Fourth Cátedra Friedrich Katz Conference

Walking Through Walls, Transgressing Frontiers
Border Regimes and Phantom Borders in North America and Central Europe since 1848
University of Vienna
October 18 and 19, 2018

This conference, a joint venture by the University of Chicago and the University of Vienna, takes place in Vienna in October 2018. As the fourth Cátedra Katz it will focus on one of the core research interests of late Mexicanist Friedrich Katz. Extending Katz’s original focus on Mexico’s northern frontier as a transnational space, we will discuss issues of labor migration, economy, and border regimes. Our debates will tackle topics stretching from current controversies about bordering empires in the northern hemisphere (EU, USA) back to changes to the political maps of North America and Central Europe in the Nineteenth Century. Eventually, border regimes related to global migration flows will offer theoretical and juridical glimpses of the Twentieth and the Twenty-first Centuries.
Martina Kaller, University of Vienna, *Welcome address*

Berthold Molden, University of Vienna  
*Border Boy. The Frontiers of Friedrich Katz*

Kateřina Březinová, Metropolitan University of Praha  
*Keynote: The Mexican-American Border Wall and its Impact on North American Integration*

**October 19, 2018, 09:45 to 18:30 | HS 2, main building, staircase 5, court 3**

Laurin Blecha, University of Vienna  
*Along the post-1822 Mexican-Central American Border*

Markus Müller, Free University Berlin  
"A System of Vigorous Reprisal:" The US Borderland Indian Campaigns as Crucible of Imperial Violence

Andrea Komlosy, University of Vienna  
*The shifting empire: Austria-Hungary’s Reorganization in the Face of Nationalism: 1848 → 1867 →1918*

Alberto Barrera Enderle, CIESAS Unidad Noreste, Mexico  
*Smuggling at the American Mexican Border in the Twentieth Century*

Chair: Martina Kaller

**Break 13:00 to 14:30**

Claudia Kraft, University of Vienna  
*Along the former Iron Curtain in Central Europe*

Daniela Ingruber, Donau University Krems  
*Challenges of Undocumented Immigration and Radical Responses: Walls, Fences, Military Enforcement*

Jonathan Ordóñez Gaitán, University of Milan  
*Borders in Central America: Origins, Functions and Future*

Chair: Berthold Molden