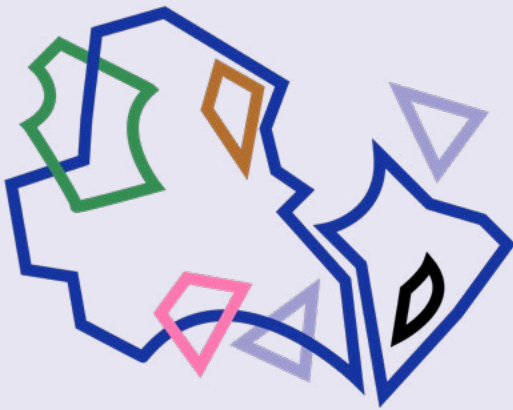


# Borders Shaping Perceptions of European Societies (B-SHAPES) SUMMER SCHOOL

Monday 12 May – Friday 16 May 2025  
Bolzano, South-Tyrol, Italy



## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The B-SHAPES Summer School is designed for postgraduate students (MA/PhD), practitioners, and others who want to upgrade their knowledge of border and European studies through an interdisciplinary approach.

## WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?

During the five-day programme, you will benefit from an inspiring international learning environment in Bolzano/Bozen (South Tyrol, Italy). The local area is particularly interesting for people interested in borders due to its history, location, and linguistic diversity. The programme includes lectures by international border experts, seminars on new methodological approaches to studying borders, interactive workshops and role-plays. Study visits and cultural activities complement the academic programme.

Confirmed speakers include Dorte Andersen, Péter Balogh, Angelika Burtscher, Alice Engl, Martin Klatt, Jussi Laine, Caitriona Mullen, Elżbieta Opiłowska, Eeva-Kaisa Prokkola, Birte Wassenberg and others.

The Summer School on Borders Shaping Perceptions of European Societies (B-SHAPES) is an exciting postgraduate programme organized by the [Institute for Minority Rights](#) of [Eurac Research](#) in Bozen/Bolzano (South Tyrol, Italy). Our five-day interdisciplinary programme provides a unique opportunity for postgraduate students (MA/PhD), practitioners, and others interested in sharing and expanding on their knowledge of border and European studies. We follow an active learning approach, where participants of the summer school are encouraged to engage with the course material presented by international experts through workshops, role plays, lectures, and field trip visits. The programme relates to the work of the [Horizon Europe B-SHAPES project](#) and will be held entirely in English.

## WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

The B-Shapes Summer School offers free participation, shared accommodation, and lunch to all participants. Participants will need to cover their own travel to Bolzano/Bozen, as well as all other expenses.

## HOW TO APPLY

Please apply using the following form by January 31st 2025:

<https://de.eu.surveymonkey.com/r/C6S6S2K>

You will be informed about the selection results in February 2025. Approx. 20 participants will be accepted to the Summer School. We highly value active course participation and motivation to engage with other participants and share experiences. Therefore, applicants should have a strong command of the English language. A high diversity of perspectives is essential for this school. To ensure this, the organising team reserves the right to give preference to people based on their background (academic discipline, country of origin or gender).

## CONTACT

Please get in touch with [marcus.nicolson@eurac.edu](mailto:marcus.nicolson@eurac.edu) with any questions about the summer school.

## THE B-SHAPES PROJECT

“Borders Shaping Perceptions of European Societies (B-SHAPES)” is a Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Action project coordinated by the Centre of Border Region Studies at the University of Southern Denmark (SDU). B-Shapes analyzes and assesses how borders still are a key factor in how we understand societies. In cooperation with Europeans living in border regions, we examine the role of borders through three lenses:

- Euroscepticism in border regions,
- minorities in border regions, and
- border landscapes as heritage.

Our focus on borderlands promises new insights on how borders shape perceptions of societies, but also how the story of borders can be narrated differently than from a purely national perspective.

### Academic partners:

University of Southern Denmark (PI), Brunel University London, Eötvös Loránd University, Eurac Research, Halmstad University, Technical University of Liberec, University of Oulu, University of Strasbourg, University of Wrocław

### Non-academic partners:

Association of European Border Regions (AEBR), European Network of Remembrance and Solidarity (ENRS), National Museum of History (Bulgaria), Kreatus, Lungomare

## USEFUL LINKS

- B-Shapes website: <https://www.sdu.dk/en/forskning/forskningsenheder/samf/b-shapes>
- [Institute for Minority Rights of Eurac Research](#)

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