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**Era urbana e disordine del mondo. Geografie per interpretare il presente**

Titolo della Sessione	<b>Exploring mobility regimes in ‘times of crises’: control infrastructures and frictions at the EU internal borders.</b>
<b>Contenuti</b>	<p>This session focuses on ‘mobility regimes’ – defined as the interplay between privileged mobility and the marginalised, restricted movements of the poor and powerless (Glick-Schiller &amp; Salazar 2013, p. 188) – (Glick-Schiller &amp; Salazar 2013) and the crises that traverse them.</p> <p>The session aligns with the Congress theme by placing at the centre of its analysis the structural crises and growing inequalities of our ‘urban age’, directing attention to borders, spaces often overlooked yet profoundly revealing of these dynamics. connecting urban spaces with areas often considered at the margins: borders.</p> <p>Much of the literature on borders has focused on the external confines of the European Union (EU), this panel highlights that EU internal borders are still sites where the state manages individuals’ mobility (Casella Colombeau 2017), as evidenced by the regular and sometimes even permanent crises that keep being reproduced at these sites over the past two decades. By placing European internal borders at the center of its analysis, the session critically examines how spatial, social, legal, and political dynamics are articulated around binary categories such as local/global, citizen/foreigner, innovative/traditional, digital/analog, or legal/illegal/informal.</p> <p>Our approach to mobility at internal borders encompasses various forms of circulation, questions of mobility and immobility, aiming to understand these contingently as ‘regimes’. We consider both state and supranational power dynamics and the micro-dynamics at the heart of spatial-social relations. We also contribute to a historical understanding of the relationships between cross-border communities and the processes of interdependence between rural and urban environments.</p> <p>The session invites explorations of im/mobility at borders through two main questions:            First, what types of border frictions (Côté-Boucher 2020) emerge at the intersection of issues of order, sovereignty, discretion, and arbitrariness in the implementation of admission and refusal procedures at EU internal Schengen borders? We invite reflections on: a) How the border can be understood as a state margin and a space of negotiation; b) how the everyday practices of mobility governance are being experimented through a contingent application of legal procedures and the social, racial, and gendered practices of</p>



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	<p>border control.          How can the border be understood as a state margin and a space of negotiation where practices of mobility governance are experimented everyday through a contingent application of legal procedures and the social, racial, and gendered practices of border control?          Second, what materiality do the internal borders of the EU Schengen area continue to embody, despite the principle of free movement? We invite reflections on: a) the promises and compromises of mobility/control infrastructure (Dijstelbloem 2021; Gupta et al. 2018), including how they are deliberately or inadvertently rendered visible or invisible, as well as the question of accountability for those impacted by these systems; b) and on the archaeology of infrastructure, exploring the evolution of border control technologies – such as: the digital practices they entail, surveillance systems, former check points and telecommunication technologies.          We welcome interdisciplinary perspectives and empirical studies that explore various forms of im/mobility at EU internal borders, focusing on the everyday practices shaping border access decisions, the negotiation and implementation of border infrastructure and digital technologies, as well as their impact on people on the move.</p> <p>We accept contributions in either Italian or English.</p>
<b>Parole chiave</b>	Mobility regimes, EU internal borders, frictions, infrastructure, crises.
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