



Borderless Europe - Blessing or Burden?



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

	May 7	May 8
10:00 – 12:00	<p><i>Workshop sessions</i></p> <p>Borderless Europe vs. borders in Europe?</p> <p>What did it mean to the founding fathers of the European project?</p>	<p><i>Workshop sessions</i></p> <p>Outside perspectives - the EU and its neighbours</p> <p>What can we learn from the 'frozen conflicts' on the Balkans and Eastern Partnership countries?</p>
	Coffee break	Coffee break
12:30 – 14:00	<p><i>Panel discussion</i></p> <p>Europe in crisis, Schengen in suspension</p> <p>The call for European help, solidarity and concerted action is greater than ever, but the EU is unable to answer it. Instead, xenophobia rises, walls rise, and European nations turn against each other. What is the way out of this crisis, if any?</p>	<p><i>Panel discussion</i></p> <p>A leap of faith - utopian thinking and acting in 21st century Europe</p> <p>How does the ideal of a 'borderless Europe' look like in concrete social and institutional terms, and what steps do we need to take in order to get there? What initiatives are already 'out there' that aim to realize this vision or embody it practically?</p>
	Lunch	Lunch
15:30 – 17:30	<p><i>Workshop sessions</i></p> <p>Inside perspectives - have borders really disappeared?</p> <p>In what sense have borders disappeared in Europe, and in what sense are they still in place?</p>	<p><i>World café & group work</i></p> <p>Europe for all, all for Europe!</p> <p>What can young people do to make a change? Don't ask what Europe can do for you, but ask what you can do for Europe!</p>
	Coffee break	Coffee break
18:00 – 19:30	<p><i>Documentary</i></p> <p>Inside/outside perspectives: at Europe's borders - refugees in limbo</p> <p><i>Those who feel the fire burning</i> (2014)</p> <p>Driven by the image of the European paradise, many refugees make the dangerous journey.</p>	<p><i>Presentations of group work and closing speeches</i></p> <p>Towards a borderless Europe - what's next?!</p> <p>Closing speeches will be given in order to end the thematic part of the conference in an inspiring and empowering manner.</p>



The **Your Vision for EUROPE** project invites you to the conference "Borderless Europe: Blessing or Burden?" where we welcome **young people, from all over Europe as well as from local communities**, to Cluj-Napoca in order to explore; what are the intellectual origins of this political ideal, how did it materialize historically and what kind of future we can look ahead to?