

The Border Manifesto

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SUMMARY

The phenomenon 'border' was since the beginning of surveying activities a central element of the profession. However, the significance of this powerful tool to organize the societies all around the globe is underestimated. Even the surveying professionals did and do pay the necessary attention to this important element of our professional activities. It gives cause to thought, that border, borderline, boundary, limit do not exist in FIG's keyword vocabulary.

In recent times the border questions became important political issues, be it in conjunction with the migration crises, the Brexit, land grabbing, the education, and the religious disputes.

But the handling of borders is characterized by ignorance, abuse of power, misuse of purpose, lack of compliance with contracts and disregard for good faith and mental rigidity. Borders can be opened, closed or removed or changed, but these operations must follow clear rules.

It is high time that the surveyors, as specialists of borders, openly present their views, their credo and their convictions to the whole world and oppose the non-observance and abolition of borders and the respective rules.

For this purpose, the advocates of a professional approach to borders have gathered in Bern, took the communist manifesto as a template and drafted the Border Manifesto which shall be the starting point for sharpening of the profile of the surveyors as servants for the peaceful living together in the world.

In the presentation, the Border Manifesto will be introduced, explained and discussed.

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