



Annual meeting

# African Borderlands Research Network



**Security and Trade in African Borderlands**

19-20 September 2022

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The 2022 African Borderlands Research Network (ABORNE) Annual Meeting is co-organised by the Sahel and West Africa Club (SWAC/OECD) and the University of Florida Sahel Research Group (SRG).



ABORNE is an interdisciplinary network of researchers interested in all aspects of international borders and trans-boundary phenomena in Africa. The network was founded in 2007 in Edinburgh.



## CONFERENCE VENUE & ACCESS

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## WELCOME

**Laurent Bossard**

**Director, Sahel and West Africa Club Secretariat (SWAC/OECD)**

The SWAC/OECD Secretariat is pleased to welcome the members of the African Borderlands Research Network to the 2022 Annual Meeting. Borders are at once demarcation lines, territories of opportunity and fragile areas. Despite the various obstacles they face, cross-border socio-economic dynamics in West Africa are a source of enormous potential for integration and peace. The joint preservation of natural resources, the development of trade and its transnational networks, the co-ordination of police and customs forces to secure borders and fight terrorism, are just a few examples of the extraordinary potential of cross-border co-operation. Many bottom-up initiatives exist, as well as joint border management commissions. These efforts must continue to be strengthened, expanded and documented, especially in the current context of crisis and insecurity that many regions across the world are experiencing.

## CHAIR POLICY PANEL

### Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki



**DR IBRAHIM ASSANE MAYAKI** became Honorary President of the Sahel and West Africa Club (SWAC) in January 2019. Dr Mayaki is the former Chief Executive Officer of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (AUDA-NEPAD). From 2004-09, he served as executive director of Rural Hub, a Dakar-based platform supporting rural development in West and Central Africa. Former Prime Minister of Niger from 1997 to 2000, Dr Mayaki holds a master's degree from the National School of Public Administration (Enap) in Quebec, Canada and a PhD in administrative science from the University of Paris I in France. In 2000, he created the first National Social Dialogue Commission of Niger. He also started a think tank for public policy debate on health and education issues. From 1996-97, he was appointed Minister in charge of African Integration and Co-operation and Minister of Foreign Affairs. He previously worked in the mining sector for about 10 years. Dr Mayaki also has long experience in teaching. In the 1980s, he worked as a professor of public administration in Niger and Venezuela. From 2000 to 2004, Dr Mayaki was a guest professor at the University of Paris XI, where he lectured on international relations. His most recent book, "Africa's Critical Choice," calls for a pan-African roadmap and offers a guide for future generations to address the crucial changes Africa is facing.

## OPENING REMARKS

### **Professor Leonardo A. Villalón**



**LEONARDO A. VILLALÓN** is Professor of Political Science and African Studies at the University of Florida, and Coordinator of the Sahel Research Group. Professor Villalón is a specialist on politics in the Francophone countries of the African Sahel, where he has lived, traveled and lectured extensively. Professor Villalón is the editor of the Oxford Handbook of the African Sahel. He was the co-principal investigator of the OECD/SWAC project on cities and borders (2017-18) and the principal investigator of a Minerva Initiative grant on social and institutional determinants of vulnerability and resilience to climate hazards in the Sahel.

## KEYNOTE LECTURER

### Professor Paul Nugent



**PAUL NUGENT** is a Professor of Comparative African History at the University of Edinburgh, located between History and the Centre of African Studies. He was the Principal Investigator of the recently completed ERC Advanced Grant project entitled “African Governance and Space: Transport Corridors, Border Towns and Port Cities in Transition ([AFRIGOS](#))”. He is the author of *Africa Since Independence* (2002), *Boundaries, Communities and State-Making in West Africa: The Centrality of the Margins* (CUP, 2019), and (co-editor with Hugh Lamarque) of *Transport Corridors in Africa* (2022). He has also recently completed a history of the South African wine industry.

Paul is currently a member of the transport and connectivity subgroup of the Africa-Europe Strategic Taskforce, a former President of the Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies (AEGIS) and current member of its advisory council, and a member of the advisory board of the Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA) located in Accra. He has worked on border issues in Ghana, Togo, Gambia, Senegal, Uganda and Kenya.



## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

- Professor Anthony Asiwaju, University of Lagos
- Professor Pierre Englebert, Pomona College
- Dr Thomas Hüskén, University of Bayreuth
- Dr Hugh Lamarque, University of Edinburgh
- Professor Bill Miles, Northeastern University
- Dr Inocent Moyo, University of Zululand
- Dr Wilma Nchito, University of Zambia
- Professor Paul Nugent, University of Edinburgh
- Dr Isabella Soi, University of Cagliari
- Ms Marie Trémolières, Sahel and West Africa Club (SWAC/OECD)
- Dr Olivier Walther, University of Florida

## CONFERENCE THEME

Divided by 81 000 kilometres of land borders, the African continent has implemented multiple initiatives in support of the principles of unity and solidarity formulated since the creation of the Organization of African Unity in 1963. In 2019, for example, the African Union launched the African Continental Free Trade Area, a common market that meant to strengthen integration between countries.

These initiatives are intended to cope with the often-rapid development of informal trade and the emergence of global networks that connect Africa to the rest of the world. Border areas, in particular, are home to vibrant local economies, in which dense cross-border networks of traders and suppliers offer significant opportunities for added value and job creation.

In recent decades, however, the increase of trade facilitation initiatives in Africa has been accompanied by a deterioration of security in border areas. Regional trade activities have been significantly disrupted by political insecurity, with major consequences for local livelihoods, regional supply chains and global trade networks.

One of the peculiarities of the conflicts on the continent is the degree to which they are based on the exploitation of border areas, even as states seek to promote formal exchanges. In the Sahel and Horn of Africa, for example, the decline in agricultural production and restructuring of trade routes due to violent insurgencies has negatively affected food security conditions for millions of households.

The objective of the ABORNE annual meeting is to reconsider the complicated relationships that bind trade and security in African borderlands.

The conference will contribute significantly to academic and policy debates related to processes such as the opening of borders to trade and their control by states and regional organisations. The conference will serve as a global forum for border scholars, policymakers at local, regional, and national levels, and other border professionals from customs and security agencies, irrespective of their disciplinary backgrounds, methodological approaches or geographical scope.

The conference will offer a unique opportunity to explore how trade facilitation initiatives, border cities, and informal trade networks are affected by political instability at the margins of African states. Particular attention will be paid to the conceptual and empirical contributions that explore regional dynamics rather than case studies.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

<b>Monday 19 September 2022</b>	<b>Tuesday 20 September 2022</b>
08:45 – 9:30 Registration	08:45 – 9:30 Registration
9:30 – 9:45 <b>Formal opening</b>	9:30 – 10:30 <b>Paper sessions E</b>
9:45 – 10:30 <b>Keynote lecture</b>	10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00 <b>Paper sessions A</b>	11:00 – 12:00 <b>Paper sessions F, book launch</b>
12:00 – 13:30 Lunch break	12:00 – 13:30 Lunch break. Chiefs meeting
13:30 – 14:30 <b>Paper sessions B</b>	13:30 – 14:30 <b>Paper sessions G</b>
14:30 – 15:00 Coffee break	14:30 – 15:00 Coffee break
15:00 – 16:00 <b>Paper sessions C, book launch</b>	15:00 – 16:00 <b>Policy panel</b>
16:15 – 17:15 <b>Paper sessions D</b>	16:00 – 16:30 <b>Closing ceremony</b>
19:00 <b>Dinner</b> with scientific and organising committees, OECD guests, and keynote lecturer (by invitation only)	

## LIST OF SESSIONS

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### 19 September

Session A1 – Regional integration I  
 Session A2 – New Frontiers in Border Studies  
 Session B3 – Trade and Corridors  
 Session B4 – Cross-border Trade and Identity  
 Session C5 – Migration and Refugees  
 Book launch I - *Bridging African Boundaries*  
 Session D6 – Security in West Africa I  
 Session D7 – Borders in History  
 Session D8 – Smuggling, Trafficking and Mobility

### 20 September

Session E9 – Security in West Africa II  
 Session E10 – Borders, Food and Agriculture  
 Session F11 – Cities, Borders and Crime  
 Book launch II – *Handbook of Smuggling*  
 Session G12 – Regional Integration II  
 Session G13 – Trade and Security in the Horn  
 Policy panel – The importance of cross-border co-operation in a context of insecurity

# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

## Monday 19 September – OECD Conference Centre

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08:45 – 09:30      Registration

09:30 – 09:45      **Formal opening** – Conference Centre Room CC13

- **Laurent Bossard**, Director, Sahel and West Africa Club Secretariat (SWAC/OECD)
- **Dr Leonardo A. Villalón**, Professor of African Politics, Coordinator, Sahel Research Group, The University of Florida

09:45 – 10:30      **Keynote lecture** – Conference Centre Room CC13

- **Professor Paul Nugent**, University of Edinburgh: *A Time for Joined-up Thinking: Trade, (In)security and Connectivity in African Borderlands*

11:00 – 12:00      **Paper sessions A**

### Session A1 – Regional Integration I

Room: Conference Centre CC13

Chair: David Newman, Ben-Gurion University

- Interfacing Continents and Cultures: Africa, Europe and Asia (*David Newman, Ben-Gurion University*)
- Cross-border Informal Trade in regional and continental policies (*Dr Mohamadou Abdoul, AUC/GIZ*)
- Mitigating Security Risks to Africa's Informal Cross Border Trade through e-Commerce: Issues, Challenges and Prospects (*Kehinde Bolaji and Zeynu Ummer, UNDP Africa Borderlands Centre*)
- The African Union Border Programme and its (spatial) entrepreneurs: perceptions and practices around borders by the African Union and GIZ (*Constanze Blum, Leipzig University*)

### Session A2 – New Frontiers in Border Studies I

Room: Franqueville 2

Chair: Peter Wafula Wekesa, Kenyatta University **VIRTUAL**

- Beyond terra-centrism – African regionalism and its maritime borders (*Frank Mattheis, United Nations University*)
- The new Covid-19 frontiers of conflict on the Kenya-Uganda border (*Peter Wafula Wekesa, Kenyatta University*) **VIRTUAL**
- South Africa's new Border Management Authority: Managing or controlling Southern Africa's borderlands? (*Jo-Ansie van Wyk, University of South Africa*) **VIRTUAL**
- 'Of beacons, patrols and fireguards': Materializing and Securitizing the Re-demarcated AUBP - Malawi/Mozambique border in Makanjira district (*Anusa Daimon, University of the Free State*) **VIRTUAL**

12:00 – 13:30      Lunch break – George Marshall Room tbc

13:30 – 14:30      **Paper sessions B**

### Session B3 – Trade and Corridors

Room: Conference Centre CC13

Chair: Inocent Moyo, University of Zululand

- Trading in clusters and the future of small-scale trade in the borderlands of the Great Lakes Region of Africa (*Charles Kunaka and Nyembezi Mvunga, World Bank; Célestin Bucekuderhwa and Douglas Amuli Ibale, Catholic University of Bukavu*)
- Political Economy Dynamics of the Beira and Nacala Corridors connecting Malawi and Mozambique (*Bruce Byiers, Poorva Karkare VIRTUAL and Luckystar Miyandazi VIRTUAL, EDCPM*)
- *Land linking to increase cross border mobility: The Kazungula Bridge, Zambia* (Wilma Nchito, University of Zambia and Beene Chipuwa, Kazungula Town Council)
- *The State of Mobility and Trade in the Ugandan-DRC-South Sudanese Borderland* (Cate Inverso, SOAS) **VIRTUAL**

### Session B4 – Cross-border Trade and Identity

Room: Franqueville 2

Chair: Willie Eselebor, University of Ibadan

- Inherited Colonial Borders, Identity and Citizenship Crises in Post-Colonial Africa (*Nongonan Hyacinth Apya, Federal University Gashua*)
- Intra-ethnic Interaction across Militarized International Border: Evidence from Eritrean-Ethiopian Border zone (*Biyen Ghebreyesus Okubagherghis, College of Business and Social Sciences*) VIRTUAL
- Tenacity in mobility and trade across Africa's border regions (*Osmond Agbor Otor, University of Calabar*) VIRTUAL
- Factors promoting cross-border exchanges in the Plateau department (south-east of Benin) (*Abdel Hack, Satingo Rolette, Toussaint Vigninou and Brice Tente, University of Abomey-Calavi*) VIRTUAL

14:30 – 15:00      Coffee break

15:00 – 16:00      **Book launch and paper session C**

### Book launch I: *Bridging African Boundaries: Cross-Border Areas and Regional Integration in Comparative History and Policy Advocacy*

Room: Conference Centre CC13

Author:

- **Anthony Asiwaju**, University of Lagos

Panellists:

- **Paul Nugent**, University of Edinburgh
- **William Miles**, Northeastern University



### Session C5 – Migration and Refugees

Room: Franqueville 2

Chair: Wilma Nchito, University of Zambia

- Clandestine Border Crossings, Violence and the Politics of Migration Control in the SADC Region (*Francis Musoni, University of Kentucky*)
- Innovating Border Control Solutions: Migration Information and Data Analysis System (*Willie Eselebor, University of Ibadan*)
- Intra-African Migration: border urban centres as spaces for mobilities (*Cristina Udelsmann Rodrigues, Nordic Africa Institute*) **VIRTUAL**
- Refugee Host Community Development in Kenya: Approaches and Challenges (*Gordon Ochieng' Ogutu, Dublin City University*) **VIRTUAL**

16:15 – 17:15      **Paper sessions D**

### Session D6 – Security in West Africa I

Room: Conference Centre CC13

Chair: William Miles, Northeastern University

- “Power and Security in Africa: Borderland Cases in the Sahel and Great Lakes” (*William Miles, Northeastern University and Samuel Miles, University of California, Berkeley*)
- Trade and Armed Banditry along the Nigeria-Niger Border (*Abubakar Sama’ila, Usmanu Danfodiyo University*)
- Localized Borderland Rebellions or Global Jihadist Groups? (*Lindsay Scorgie, Huron College at Western University*)
- Insecurity, economic opportunities and reconfiguration of trade circuits between northern Cameroon and northern Nigeria (*Pahimi Patrice, University of Maroua*) **VIRTUAL**

### Session D7 – Borders in History

Room: Franqueville 2

Chair: Isabella Soi, Università degli Studi di Cagliari

- Comparing the Copperbelt: Thinking along, with, and against the border (*Miles Larmer, Oxford University*)
- Regional trade system at work in 1800s East Africa (*Isabella Soi, Università degli Studi di Cagliari*)
- Bringing the Border into View: Interzonal Cannabis Smuggling in Northern Protectorate Morocco, 1945-1956 (*John Dieck, University of Minnesota*) **VIRTUAL**
- Endogenous Colonial Borders: Precolonial States and Geography in the Partition of Africa (*Xiaoyan Qiu* **VIRTUAL**, *IE University*; *Joan Ricart-Huguet* **VIRTUAL**, *Loyola University Maryland* and *Jack Paine* **VIRTUAL**, *University of Rochester*)

### Session D8 – Smuggling, Trafficking, and Mobility

Room: Franqueville 3

Chair: Pierre Englebert, Pomona College **VIRTUAL**

- Smuggled meaning: Narratives of trade and people (*Lotje de Vries, Wageningen University* and *Mareike Schomerus, Busara Center*)
- On the limitedness of regional trade facilitation strategies in the SADC: implications on cross border security (*Inocent Moyo, University of Zululand*)
- Marginality and child trafficking in Zimbabwe/Mozambique Borderland (1980-2021) (*James Hlongwana, Great Zimbabwe University*)
- Economic Survival Amidst Chaos: Climate Change, Conflict and Women's Economic Well-Being in the Lake Chad region (*Jennifer Joel* **VIRTUAL**, *University of Central Florida*)

19:00     Dinner with scientific and organising committee, OECD guests, and keynote lecturer (by invitation only)

## Tuesday 20 September – OECD Development Centre

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08:45 – 09:30 Registration (for those who do not have a badge)

09:30 – 10:30 **Paper sessions E**

### Session E9 – Security in West Africa II

Room: Conference Centre CC13

Chair: Leonardo A. Villalón, University of Florida

- Borders and Political Violence in North and West Africa (*Steve Radil, US Air Force Academy and Olivier Walther, University of Florida*)
- Securing Border Regions: Non-military Actors as a Regional Strategy in the Lake Chad Region (*Olajumoke Ayandele, New York University*)
- Understanding transnational violence in North and West Africa through a new Spatial Conflict Dynamic indicator (*David Russell, University of Florida*)
- Network dynamics of pastoralist transnational violent networks in Mali since the 2012 civil war (*Matthew Pflaum, University of Florida*)

### Session E10 – Borders, Food and Agriculture

Room: Franqueville 3

Chair: Ms Kinza Jawara-N’Jai, ECOWAS

- Food Trade Multilateralism and the Political Economy of Borders in West Africa (*Leena Hoffmann, Chatham House and Paul Melly, Chatham House*)
- Behind the borders’ trade policy measures in intra-ECOWAS agri-food trade: evidence from formal and informal cross-border trade corridors (*Olayinka Idowu Kareem, University of Hohenheim*)
- Waterway transport, trade and security in the Dendi cross-border area (*Moustapha Koné, University Abdou Moumouni of Niamey*) **VIRTUAL**

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00      **Paper sessions F and book launch**

**Session F11 – Cities, Borders and Crime**

Room: Franqueville 3

Chair: Hugh Lamarque, University of Edinburgh

- Crime prevention in Gisenyi, Rwanda: The idiosyncrasies of border town policing (*Hugh Lamarque, University of Edinburgh*)
- “Marginal” cross-border twin town in Africa (*Michael Bonchuk, University of Calabar*)
- Influence of political insecurity on border cities and markets in Saharan Africa (*Willy Mbombo Mandembe, University of Kisangani*)  
**VIRTUAL**
- Nigeria Customs Service, border communities and trans-border crime (*Adetayo Olamide, McPherson University*) **VIRTUAL**

**Book launch II: The Routledge Handbook of Smuggling**

Room: Conference Centre CC13

Editors:

- **Max Gallien**, Institute of Development Studies
- **Florian Weigand**, London School of Economics and Political Science

Panellists:

- **Thomas Hüsken**, University of Bayreuth
- **Paul Nugent**, University of Edinburgh

12:00 – 13:30      Lunch break – George Marshall Room tbc  
(12:30 ABORNE board meeting – CC13 tbc)

13:30 – 14:30      **Paper sessions G**

### Session G12 – Regional Integration II

Room: Franqueville 2

Chair: Lotje de Vries, Wageningen University

- Border closure in Nigeria: Implications for the AFCTS and communities (*Samuel Kehinde Okunade, University of Johannesburg*) **VIRTUAL**
- Building a safer and more prosperous West Africa: the role of public private collaboration (*Ziad Hamoui, Borderless Alliance*)
- Trade or state? How regional integration can be an obstacle to nation-building in coastal states under political instability (*Salim Refas, World Bank and Gaël Raballand, World Bank*) **VIRTUAL**
- Security and Trade in African Borderlands: Regional Trade Facilitation Initiatives (*Mohammed Abdullahi, University of Warwick and Louis Uzomah Ngozi, University of Nigeria*)

### Session G13 – Trade and Security in the Horn

Room: Franqueville 3

Chair: Thomas Hüsken, University of Bayreuth

- Trade and state formation: governing the greater Somali economy (*Finn Stepputat, Danish Institute for International Studies and Tobias Hagmann, Roskilde University*) **VIRTUAL**
- Governing eastern Ethiopia's urban frontiers: securitizing trade and diaspora relations through transversal bordering (*Daniel Thompson, University of California, Merced*) **VIRTUAL**
- Internal Power Struggle and Changes in Ethio-Sudan Relations as a Factor of Socio-economic Borderland Dynamics, 1950s to the Present (*Haile Muluken Akalu, Africa Leadership Excellence Academy*)
- The 1974 Ethiopian Revolution, Cold War rivalry and their Aftereffects on the Growth of Matamma (*Dessalegn Bizuneh Ayele, University of Gondar*)

14:30 – 15:00      Coffee break

15:00 – 16:00     **Policy panel discussion: The importance of cross-border co-operation in a context of insecurity**, Conference Centre Room CC13

Chair:

- **Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki**, former Chief Executive Officer of AUDA-NEPAD and Honorary President of the Sahel and West Africa Club **VIRTUAL**

Panellists

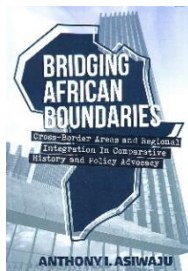
- **Ms Kinza Jawara-N’Jai**, Principal Programme Officer and Head of Division, Cross-Border Cooperation at the ECOWAS Commission
- **Mr Aguibou Diarrah**, Former Ambassador of Mali, Former National Border Director of Mali and Former Director of the African Union Border Programme (AUBP)
- **Dr Mohamadou Abdoul**, Advisor to the African Union Commission (AUC) on Border Governance/GIZ

16:00 – 16:30     **Closing ceremony** – Conference Centre Room CC13

## BOOK LAUNCHES

Monday 19 September, 3:00-4:00 PM

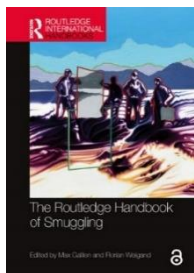
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*Bridging African Boundaries: Cross-Border Areas and Regional Integration in Comparative History and Policy Advocacy* (2021), by Anthony Asiwaju. Austin, Pan-African University Press.

Tuesday 20 September, 11:00-12:00

Room: Conference Centre CC13



*The Routledge Handbook of Smuggling* (2021), edited by Max Gallien and Florian Weigand. London and New York, Routledge.

The *Routledge Handbook of Smuggling* offers a comprehensive survey of interdisciplinary research related to smuggling, reflecting on key themes, and charting current and future trends. Divided into six parts and spanning over 30 chapters, the volume covers themes such as mobility, borders, violent conflict, and state politics, as well as looks at the smuggling of specific goods – from rice and gasoline to wildlife, weapons, and cocaine. Chapters engage with some of the most contentious academic and policy debates of the twenty-first century, including the historical creation of borders, re-bordering, the criminalisation of migration, and the politics of selective toleration of smuggling.

## CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

All papers must be presented in English.

## REGISTRATION

There are **no registration fees**. Coffee breaks and lunch breaks are offered by the organisers. Participants must cover their own travel and accommodation costs, except those invited by the organisers. Participants are also invited to join the ABORNE network and pay their [membership fees](#) upon arrival. Only cash is accepted.

## HYBRID FORMAT

The conference will be open to both in-person attendees and virtual attendees whose abstract has been accepted by our scientific committee. Participants unable to travel to Paris will be able to attend the meeting remotely.

Online participants will receive a Zoom link prior to the meeting and will be asked to share their PowerPoint presentations with the organisers. Kindly note that participation in the annual meeting is restricted to registered in-person and virtual participants.

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- [Eurostar](#) - for travellers from the United Kingdom

## HOTELS

- [List of hotels](#) close to the OECD Headquarters



## FOOD

Lunch and coffee breaks will be provided.

Two coffee and snack bars are located adjacent to the conference rooms.

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There are two ATMs and a bank at La Murette at the OECD Conference Centre.

## LAPTOPS

Laptops are available at EXKI Café and next to the Copy Centre. For security reasons, please note that USB keys cannot be used on OECD computers and laptops.

## COPY CENTRE

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## OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

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