

## Borders and Fields

Traditionally, borders are representations geopolitical processes, diplomatic international relations and historic power arrangements - they are discursive, abstract, and therefore negotiable. Conversely, fields are continuous territories that have common ecologies, topography, resources, weather, culture and infrastructure, disregarding any political divisions of space. The course seeks to examine these conditions under the lens of globalization.

Both natural and manmade, fields function as complex networks that operate at different scales but that connect the territory as a whole and consequently influence each other. Borders are representations of the official limits of a Nation-State's direct power. They are containers for social and economic policies that define a country's territory and its workings. A field condition can be delimited, demarcated or erased by the power of a Nation-State inside its borders.

How has globalization changed the historical role of the Nation-States in establishing and controlling its borders? Are fields (economical, social, ecological, or otherwise) existent? Are intersections between borders and fields spatial?

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