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Spaces of Expectation is the title of a collaborative research project between Södertörn University Stockholm (Sweden) and Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italy). Its purpose is doing comparative research on mental mapping, historical imagination, and political uses of historical narratives in the Baltic Sea and Mediterranean Regions. The project is funded by Östersjöstiftelsen (Foundation for Baltic and East European Studies), Stockholm.

Comparative Area and Transregional Studies is the first public international workshop in the framework of 'Spaces of Expectation'. It is co-funded and hosted by Ca' Foscari University (Department of Linguistics and Comparative Cultural Studies, School of International Relations) and Centro Tedesco di Studi Veneziani. Other workshops on mental mapping and conceptual history will follow. The aim of these workshops is creating a dialogue between the project members and distinguished international scholars of history, political science and other disciplines, such as geography, to improve the methodology of the research and develop its self-reflective theoretical dimension.

Comparative Area and Transregional Studies

A Framework for the Baltic
and the Mediterranean

Venice
13-14 November 2014

**First International Workshop of
'Spaces of Expectation'**

13 November

Centro Tedesco di Studi Veneziani

Palazzo Barbarigo della Terrazza, San Polo 2765 A

14:00-14:15 Welcome

Romedio SCHMITZ-ESSER

Director of Centro Tedesco di Studi Veneziani

Anna CARDINALETTI

Director of the Department of Linguistics and Comparative Cultural Studies, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

14:15-15:45 Project Presentation

Norbert GÖTZ, Janne HOLMÉN, Jussi KURUNMÄKI, Deborah PACI, Rolf PETRI, Vasilis PETROGIANNIS

Break

16:15-17:45 Historical Regions

Diana MISHKOVA

Centre for Advanced Study Sofia

Conceptualization of Historical Regions and Boundaries

David G. KIRBY

University College London

From Conflict to Collaboration: Changing Concepts of the Baltic

Comment:

Jussi KURUNMÄKI

Södertörn University Stockholm

18:00-19:00 Keynote

Martin BAUMEISTER

Istituto Storico Germanico Rome

The Return of Ulysses: Varieties of the 'New Mediterranean' between Mediterraneanism and Southern Thought

14 November

Università Ca' Foscari – Dip. Studi Linguistici e Culturali Comparati

Palazzo Cosulich, Dorsoduro 1405, Fondamenta Zattere: Sala Media

09:30-11:00 Narratives

Jörg HACKMANN

University of Szczecin

Between Domination and Co-operation: Narratives of Baltic Space in Central and Eastern Europe

Luis F. BENEDEZI

Ca' Foscari University of Venice

Representations of the Mediterranean in Latin American Narratives

Comment:

Deborah PACI

Ca' Foscari University of Venice

11:30-13:00 Region Building

Mark BASSIN

Södertörn University Stockholm

Eurasia: A Postmodern Trans-Regional Region

Paolo GIACCARIA

University of Turin

Genealogies for a Post-Colonial Sea: From Vidal de la Blache to Bruxelles

Comment:

Janne HOLMÉN

Södertörn University Stockholm

Break

14:30-16:30 Roundtable 'Area Studies'

Bo PETERSSON

Malmö University

'We don't do Area Studies': Regional Studies from a Political Science Perspective

Matteo LEGRENZI

Ca' Foscari University of Venice

The Oxford 'School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies': A Critical Evaluation

Markus KOLLER

Ruhr University of Bochum

Perspectives on Mediterranean Studies: The Centre for Mediterranean Studies at the University of Bochum

Rebecka LETTEVALL

Södertörn University Stockholm

Constructing Area Studies after the Cold War: A Critique from a Cosmopolitan Point of View

Break

17:00-18:00 Discussion and Conclusion

Henrik STENIUS

University of Helsinki

Reflections on the Conference Debates

Moderation of the final debate:

Norbert GÖTZ

Södertörn University Stockholm

and Rolf PETRI

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