



## BIP General presentation

<b>General Information</b>
Dates for physical activity: <b>17-21 July 2023</b>
Proposed period for virtual component : <b>14 &amp; 24 July 2023</b>
Location of physical activity: <b>Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, Lungo Dora Siena 100, University of Turin, Turin 10153, Italy</b>
Target audience / Participant profile : <b>Undergraduates and MA students</b>
No. of ECTS issued: <b>3</b>
Language of instruction and requirements <b>English: the minimum requirement to apply is English language Level B1. If the number of applications is higher than the available places, priority will be based on the level of language proficiency.</b>
Requirements/Prerequisites : <b>Participants must be students in any area of Social Sciences and/or Humanities. Applications from students from different scientific areas can be considered, but priority will be given to students in Social Sciences and/or Humanities.</b>
Organizing board: Host university <b>University of Turin</b>  UNITA partner 1 <b>Université Savoie Mont Blanc</b>  UNITA partner 2 <b>Universidad de Zaragoza</b>  UNITA partner 3 (NON-UNITA) <b>Universität des Saarlandes</b>



**Program**

Title :

**UNITA Borders**

**Short description:**

The UNITA Borders BIP focuses on the cultural, social and political importance of borders in the context of the important transformations that the world is currently witnessing.

Borders have multiple roles, as their spatial, political and administrative functions also have important cultural, linguistic and social implications. As areas of contact and exchange between different nations and cultures, borders can also be the foci of discriminatory practices of exclusion, control and containment, for example by blocking or slowing down immigration, or indeed causing conflict between nations. The UNITA Borders BIP, entirely held in English, has an interdisciplinary approach to borders. Its classes will discuss borders from multiple angles, including social and historical factors (e.g. immigration), the cultural, geographical and political importance of borders, the building of barriers or walls to prevent the free movement of people, and the elements of social cohesion as well as fracture generated in, and because of, border areas. In line with the UNITA mission, a special focus of the UNITA Borders BIP is the analysis of the role of borders in the context of the European Union. A number of recent events, including the Brexit referendum in 2016, the ongoing pandemic and the current Russia-Ukraine war, has led to questioning the stability of the international order, all the while putting the EU's open and borderless space of exchange between different nations and communities under stress.

The UNITA Borders BIP is very appealing for students from several areas in Social Sciences and Humanities, including Political Science, Sociology, Modern Languages, Geopolitics, International Relations, Geography, Human Geography, Area Studies, and History, but will be of interest to other areas as well, as its themes may also suit the interests, academic profile and background of non-specialists. Given its international and interdisciplinary nature, the UNITA Borders BIP aims to foster intercultural and interlinguistic understanding, comprehension and dialogue between students from different universities and nationalities on a set of issues which concerns the lives of all communities at both (inter)national and socio-cultural level.

**Proposed schedule:**

**Friday 14 July, morning: online meetings, introduction to the course, general welcome**

**Sunday 16 July 2023 (afternoon): Welcome reception, Olimpia Residence**

**Monday 17 July, morning and afternoon: classes**

**Tuesday 18 July, morning and afternoon: classes**

**Wednesday 19 July, morning and afternoon: classes**

**Thursday 20 July, morning and afternoon: classes**

**Friday 21 July, morning: classes**

**Friday 21 July, afternoon: final exams**

**Monday 24 July: final online meeting; discussion and feedback**

**Invited guests/speakers/experts (if any):**

**Emma Bell (Université Savoie Mont Blanc)**  
**Miguel-Angel Benitez-Castro (Universidad de Zaragoza)**  
**Cecilia Biancalana (University of Turin)**  
**Sebastian Cobarrubias (ARAIID/Universidad de Zaragoza)**  
**Astrid Fellner (Universität des Saarlandes)**  
**Reece Jones (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)**  
**Eva Nossem (Universität des Saarlandes)**  
**Elisabeth Vallet (University of Quebec at Montreal, Canada)**

**Application procedure**

**Requirements :**

**All classes will be taught in English, and English level B2 at least is required.**

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**How to apply :**