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P07 - RE-THINKING IBERIAN BOUNDARIES IN THE RIO DE LA PLATA – AGENCIES, CIRCULATIONS, AND INTERACTIONS IN THE TUPI-GUARANI AREA (16TH-19TH CENTURIES)

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ABSTRACT

During the Early Modern period, the Iberian frontiers in America were undefined and disputed. Diplomatic meetings between Spain and Portugal that sought compliance of the Treaty of Tordesillas in Latin America multiplied all throughout the colonial period. The panel *Re-thinking Iberian Boundaries in the Rio de la Plata – Agencies, Circulations, and Interactions in the Tupi-Guarani area (16th-19th centuries)*, proposes to study the conflicts and negotiations concerning the definition of the American frontiers between Spain and Portugal in the Rio de la Plata region. This is a key region for understanding transatlantic contacts between the two Crowns in the Americas and, to date, this has not been sufficiently studied. As such, boundary realities will be studied beyond the juridical aspect in order to examine the facts and practices on the ground. Consideration of Indigenous peoples' migrations, Europeans' movements, and goods exchanges will be central to the analysis of the configuration of the Platine frontiers. Also, the panel will particularly welcome contributions on linguistics frontiers in the Tupi-Guarani area from the earliest colonial period to the independences. Based on an analysis of Tupi, Guarani, French, Portuguese and Spanish documents, this panel aims at contributing to a better understanding of subaltern strategies in the Southern frontiers of the Atlantic.

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