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Call for paper

Urbanisation and changing administrative borders (Main session)

Period: Modern / Contemporary

Abstract:

The administrative borders of cities often are a frontier towards a surrounding area with different status. Entering the city could mean crossing into an area with different practices, privileges, laws, regulations, culture, and even human rights and lingua franca. Still, the administrative borders do not have to, and rarely do, coincide with the limits of the built up area, creating situations of over- or underbound cities. Especially during times of urbanisation the built up areas have often grown faster than the administrative city boundaries. But examples of the opposite can also be found, a kind of colonialist city management where cities incorporate areas with potential for future development. Urbanisation affects administrative borders, and administrative borders affect urbanisation and urban growth.

The session would include discussions about urban land use, urban sprawl, status and difference in classification of suburbs, incorporation issues such as migration effects or urbanism in formerly independent suburbs etc., urban democracy and urban planning in the relation between the city and its surroundings, city growth comparisons, and other topics looking at the relationship between urbanisation and changing administrative borders.

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