



BORDERLINE BAROQUE

*A ROAD TRIP ALONG THE
CONFSSIONAL FRONTIER*

12 - 18 participants (+ 4-6 supervisors)
Cost Frame C

We are looking for potential drivers (in possession of a drivers license B). Please contact the Chair if you are able and willing to drive:
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The schism between Catholics and Protestants once tore through the entire European continent, dividing territory into different religious and political spheres according to ever-shifting and contested borders. To mark territories and strengthen confessional identity in the midst of war, a wide range of actors turned to architecture, spurring a wave of inventiveness across Europe. We will conduct a road trip from Zurich to Poland to examine how architecture has dealt with these religious beliefs, practices and conflicts, becoming an instrument of education and propaganda. We will discover bizarre cults – from Catholic miracle working shrines to radical and “free love” embracing Protestant sects. And despite religious differences, we will also find evidence of constant confessional cross-fertilization.