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**Revisiting Borders and Boundaries:  
Gendered Politics and Experiences of  
Migrant Inclusion and Exclusion**

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**3 – 4 November 2016**

**University of Neuchatel, Switzerland**

Interdisciplinary Workshop  
**Revisiting Borders and  
Boundaries: Gendered Politics  
and Experiences of Migrant  
Inclusion and Exclusion**

3–4 November 2016  
University of Neuchatel

**Times and Venues**

Thursday, 3 November 2016  
09:00–18:15 h  
Avenue du 1er-Mars 26  
(Main Building), Room D71

Friday, 4 November 2016  
09:00–17:30 h  
Avenue du 1er-Mars 26  
(Main Building), Room C56

**Conveners**

Christin Achermann, Janine  
Dahinden, Carolin Fischer,  
Jana Häberlein, Anne Kristol,  
and Laura Rezzonico  
(all University of Neuchatel)

**Registration**

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register for the event.

This workshop addresses questions of inclusion and exclusion by bringing together two theoretical approaches, which are in general employed in different fields. One focuses on boundaries and boundary work. The other places borders and bordering practices at its center stage.

The idea of boundaries revolves around the creation, maintenance and contestation of institutionalized social differences. Conversely, the concept of borders captures the maintenance of territorial sovereignty and national inclusion and exclusion. We argue that boundaries produce both similarities and differences, which in turn affect the enforcement and management of borders. Additionally, we propose to apply a gender perspective to illuminate the links between borders and boundaries. As a marker of difference, gender is a key element of boundary work and politics of belonging. At the same time, gender is fundamentally inscribed in the technologies of marking, enforcing and securing nation state borders by means of inclusive and exclusionary practices.

To integrate these different approaches the overarching question of the workshop asks:

**How can we conceptualize dynamic processes of exclusion and inclusion through the prism of gendered boundary work and bordering practices?**

**Confirmed Speakers**

Anna Amelina, Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main  
Oliver Bakewell, University of Oxford  
Kathryn Cassidy, Northumbria University at Newcastle  
Heike Drotbohm, Johannes Gutenberg Universität Mainz  
Melanie Griffiths, University of Bristol  
Anna Korteweg, University of Toronto  
Sabine Strasser, University of Bern  
Ioana Vrabiescu, National School of Political and  
Administrative Studies, Bucharest

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