

Borderlines

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NEWSLETTER AND
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Welcome to the 5th issue of Borderlines; we hope you like our new 'look'. Borderlines is an annual newsletter with a readership of more than 3,000 boundary scholars, practitioners and enthusiasts around the world. In addition to highlighting the activities of the International Boundaries Research Unit, we are keen to include information on boundary-related events, publications and research at other institutions. If you wish to contribute an item to the next issue of Borderlines, please contact Michelle Speak at the address below.

Management Matters

Whether or not international boundaries are still "the razor's edge on which hangs suspended the modern issues of war and peace, of life and death to nations" as Lord Curzon famously claimed back in 1908, there can be little doubt that boundaries are often a significant source of stress between neighbouring states. It is therefore encouraging to see states around the world continuing to devote resources to the peaceful resolution of territorial disputes and the clarification of previously ambiguous boundaries. Recent developments in these areas are highlighted in the map below.

Careful delimitation and demarcation remain central to boundary-making. However, it is vital that they are not considered as the end of the process. In order for a boundary to be effective, it must also be carefully managed on an ongoing basis. In a globalising world, boundary management is becoming an increasingly complex and challenging task, yet it has largely been ignored by researchers and very few useful resources are available to decision-makers and boundary practitioners. In the absence of creative thinking about boundary management, it is perhaps not

surprising that a growing number of states are resorting to the construction of fences, walls and other physical barriers along their boundaries in an attempt to ensure security for their populations. Such measures may be effective in the short term, but their longer term consequences – particularly in terms of borderland development and environmental conservation – may be little short of disastrous.

As a research centre dedicated to enhancing the resources available for the peaceful resolution of problems associated with international boundaries on land and at sea, IBRU is planning a number of projects and events designed to assist governments in developing appropriate boundary management strategies. Central to this initiative will be an international conference in Durham in April 2006 entitled *Border Management in an Insecure World* – see back page for further details. We are keen to involve not just scholars but representatives of governments, international organisations, NGOs and transnational corporations, and we encourage input from anyone with experience – good or bad – of boundary management.



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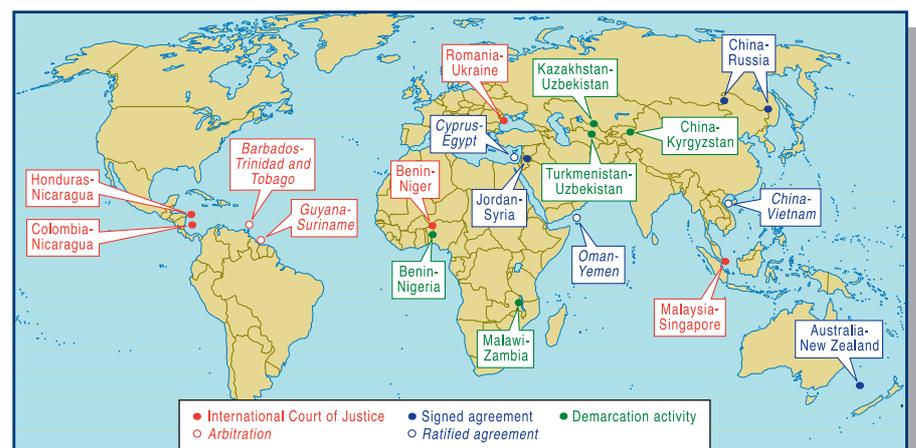
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Boundary-making activity in 2004

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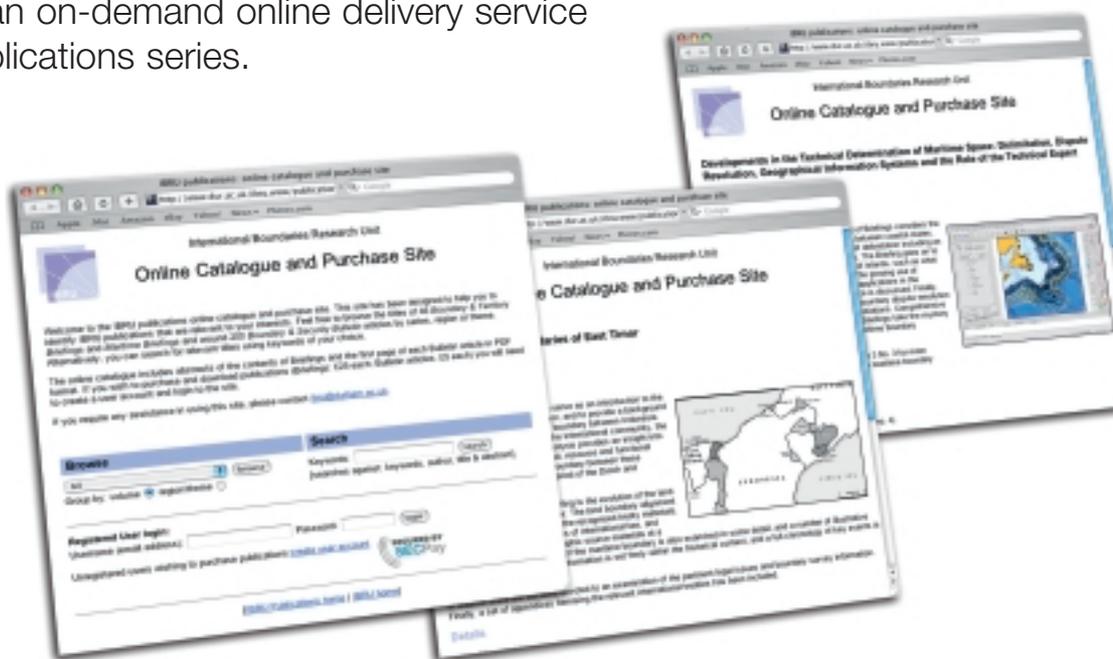
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IBRU and political geography in Durham

The University of Durham has a longstanding reputation as an international centre of excellence in political geography, and exciting new appointments over the last couple of years have ensured that Durham will continue to be at the forefront of research in the field. 2004 saw the establishment of the Politics-State-Space research cluster in the Geography Department, and IBRU will be actively involved in the cluster's work on territory, geopolitics, imperialism and security. Four colleagues in particular are working closely with IBRU and have joined the Unit's management board:

- Dr Luiza Bialasiewicz (whose research interests include nationalisms and regionalisms in the new Europe)
- Professor David Campbell (global geopolitics and security)
- Dr Stuart Elden (the concept of territory from a historical perspective; territory, globalisation and terrorism)
- Professor Steve Graham (the intersections of cities, war and terrorism)

Dr Elden is the Academic Director of IBRU; Dr Bialasiewicz and Professors Campbell and Graham are Associate Directors.

Further details on the activities of the activities of the Politics-State-Space research cluster can be found at <http://www.dur.ac.uk/geography/research/researchclusters>

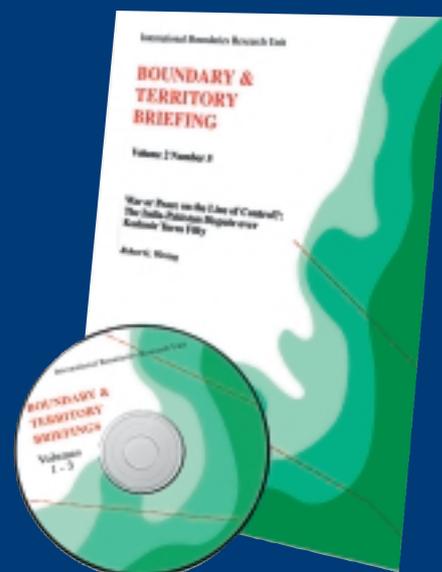


Briefings on CD-ROM

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Both CD-Roms can be purchased together at a discounted rate of £899*.

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Maritime Boundary Delimitation

4-6 April 2005

Venue: Collingwood College,
University of Durham, UK

Fee: £1,250* including
accommodation and all meals

Governments across the world agree that clearly-defined maritime boundaries are essential for good international relations and effective ocean management, yet very few coastal states have agreed all their maritime boundaries with their neighbours. Part of the reason

for this is that boundary delimitation requires a range of specialist legal and technical skills which are not always available to the governments in question. This workshop, led by internationally renowned authorities on maritime boundaries, is designed to help overcome this problem. Combining lectures and practical exercises, the workshop will provide participants with instruction in the principles and practice of maritime boundary delimitation, enabling them to acquire the key skills required to produce an equitable boundary settlement.

Boundary Negotiation and Dispute Resolution

27-30 June 2005

Venue: Collingwood College,
University of Durham, UK

Fee: £1,595* including
accommodation and all meals

Few things – if any – are more important to a state than its territory and sovereign rights. It is therefore vital for anyone involved in establishing the boundaries of the state to be as well prepared as possible. This four-day workshop, led by some of the world's most experienced

boundary negotiators and litigators, is designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills required to achieve a successful outcome for your country. The course will include practical instruction on building and preparing a negotiating team, negotiation strategy and tactics, options for resolving disputes if negotiations break down, and evaluating and presenting evidence to support your case. One full day of the workshop will be devoted to a boundary negotiation exercise, giving participants an opportunity to practise their negotiating techniques under the guidance of expert tutors.



• IBRU training workshop participants, Durham, July 2004

2005 Training Workshop Programme

In the last nine years, almost 700 diplomats, military officers, lawyers and boundary practitioners from more than 100 countries have benefited from participation in IBRU's programme of training workshops. Each workshop aims to provide a relevant combination of theoretical and practical instruction. Numbers are limited to create an informal teaching environment and maximize interaction between tutors and participants. Courses are regularly oversubscribed, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

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* Workshop fees for EU-based participants are normally subject to VAT at 17.5%

NEW TOPIC

River Boundaries: Practicalities and Solutions

19-21 September 2005

Venue: Collingwood College,
University of Durham, UK

Fee: £1,250* including
accommodation and all meals

Many of the world's international boundaries follow rivers for at least part of their course. While the reasons for

choosing rivers as boundaries are easily understood, river boundaries almost invariably generate a multitude of legal, technical and managerial challenges – for which no instruction book has yet been written. This unique course is designed to help boundary-makers and managers develop effective strategies for turning river boundaries into assets rather than a source of friction between the riparian states. Led by expert tutors with practical

experience of resolving problems associated with river boundaries, the workshop will cover issues such as: defining and demarcating river boundaries; identifying key river features such as the thalweg, the 'main channel' and the 'banks'; islands in boundary rivers; monitoring and accommodating physical changes in river boundaries; managing access and resource use in shared rivers; and resolving disputes over river boundaries.

Conference Announcement

Border Management in an Insecure World 5-7 April 2006

IBRU's seventh international conference will address a topic of growing concern to governments, scholars and boundary practitioners.

Much has been written in recent years about the value of 'soft' borders in maintaining good relations between neighbouring states and creating borderland prosperity. However, the reality in many parts of the world is that borders are hardening rather than softening as states seek to protect their populations from perceived external threats. The aim of this conference will be to examine the implications of the re-emergence of security as a key dimension of boundary management. Can borders actually be made secure in the 21st century? If so, what are the political, economic and social consequences, especially for border regions? What border management strategies are available and how are they working in practice? And how can scholars assist practitioners in finding solutions to complex border management challenges?

A formal call for papers will be issued in the summer of 2005. However, we welcome proposals for panels/papers on the following themes at any time:

- **Boundary security, surveillance and control**
- **Managing disputed territory**
- **Post-conflict border management**
- **The role and function of boundary commissions**
- **The cartopolitics of territorial control**
- **Fortress Europe - lessons from Schengenland**
- **Managing maritime boundaries**
- **Transboundary environmental management**
- **Evaluating the purpose and impact of fences, walls and barriers**
- **From alienation to integration: theorising borderland development**
- **The boundaries of failing and fragmenting states**
- **Technologies for effective border management**
- **Contentious sub-state and inter-entity boundaries**
- **Emerging challenges to the territorial integrity of the state**
- **Economic, cultural and social impacts of hardening borders**

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• Indian Border Security Force constables patrol the border with Pakistan in Rajasthan

keep in touch with other boundary enthusiasts...

Join the int-boundaries email list

Int-boundaries is an email forum established by IBRU for the exchange of information, ideas and opinions between people who are interested in the delimitation, demarcation and management of international boundaries. Subscription is free and there are no restrictions on who may join. The list's archives and details of how to sign up are available at the following address:

<http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/lists/int-boundaries.html>

