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## Summer School: Borders and Migration in Digital Times

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The Viadrina Center B/ORDERS IN MOTION invites master and post-graduate students including Ph.D.-candidates to apply for the two-week international summer school "Borders and Migration in Digital Times" at the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder), Germany, which will take place from 16 to 28 August, 2021, and which is financially supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). In the summer school, we deal with the rapidly developing digitalization of border and migration management. Students who intend to start exploring this emerging field are invited as well as those who have already consolidated a research interest in this direction.

### **Thematic focus of the summer school**

The summer school "Borders and Migration in Digital Times" offers 20 international students an opportunity to explore how policies and practices of border demarcation and migration management are influenced and changed by the availability and use of digital technologies. This thematic focus corresponds with the dual observation that, on the one hand, the management and control of migration as well as the protection of state borders against irregular migration are increasingly supported by digital infrastructures. These new coordination and control instruments partially replace and relocate traditional forms of state-run border practices linked to geo-political spaces. On the other hand, migrants apply digital devices in order to pass state borders, to build transnational networks, and to stay in contact with family and acquaintances living at a distance. But even after migrants have crossed a state border, the digital dimension of migration management facilitates new boundaries and categorization methods as well as opportunities for migrants and their integration. In this summer school, we want to generate a deeper and more nuanced understanding of the relevance and use of digital technologies

in multilevel processes which reshape the notion and location of the border itself and the way in which migration is dealt with and managed.

### **About the program**

The summer school's program combines various formats which facilitate the acquisition and consolidation of knowledge and skills. Renowned scientists from the fields of border, migration and digital studies will delve into core aspects with their lectures. A continuous tutorial provides space to discuss selected publications with the invited lecturers as well as with the researchers of the Viadrina Center B/ORDERS IN MOTION.

The summer school provides opportunities to acquire basic experience in the practical application of a digital publication tool (e.g. MAHARA). In collaborative sessions, participants will creatively learn how to design, produce and publish digital contributions – including film material. Participants with an already developed research focus on digital borders and migration management will have the chance to share their own research projects or ideas within speed presentations. In the course of the summer school, excursions to topically relevant sites in Berlin and at the German-Polish border are envisaged.

### **Who can apply?**

The summer school aims at graduate and postgraduate students including Ph.D.-candidates worldwide who are interested in an exploration of the digital dimension of the state-border-migration nexus. Participants are required to have a very good command of English as the teaching language will be English. The number of participants is limited to 20 persons. Please note that the summer school is directed at master and PhD-students (graduate and postgraduate) only and does not address post-doctoral researchers.

### **How to apply?**

Participation at the summer school and the grant of a scholarship (covering travel and accommodation costs as specified above) is bound to an application procedure. Decisions about participation will be made by a selection committee of the Viadrina Center B/ORDERS IN MOTION.

In order to apply, please hand in a motivational letter (max. 1 A4 page), which describes your interest in the summer school and possibly also your research with regard to the border-migration nexus and – if applicable – also your special interest in the digitalization of migration and borders. A CV is required. Besides information about your educational and academic attainments, please indicate courses, internships or practical experiences in the field of border and/or migration studies and/or the digitalization of borders and migration.

The application is to be sent via email until **10th of April, 2021** to: [sommerschule-borders@europa-uni.de](mailto:sommerschule-borders@europa-uni.de)  
You will be informed about the decision by **April 30th, 2021**.

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