The international conference “Border History” is organized by JSPS Global Initiative, “Interdisciplinary Research on the Function of National Histories and Collective Memories for the Democracy in the Globalized Society”, and co-organized by Eurasia Unit for Border Research (Japan) and Japanese-Korean Forum for Western History.

The conference is organized for the purposes “to analyze identity politics actualized under globalization and functions of ‘national histories’ and ‘collective memories’ on the occasion of restoration of nationalisms and intensification of chauvinistic attitudes which are caused by abovementioned identity politics” and “to suggest the ways of history writing and collectively memorizing for avoiding conflicts through researches on relationship between nationalism and democracy”.

The main theme of the international conference in the academic year of 2017 is “Border History”. We will challenge to gain prospects to achieve the abovementioned purposes with discussion on ‘border’ as the place that conflicts and reconciliation, division and collaboration happen(ed). At the same time, it is also kept in our mind that ‘border’ should be located in long-term perspective from ancient to present and broader space connecting whole Eurasia.