



Call for Papers

Boundary Organizations in International Affairs

8th WIRE ([*Workshop on International Relations*](#))

Brussels, Belgium, August 26-27, 2015

Analytical theme

Boundary organizations are not recent phenomena in international affairs. Since the end of the 1980s, the need was felt to manage effectively the interface between science and policy for enhanced global collective action. For instance, governments created the International Panel on Climate Change in 1988 to support and inform decision-making regarding global warming. In 2012, they established the International Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to review and assess knowledge generated by scientists, civil society groups, governments and traditional communities. Progressively, international boundary organisations have expanded from the environmental domain and reached other issue areas, including health, energy, food security and finance.

Yet, few studies have been conducted on international boundary organisations outside the environmental realm, and few researches have compared international boundary organisations through time or across issue areas. The 8th WIRE edition precisely aims at filling these gaps.

More precisely, we are looking for original contributions offering a theoretical argument combined with an empirical investigation. The papers can, among others, analyze:

- (i) The institutional design of international boundary organizations;
- (ii) The credibility, saliency and legitimacy of knowledge generated from international boundary organizations;
- (iii) International boundary organizations and boundary work in a context of institutional interactions;
- (iv) Learning across international boundary organizations;

Workshop format

This workshop is part of the WIRE series (Workshops on International Relations, see www.wire-series.org). As for previous WIRE editions, the number of participants will be limited to twenty, full papers will be distributed long before the event, and authors will only speak at the closure of the one-hour group discussion of their paper. This format offers an opportunity for extensive and in-depth discussions, provides authors with detailed feedback on their on-going research, and allows participants to get acquainted in an informal setting.

Submission of proposals

To submit a proposal, send a one-page summary, a biographical notice, and full contact information by email to wire.series@gmail.com by **April 13th, 2015** at the latest. Authors will be informed by the selection committee of its decision by April 15th, 2015. Selected candidates are expected to send a complete version of their papers (between 7.000 and 9.000 words) by **August 1st, 2015** at the latest. Authors who fail to send their paper on time will be removed from the program.

Practical details

Meals and accommodation will be covered during the workshop for authors and discussants. Upon request, we will also provide a financial contribution for travel costs. When submitting your paper proposal, please indicate whether you want to apply for such funding and indicate clearly your city of departure. There is no registration fee.

Publication

The organizers intend to publish a selection of papers as a special issue in a leading peer-review journal. Previous WIRE editions have led to special issues in *Global Governance, Cooperation and Conflict*, the *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, and *International Studies Review*. Publication plans will be discussed the workshop.

Sponsor

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