When Borders Emerge: From Invisible Lines to Everyday Control

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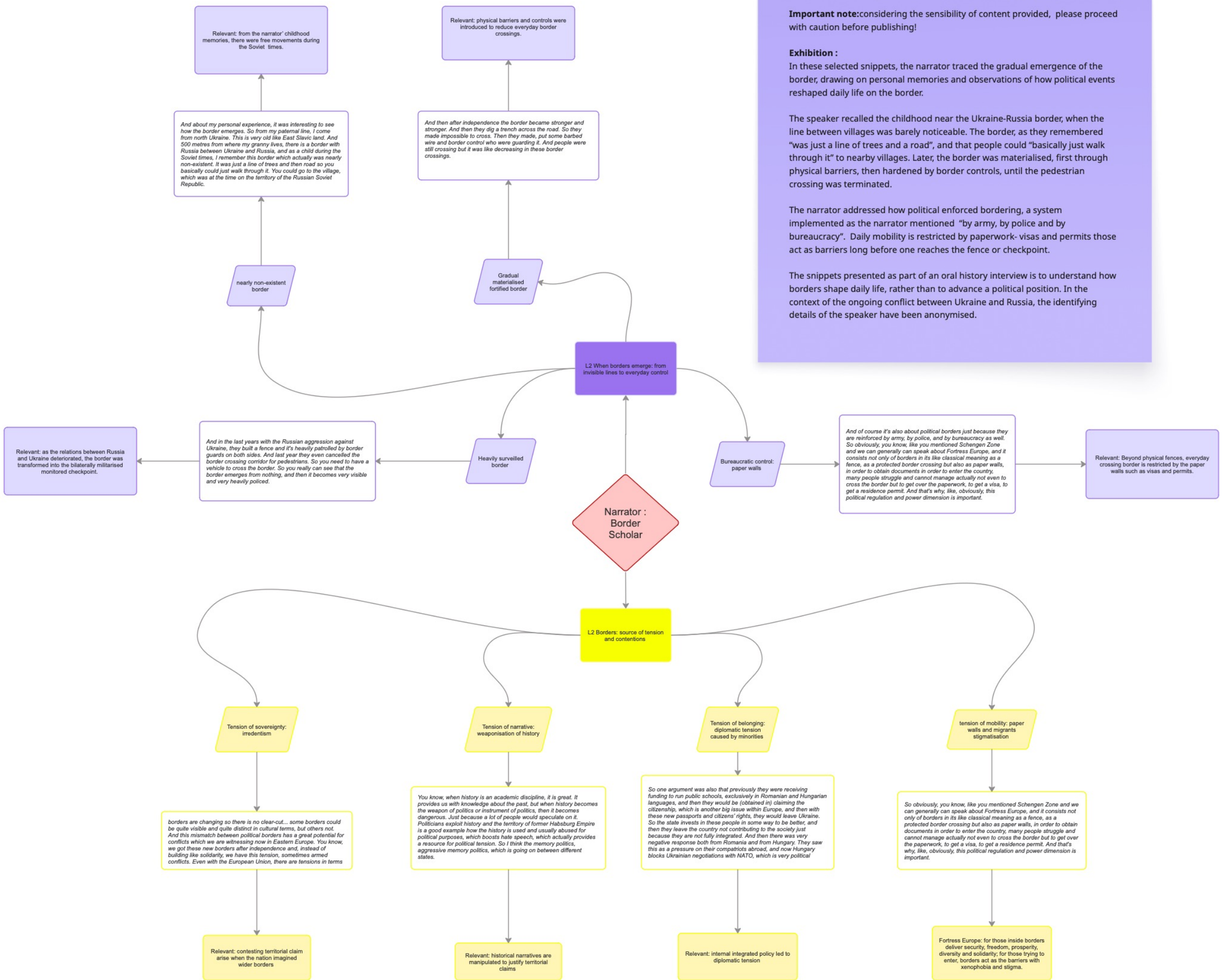
Exhibition :
In these selected snippets, the narrator traced the gradual emergence of the border, drawing on personal memories and observations of how political events reshaped daily life on the border.

The speaker recalled the childhood near the Ukraine-Russia border, when the line between villages was barely noticeable. The border, as they remembered "was just a line of trees and a road", and that people could "basically just walk through it" to nearby villages. Later, the border was materialised, first through physical barriers, then hardened by border controls, until the pedestrian crossing was terminated.

The narrator addressed how political enforced bordering, a system implemented as the narrator mentioned "by army, by police and by bureaucracy". Daily mobility is restricted by paperwork- visas and permits those act as barriers long before one reaches the fence or checkpoint.

The snippets presented as part of an oral history interview is to understand how borders shape daily life, rather than to advance a political position. In the context of the ongoing conflict between Ukraine and Russia, the identifying details of the speaker have been anonymised.