “border”, “borderland” can be defined in many different ways that are not mutually exclusive – crucial here is the social, political, cultural and/or spatial context that is being referenced. What I will argue here is that “borderland” can be understood in ways in which formal categories of territoriality are highly fluid; instead of fixity, the borderland is a space of constant change that often challenges status quo understandings of belonging and citizenship. Autocrats and neo-nationalists particularly abhor social and political spaces of ambiguity. However, instead of marginalising borderlands situations, the increasing securitisation of state borders has only multiplied them. With each new project of divide and rule, with each attempt to define belonging and citizenship in singular and unambiguous terms, new spaces of non-conformity, resistance and “in-betweenness” emerge.