

# Strategies and Tools for Effective Border Management

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## Tutors:

- **Chris Carleton** Head of the Law of the Sea Division, UK Hydrographic Office
- **John W Donaldson** Research Associate, International Boundaries Research Unit
- **Deborah W Meyers** Senior Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute, Washington DC
- **Martin Pratt** Director of Research, International Boundaries Research Unit
- **Markus Ritter** Colonel, German Federal Border Police
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- **Thomas Tass** Executive Director, BORDERPOL

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# Introduction

Managing borders in the 21st century is a complex and challenging task. It is widely agreed that in a globalising world borders should be as open as possible; yet in the post-9/11 world governments are understandably more anxious than ever to ensure that their frontiers are secured against external threats. This innovative workshop is designed to help policymakers and practitioners develop border management strategies which strike the best possible balance between these apparently conflicting goals.

Led by expert tutors, the workshop will provide practical instruction on a range of topics which are often overlooked elsewhere, including: managing border crossings; monitoring and controlling borders between crossing points; managing maritime borders; and facilitating inter-agency cooperation. While the appropriate use of technological solutions will be explored, the workshop is not intended simply to showcase the latest technology. Rather, participants will be encouraged to adopt an integrated approach to border management which maximises the effectiveness of available resources.

The workshop has been scheduled to coincide with IBRU's 7th international conference, *Border Management in an Insecure World*, which will be held in Durham on 5-7 April 2006. Bringing together scholars and practitioners from around the world, the conference will examine the implications of the re-emergence of security as a key dimension of boundary management. A £250 discount is available to participants attending both the workshop and conference (see back page for details).

## Tutors:



**Chris Carleton** has been the UK government's technical expert on law of the sea issues worldwide since 1986 and is currently the Head of the Law of the Sea Division at the UK Hydrographic Office. His Division provides technical interpretation of all matters relating to the determination and application of maritime zones, boundaries and on the law of the sea issues worldwide to all departments of the UK Government, and on a commercial basis to foreign Governments, law firms, academia and industry.



**John W Donaldson** joined the International Boundaries Research Unit as a Research Associate in 2003. Since that time he has produced international boundary reports for the US National Geo-Spatial Intelligence Agency (formerly NIMA), conducted archive research and written on a variety of boundary issues and specific disputes. Currently pursuing a PhD concerning local boundary identification in southern Africa, he holds a BA from Southern Methodist University and an MA in International Boundaries from Durham University.



**Deborah W Meyers** is a Senior Policy Analyst at the Migration Policy Institute. Her recent work has focused on US immigration policy and structure and US-Canada-Mexico migration and border issues. She served as principal investigator for a project assessing the implementation and impact of post 9/11 border-related changes, including the integration of inspectors at the border, changes in visa procedures, and implementation of an entry-exit tracking system. Ms Meyers holds an MA in International Affairs from The George Washington University, a BA in History and has over thirty publications to her credit.



**Martin Pratt** joined the International Boundaries Research Unit in 1994 and is now the Unit's Director of Research. He has written extensively on land and maritime boundary issues around the world and has advised governments, commercial organisations and NGOs on a wide range of boundary and sovereignty disputes. Martin works with Michelle Speak in developing and running IBRU's training workshop programme; he also manages IBRU's website, the Unit's GIS resources and the *int-boundaries* email list.



**Markus Ritter** is currently section-leader at the Bundespolizeidirektion in Koblenz. Having obtained a Masters degree in Law at the University of Heidelberg, he joined the Federal Border Police as a Major in 1996. He also undertook postgraduate studies in administration sciences for which he received a doctorate in 1999. He has held a variety of positions and participated in a number of international missions, most recently spending a year in Kosovo with UNMIK-Civpol, which he completed as Chief of Staff.



**Eric Tan** joined the Singapore Police force in 1983 after graduating from the National University of Singapore with a BA degree. He was posted to the Internal Security Department in 1985. Having received an overseas postgraduate scholarship he obtained an MA in International Relations from the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University in 1991. He was seconded to the Singapore Immigration & Registration in 1998 before being appointed Deputy Director of The Central Narcotics Bureau in 2001. He became Commissioner of the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority in April 2005.



**Thomas Tass** is Executive Director of Borderpol, a worldwide organisation supported by various governments and private sector institutions that concerns its activities with researching and advising border services regarding cross border issues. He brings three decades of international government service to this role, including that of the first regional migration control officer in Central and Eastern Europe during the post Soviet era. Most recently he led teams of experts in Kosovo and Croatia, on behalf of the European Union, in an effort to improve the security of that region.

## Who should attend?

- Customs and border control officials
- Police officers
- Diplomats and foreign affairs officials
- Consular officials
- Coast guard officers
- Boundary commissioners
- Borderland planners and managers
- Policy analysts

Please note that this workshop will not address the management of borders at airports.

## What will you learn?

The programme will cover the following topics:

Monday 3 April	0900-0945	<b>Introduction/ group discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion in small groups to identify key management challenges for participant countries</li> </ul>
	0945-1100	<b>Principles of border management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aims of border management</li> <li>• Border management systems</li> <li>• The value of standards</li> <li>• Resources and appropriate technologies</li> </ul>
	1100-1130	<i>Refreshments</i>
	1130-1300	<b>Managing border crossings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Types of crossing</li> <li>• Management strategies</li> <li>• Tasks at border crossings</li> <li>• Facilities</li> <li>• Personnel</li> </ul>
	1300-1400	<i>Lunch</i>
	1400-1530	<b>Border monitoring and control</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-entry control</li> <li>• Surveillance technologies</li> <li>• Physical protection of borders</li> <li>• Border patrols</li> </ul>
	1530-1600	<i>Refreshments</i>
1600-1700	<b>International boundary commissions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role and function of boundary commissions</li> <li>• Lessons learned from boundary commissions around the world</li> </ul>	
Tuesday 4 April	0900-1030	<b>Managing maritime borders</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rights and obligations in maritime zones</li> <li>• Tools/ resources for managing maritime zones</li> <li>• Management in the absence of agreed boundaries</li> </ul>
	1030-1100	<i>Refreshments</i>
	1100-1300	<b>Practical exercise</b> Working in teams, participants will allocate human and technical resources to manage a fictional border landscape.
	1300-1400	<i>Lunch</i>
	1400-1530	<b>Managing border agency co-operation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Getting the structure right</li> <li>• Internal agency cooperation</li> <li>• Bilateral agency cooperation</li> <li>• Regional/ multilateral agency cooperation</li> </ul>
	1530-1600	<b>Wrap-up</b>

## What will it cost?

The cost of the workshop will be £1,250 per participant. Fees for EU-based participants are normally subject to Value Added Tax (VAT) of 17.5%. We regret that payment can only be accepted in £ sterling. However, we are able to accept payment by major credit and debit cards. Full payment MUST be received prior to the workshop to guarantee the booking.

In addition to tuition and all course materials, the fees cover the following:

- accommodation in a single, en-suite room for the nights of 2-3 April inclusive.
- evening dinner on 2-3 April inclusive.
- lunch and refreshment breaks on 3-4 April inclusive.

Accommodation for additional nights can be arranged at cost, subject to availability.

## Double Event Discount

Attend this workshop and IBRU's 7th conference *Border Management in an Insecure World*, from 5-7 April 2006, for only £1695, saving £250. This fee includes five nights accommodation and all meals. For more information see <http://www-ibru.dur.ac.uk/conferences/bmiw> or contact IBRU at the address below.

## How to book

Places are limited and early booking is highly recommended:

- 1 Contact Michelle Speak at IBRU to confirm availability of places.
- 2 Once confirmed, complete an online booking form at <http://www-ibru.dur.ac.uk/booking.html>, or request a hard copy from IBRU.
- 3 This provisional booking will then be acknowledged, and sent with information on how to pay and a deadline for payment of the fee.
- 4 If payment is not received by the deadline given, the place will automatically be released. The original booking will be transferred to a waiting list, and the place only confirmed when payment is received and if a place is still available.

## Other administrative information

### Venue

Workshop accommodation and teaching will be based at Collingwood College, which is part of Durham University.

### Language

Teaching and workshop materials will be in English. We regret that we are unable to provide translation facilities.

### Cancellation

Cancellations must be received in writing not later than Monday 20 March 2006, and will be subject to a £50 cancellation fee unless a substitute participant is offered. After this date the full registration fee will apply. Substitutions for registered participants may be made at any time, but we would appreciate prior notification.

### Programme changes

IBRU reserves the right to modify the programme as may be necessary, without notice to participants.

### Travel to Durham

Full details of the venue, plus maps and travel information will be sent to all participants following registration.



## Further information

If you have any questions about the workshop please contact Ms Michelle Speak, Director of External Relations, International Boundaries Research Unit, Durham University, Department of Geography, Durham, DH1 3LE, United Kingdom

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