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Joint Workshop

Boundary Demarcation and Local Politics in the 19-20<sup>th</sup> Centuries in Alpine-Adriatic Borderland  
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Opening Remarks  
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Thank you for coming to this workshop.

First of all, I would express my gratitude to Professor Judson, Professor Riall, Professor Kolář and Professor Klabjan for their kind help in organizing this workshop. I have learned a lot with them here in the EUI, as a visiting fellow, and I am very happy to share this experience with my Japanese colleagues.

This workshop is based on the co-research project started in 2015: 'Boundary Demarcation and Local Politics in Modern and Contemporary Alpine-Adriatic Borderlands', which considers the experience, identity conflicts and memories of the populations in these borderlands during the history of boundary demarcation and the changes along with the politics and wars of related states. In this workshop, we would like to argue the fluid and contingent process of group-making, strategic 'national indifference' and interaction between national politics of nationalization and local reaction in the border crises through the historical analysis, in order to challenge the historiography which is still strongly tied with national / ethnic framework and to discuss how we could reconsider the border crisis under the globalization.

We have two parts of presentations today: the first part is about wars and memories in the 20th century in South Tyrol and borderland between Italy and Austria-Hungary. The second part deals with the liberalist movement in the empire's margin and the issue of continuity of liberalism and nationalism in the history and historiography.

In structuring the individual and collective researches, we appreciate your advices and suggestions for further investigation.