Student Research Seminars

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ABSTRACT

This research aims to analyse critically the discourses, policies and practices of a set of diverse international development actors engaged in relationships and interactions of ‘cross border cooperation’ as processes of the creation of “a common European space” unfold. More precisely,

• to understand the ways in which the Prespa region has, over time, been constituted as a space of unities, diversities, movements and stabilities; moving from a pre-national, trans-local area, to being divided between nation states and/or to eventual European integration
• to explore the discourses of contemporary international development agencies in constructing the region as a space for interventions, exercising transnational policy making, designed to promote co-operation and inclusion rather than confrontation and exclusion
• to address how these discourses are amplified, mediated, and resisted in practice by a range of local, regional and national actors, including intermediaries and elites
• to contribute to an emerging literature which understands development as a series of transactions operating at multiple scales and levels.

The seminar series is open to all members of staff and students of CITY and to any externals that wish to attend.