Borders and Boundaries
Twenty Years After
the Fall of the Berlin Wall

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Monday, November 9, 2009
Oren Conference Hall, Kreitman Building,
Marcus Family Campus, Ben-Gurion University
13:45-14:00 Greetings
Prof. Rivka Carmi, President, Ben-Gurion University
Prof. Moshe Justman, Dean, Ben-Gurion University
Prof. David Newman, Dept. of Politics and Government, Ben-Gurion University

14:00-15:45 Session I: Borders and Boundaries in the Contemporary World
Chair: Shaul Krakover, Dean, Eilat Campus
Michael Foucher, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, France
The New Significance of Borders
Henk Van Houtum, Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands
Waiting before the Law; Kafka at the Border
Respondent: David Newman, Ben-Gurion University

15:45-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-18:00 Session II: Walls, Fences and Borders 20 Years after the Berlin Wall
Chair: Sharon Pardo, CSEPS, Ben-Gurion University
Richard Schofield, King’s College, London, UK
Borders in the Middle East
James Scott, Freie Universitat, Berlin, Germany
The Changing Role of Borders in Europe
Respondent: Gidon Biger, Tel Aviv University

18:00-19:30 Round Table: Walls and Bordering in Israel/Palestine
Chair and Discussant: Neve Gordon, Ben-Gurion University
Itzhak Shnell, Tel Aviv University
The Separation Barrier as Border
Yoseph Shilhav, Bar-Ilan University
Borders within the Ultra-Orthodox Jewish Society
Thabet Abu-Rass, Ben-Gurion University
Borders within Bedouin Society
Haim Yacobi, Ben-Gurion University
Wall Politics and Gated Communities in Israel
Tamar Arieli, Center for Cross-Border Cooperation
Crossing Borders - Israel/Jordan

19:30-20:30 Reception

20:30 Screening of two border films at Negative
The Life of Others - Germany 2006
Goodbye Lenin - Germany 2003