

THE DIVIDING ROLE OF THE DANUBE: THE GEOPOLITICAL BACKGROUNDS OF FLUVIAL BORDERS AND BRIDGES

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The presentation looks at, with the assistance of maps and data, how the Danube River became more and more of a border river in the last 200 years. For this we demonstrate the lengths of the border at the different times and the circumstances of their birth. On the other hand, the situation of bridges across the river is specific. The density of bridges is typically different at the various

reaches, and this is not only the consequence of physical geographical situation but also the settlement network and the history of the relations among the countries. In the background of this there are several geopolitical issues that are analysed by the presentation.

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