

Rethinking Borders: A Russian Perspective and Practice

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Abstract

In the vast land of Russia, the scale of internal migration is quite demanding. Through his analysis of the boundary in semiosphere, Y. M. Lotman discovered the awareness and practice of differentiation a man senses within and / or outside the space comprised of languages and forces. In Russia, the idea of borders, or boundaries, is subject to change with political regimes and social construction. According to É. Balibar, the end of the Soviet and Eastern bloc indicated a timing for the (re)arrangement of the borders and territories. This paper aims to discover borders formulated by, or resulting from, expedition, resettlement and exile in late imperial Russia. If my intension of building up a conversation between Balibar and Lotman is possible, their views on the question of border / boundary may hint that the purpose of such lines is (un)necessary as we move into a world of a boundless culture and economy.

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