In the wake of the Border Crossing Symposium organized at MIT in 2012, the MIT Borders Research Initiative (with the support of the Women’s and Gender Studies Program, the Foreign Languages and Literatures Section, and the Center for Bilingual/Bicultural Studies), PRESAGE Sciences Po, and the Institute for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia gather their forces to study identities, kinship, citizenship, and the sense of belonging across national borders. This unique collaboration will offer top-notch expertise on one of the most important questions of our times: citizenship and identity in a global era.

The Global Borders Research Collaboration (GBRC) aims to study how categories evolve in a context of intense flows of people, goods, and cultural references. GBRC will question widely used notions today such as globalization, transnationalization, and internationalization. GBRC calls out for new intellectual approaches to the enduring questions of citizenship, migration, and defining the borders of national belonging.

Scholars from our three institutions will develop joint research projects in a multidisciplinary perspective. We are particularly interested in studying how issues related to gender, race, sexuality, class, religion, are combined with culture and language, and how this very combination constantly changes, and weighs on the production and implementation of law itself: civil status, antidiscrimination law, citizenship, marriage, filiation, healthcare regulations, to name but a few themes.

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THE TRANSATLANTIC CULTURAL HISTORY OF BORDER CROSSINGS

9.15AM. COFFEE
9.45AM-10AM. INTRODUCTION. Bruno Perreau. (MIT)

10AM-12.15PM. REPRESENTING THE NATION
Isabelle de Courtivron (Sciences Po). Chair.
Eloïde Nowinski (Sciences Po). Fake Parisians for Real New Yorkers? Nationality claims in global fashion business
Amah Edoh (MIT). Creating Value Across Borders: Dutch designers, Togolese consumers, and the cloth they love

LUNCH BREAK

1.30PM-3.45PM. BORDERS WITHIN THE NATIONS
Hélène Périer (Sciences Po). Chair.
Paul Schor (University of Paris 7). External and internal borders in the US census in a historical perspective (1790-1940)

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THE GLOBALIZATION OF BORDERS

9.15AM. COFFEE
9.45AM-1PM. MIGRATION OF PEOPLE, MIGRATION OF BORDERS
Emma Teng (MIT). Chair
9.45AM-11.15AM.
Hélène Thiollet (Sciences Po). Migration and Asylum in the Middle East: the Consequences of the Arab Spring and Beyond

11.15AM-11.30AM. COFFEE BREAK
11.30AM-1PM.
Kyoko Kusakabe (Asian Institute of Technology). Borderland as Friction of Terrain: creating spaces for social reproduction of cross-border women migrant workers in Thailand
Heather Lee (MIT). Migration Oriented Businesses and the Spread of Chinese Restaurants in New York City, 1915-1943

LUNCH BREAK

2PM-5.15PM. TRANSNATIONALIZATION, LAW, AND COMMODIFICATION
Astrid von Busekist (Sciences Po). Chair.
2PM-3.30PM.
Réjane Sénac (Sciences Po). Parity and Diversity in Contemporary France: Equality in Question
Maxime Forest (Sciences Po). Institutionalizing Intersectionality? Blurring borders in the realm of EU anti-discrimination policies

About 30 faculty, and students will discuss their research and explore axes of future collaborations. The forthcoming issues will launch a second phase around thematic projects (including new workshops at MIT, and Columbia New York).

This phase will lead to long-term exchanges, joint publications (paper, and open-access, web-base format) and the production of new tools for analyzing border crossing. We also hope to extend our collaboration to other partner universities.

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3.30PM-3.45PM. COFFEE BREAK

3.45PM-5.15PM
Karoline Postel Vinay (Sciences Po). Narratives of Borders Between Universalism and Nationalism. The Iron Curtain, Pannunjum and the case of ‘comfort women’
Yasmine Ergas (Columbia). Babies without Borders: citizenship between filiation and rules of origin

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THE SOCIAL PRODUCTION OF BORDERS

9AM. COFFEE

9.30AM-11AM. IMAGINED BORDERS, SEXUALITY, AND RELIGION
Marie Mercat Bruns (CNAM / Sciences Po). Chair.
David Paternotte (Université Libre de Bruxelles). National Identity in Pro- and Anti-Gay Marriage Movements in Europe.
Malick Ghachem (MIT). Immigrants, Empire, and Gay Marriage: a comparison of the American and French paths to legalization

11AM-11.15AM. COFFEE BREAK

11-15AM-12.45PM. CONCEPTUALIZING BORDERS
Bruno Perreau (MIT). Chair.
Benjamin Bououd (Sciences Po). The Concept of Hospitality in Political Thought
Laurence Rouleau-Berger (CNRS, ENS Lyon). Rethinking the Question of Migration: multisituated inequalities, individuation and struggle for respect

LUNCH BREAK

2PM-4.15PM. CITIZENSHIP IN A GLOBAL ERA
Christopher Capozzola (MIT) Chair.
Catherine de Wenden (Sciences Po). Should We Have to Open Borders? A Global Approach
Patrick Weil (CNRS / Yale). The Paradoxes of Citizenship as Human Right

4.30PM-5.30PM. GBRC MEETING ON PROSPECTIVE COLLABORATIONS

6PM. COCKTAIL MAISON DES POLYTECHNIENS. 12 RUE DE POITIERS.