Welcome to the spring issue of La Frontera, the newsletter of the Association for Borderlands Studies!

We have much to tell you in this issue - new Board members, new Editors of the Journal of Borderland Studies, and new ABS Executive Secretariat and Treasurer hosted by the School of Transborder Studies at Arizona State University. We would also like to welcome our new ABS members. We invite all our readers to join the largest and most rapidly growing community of border scholars in the world. To become a member visit the ABS website at absborderlands.org.

Above all, we are very excited with the program of the 2018 ABS Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. This year the conference aims to stimulate an evidence-based and theoretically robust discussion on how borders shape and impact the daily life of border communities across the world. The 2018 meeting features panels, roundtables, plenary sessions, photographic exhibitions, and awards to our more distinguished members. Join us in San Antonio on April 4-7 for an intense discussion on borders and border communities.

This year, our association also organizes the 2nd ABS World Conference in Vienna. The local committee at the University of Vienna has put together an extraordinary program focused on Border-Making and its Consequences: Interpreting Evidence from the “post-Colonial” and “post-Imperial” 20th Century. The ABS World Conference will take place 10-14 July 2018, in Vienna, Austria and Budapest, Hungary. You can learn more about the conference at abs2018world.com. See you in San Antonio and Vienna!

Association for Borderlands Studies
2017 ABS CONFERENCE IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS - APRIL 4-7
Everyday Borders: The Ordinary Complexity of Borders and Bordering Processes

For additional information visit the absborderlands.org or send an email to francisco.lara@asu.edu.

CONFERENCIA 2017 DE LA ABS EN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS - ABRIL 4-7
Fronteras cotidianas: La complejidad ordinaria de las fronteras y los procesos de fronterización

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EL CERCO

EL CERCO - A Photographic Exhibition by Guillermo Arias
Opens April 4, 2018 - Mexican Cultural Institute, 600 Hemisfair Park, San Antonio, Texas

Organizers: El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Consulate General of Mexico in San Antonio, the Mexican Cultural Institute, the Association for Borderlands Studies, and the School of Transborder Studies at Arizona State University.

This photographic project consists of a visual journey through the barrier, or series of barriers that make up what in the United States is known as border fence (cerco fronterizo). This fence disrupts the landscape, crosses deserts and mountains, and penetrates the Pacific Ocean.

The goal is to show the relationship between El Cerco, and the different environments and spaces that it distorts throughout the border. Learn more about the exhibit at absborderlands.org.
Border-Making and its Consequences: Interpreting Evidence from the “post-Colonial” and “post-Imperial” 20th Century

The second edition of this quadrennial event is organized by the University of Vienna and partners and is hosted in Vienna and Budapest from July 10th to 14th, 2018. More than 400 participants from around the world are expected, including renowned scholars as well as students, spanning all fields of the humanities and social sciences. Learn more at abs2018world.com.

2018 ABS LIFETIME AWARD RECIPIENT

Dr. James T. Peach has been selected to receive the 2018 ABS Lifetime Award, to be presented at this year’s annual meeting in San Antonion, Texas. Peach is a Distinguished Achievement Professor and the Regents Professor of Economics and International Business at New Mexico State University (NMSU). He joined the Association for Borderlands Studies in April 1982, six years after the ABS was established. Since then, he has been a regular presence at ABS meetings and has made a huge contribution to the development of both ABS and border studies as a whole. He has frequently given papers to both the Annual Meetings of the Association for Borderlands Studies and to the wider Western Social Science Association Conferences. He has also made major contributions to both organizations, serving as president of the ABS from 1999 to 2000, as a member of the Executive Council for the Western Social Science Association between 2001 and 2004, and as President from 2005 to 2006.

Dr. Peach received a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Texas at Austin in 1978, with his doctoral thesis focusing on questions of land tenancy and development in Bangladesh. He was subsequently appointed as an assistant professor of New Mexico State University in 1980. Since then, he has largely concerned himself with tracing the dynamism inherent in the US-Mexican borderlands, shedding particular light upon its wider demographic issues and economic relations.
NEW ABS SECRETARIAT & TREASURY

School of Transborder Studies
Arizona State University

As of fall 2017, the Executive and Board Directors of the Association for Borderlands Studies has selected and accepted the proposal of the School of Transborder Studies at Arizona State University to host ABS Executive Secretariat and Treasury. Dr. Francisco Lara will oversee these efforts during the next four-year term in accordance with ABS bylaws.

The School of Transborder Studies (STS) is a unit of the College of Liberal Arts and Science at Arizona State University in Tempe. The school promotes academic excellence and social change by developing cutting-edge interdisciplinary knowledge regarding the population, economy, ecology and governance of the U.S.-Mexico transborder region and other border areas in the world. STS offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in the field of transborder studies and maintain a broad research agenda in collaboration with research institutions in North America, Latin America and Europe. The school houses the Program for Transborder Communities and it is member of the Research Network on Transborder Development and Governance, and Latin American Network on Transborder Studies.

Arizona State University is a new model for American higher education, an unprecedented combination of academic excellence, entrepreneurial energy and broad access. This New American University is a single, unified institution comprising four differentiated campuses positively impacting the economic, social, cultural and environmental health of the communities it serves. Its research is inspired by real world application blurring the boundaries that traditionally separate academic disciplines. ASU serves more than 90,000 students in metropolitan Phoenix, Arizona, the nation’s fifth largest city. ASU champions intellectual and cultural diversity, and welcomes students from all fifty states and over a hundred nations across the globe.

NEW ABS BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Elisabeth Vallet is the scientific director of the Raoul Dandurand Chair in strategic and diplomatic studies - Canada. She is an adjunct professor in the Department of Geography and teaches geopolitics at UQAM, and leads the Quebec region in the Borders in Globalization program, an international research network based at the University of Victoria. She is currently conducting a SSHRC funded research on Border walls and border lands. She has published recently “Borders, Fences and Walls – State of insecurity” (Ashgate). She has contributed to infographic projects on the globalization of border walling with the Washington Post, the New York Times, Courrier international, Time and the Economist. She has been awarded the 2017 Richard Morrill Outreach Award by the AAG.

Dr. Katarzyna Stokłosa is Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Management, Centre for Border Region Studies, at the University of Southern Denmark. She finished her PhD at the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder) and her habilitation thesis at the University of Potsdam. She has published various books and articles on European border regions in comparison and on European history.
A message from the new JBS Co-Editors-in-Chief, Dr. Sergio Peña and Dr. Christophe Sohn

As the new editors for the Journal of Borderlands Studies, our mission will be to promote the production of critical and practical knowledge with the highest standards in all areas and human dimensions that affect borders, borderland regions and their inhabitants in a manner that such knowledge will be helpful to promote more understanding among people and human progress.

Our vision is to position the Journal of Borderland Studies (JBS) as a premier outlet internationally recognized for publishing the most innovative and influential contributions to the field of border studies while embracing the diversity of intellectual perspectives, inter-disciplinary approaches and cultural contexts that characterize it.

In order to accomplish our mission and vision we are committed to:

- Implement effective and responsive editorial management;
- Ensure the scientific quality and societal relevance of all articles published in JBS;
- Improve the global exposure and reputation of the journal across the multidisciplinary field of border studies;
- Promote geographical and disciplinary balance representing the diversity of border contexts, phenomena and approaches;
- Adopt an open mindset with regard to novelty and difference (of experience, context or standpoint);
- Renew the editorial board in order to achieve a balanced representation of gender, geographical origin (including colleagues from the ‘Global South’) and disciplinary background (or research perspectives) among its members.

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Christophe Sohn christophe.sohn@liser.lu

Dr. Sergio Peña holds a doctoral degree in Urban Planning from Florida State University. Peña is an associate professor at El Colegio de la Frontera Norte in the Urban and Environmental Studies Department. His research interests focus on planning, economics, and, more precisely, the role of institutions in the development and planning process. His research agenda in the last decade has focused on the study of cross-border governance processes and collaboration mechanism between the U.S. and Mexico. He recently published a book entitled “Teoría, Procesos y Práctica de la Planificación Urbana y Regional.”

Dr. Christophe Sohn holds a doctoral degree in Geography from the University of Strasbourg (France). He is Senior Researcher at the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER). In 2016-2017, he was a visiting scholar at the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, UC San Diego. Christophe Sohn’s research agenda focuses on the ways national borders are not only to be considered as territorial dividing lines or barriers but may also represent an economic, political or symbolic resource for border cities and regions. His most recent work focuses on the symbolic recoding of borders in cross-border regionalization initiatives in Europe and in North America.
BORDERS AND BORDER WALLS, A NEW ERA?  
(IN)SECURITY, SYMBOLISM, VULNERABILITIES  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE MONTREAL, CANADA  
SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2018  
mur2018.uqam.ca  
@border_walls

Every two years, Dr. Elisabeth Vallet and the Raoul Dandurand Chair at the University of Quebec in Montreal lead the organization of an international conference on borders and border walls. This fifth edition will be held in Montreal (Canada) on September 27-28, 2018 and will bring together renowned scholars and students, spanning all fields of the humanities and social sciences, as well as members of the civil society and policy makers, to further the discussion and analysis on border walls, their impacts and possible alternatives. For more information visit mur2018.uqam.ca or email bordersandwalls@gmail.com.

EVENTS

FEATURED ARTICLE

Why a bigger wall won’t solve U.S. drug or immigration problems

Dr. Joan B. Anderson  
University of San Diego

Unauthorized immigration and the inflow of illegal drugs are consistently portrayed as major U.S.-Mexico border problems. Neither drugs nor immigrants originate in the Mexican border region nor do most of them terminate in the U.S. border region. They are border problems in the sense that U.S. policy has focused on fighting illegal drugs and unauthorized immigrant inflows at the border. For both drugs and immigration, U.S. policy-makers have focused on controlling supply. The problem is that supply is driven by demand and not the other way around.

If people with the ability to pay want something, someone will find a way to supply it. Supply-side policy can make acquiring a good more expensive, but as long as demand is strong for illegal drugs and cheap labor, they will be supplied.

Read the full article at absborderlands.org
Mexican borders: nodes of the global system of illicit drugs


From the illicit international political economy approach (Andreas, 2004) and one supplementary studying borders, territorial States and illegal flows (Van Schendel, 2005), this book’s objective is to discuss the role played by the prohibitionist drugs policy of the United States in the formation of the global system of cross-border illicit drugs in Latin America and its social and security impacts on the Mexican border cities. In the global network the land, sea and air borders of Mexico have the role of nodes of the flow of illicit drugs. The northern border is a containment place for the flow of prohibited drugs due to the hardening of security policies implemented by the US government which imposes a “barrier” to the flows. This situation increases the competence of drugs cartels to fight for routes, territories, markets and border crossings using extreme violence tactics. In this context, the social impacts of the confrontation are quantified in thousands of killings. Buy Book.

Borders and Mobility in South Asia and Beyond

Jones, R. and Ferdoush, A. Editors (2018), Borders and Mobility in South Asia and Beyond. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.

The world is experiencing one of the largest movements of people in history with 65 million people displaced by conflict in 2015, the majority of which were from Asia. This book brings a deep engagement with individuals whose lives are shaped by encounters with borders by telling the stories of a poor Bangladeshi women who regularly crosses the India border to visit family, of Muslims from India living in Gulf countries for work, and the harrowing journey of a young Afghan man as he sets off on foot to Germany. The international and interdisciplinary work in this book contributes to this moment by analyzing how borders are experienced by migrants and borderlanders in South Asia, how mobility and diaspora are engaged in literature and media, and how the lives of migrants are transformed during their journey to new homes in South Asia, the Middle East, North America, and Europe. Buy Book.

Batos, Bolillos, Pochos, and Pelados:
Class and Culture on the South Texas Border

Richardson, Chad and Michael J. Pisani (2017), Batos, Bolillos, Pochos, and Pelados: Class and Culture on the South Texas Border, revised edition, Austin, TX: University of Texas Press.

A classic account of life on the Texas-Mexico border, Batos, Bolillos, Pochos, and Pelados (University of Texas Press) offers the fullest portrait available of the people of the South Texas/Northern Mexico borderlands. First published in 1999, the book is now extensively revised and updated. Batos, Bolillos, Pochos, and Pelados uses the voices of hundreds of Valley residents, collected by embedded student researchers and backed by the findings of sociological surveys, to describe the lives of migrant farmworkers, colonia residents, undocumented domestic servants, maquiladora workers, and Mexican street children. Likewise, it explores social, racial, and ethnic relations in South Texas among groups such as Latinos, Mexican immigrants, wealthy Mexican visitors, Anglo residents or tourists, and Asian and African American residents of South Texas. With this firsthand material and an explanatory focus, the book thoroughly addresses the future composition and integration of Latinos into the society and culture of the United States. Buy Book.
Hegemonies of Language and Their Discontents: The Southwest North American Region Since 1540


Spanish and English have fought a centuries-long battle for dominance in the Southwest North American Region, commonly known as the U.S.-Mexico transborder region. Covering the time period of 1540 to the present, Hegemonies of Language and Their Discontents provides a deep and broad understanding of the contradictory methods of establishing language supremacy in the region and the manner in which those affected have responded and acted, often in dissatisfaction and at times with inventive adaptations. Buy Book.

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Irrational Rationalities: Fears and Paranoia at the Finland-Russia Interface

Thinking borders in the Middle East and the Sahel: issues and concepts
Daniel Meier, 2018, “Thinking borders in the Middle East and the Sahel: issues and concepts,” Egypte Monde Arabe, no 18. daniel.meier@graduateinstitute.ch
Negotiating Identity and Belonging through the Invisibility Bargain: Colombian Forced Migrants in Ecuador

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CALL FOR PAPERS

“The Power of Borders: Historical Perspectives on Unity and Division in Global Borderlands”

1st Biennial Symposium of Texas A&M University
San Antonio’s Global Borders & Borderlands History Program

April 19-20, 2019 | San Antonio, Texas

Call for Papers

Texas A&M University-San Antonio (TAMUSA) announces the first biennial symposium of its Global Borders and Borderlands History Program. The two-day symposium will consist of a Friday afternoon field trip and an evening reception, followed by one full day (Saturday) of panels with a lunchtime keynote address by historian Brian DeLay.

Borders and borderlands have the unique power to simultaneously unite and divide the people living in and around them. Scholars studying all parts of the world recognize the importance of borders and borderlands not only in the geopolitical sense, but also as they impact economics, diplomacy, culture, society, and human identity. We welcome individual paper and full panel proposals from persons who study the role of borders—and the complex “borderlands” they create—in shaping global historical narratives.

We encourage submissions from scholars of all fields of study—including but not limited to historians, anthropologists, archaeologists, political scientists, linguists, and geographers—who may not employ Borderlands Studies as their primary methodological approach, but who have an interest in exploring the impacts of borders across time and place. We also invite submissions that integrate gender roles, race and ethnicity, indigenous populations, material culture, and public history into their analytical framework.

The Program Committee, chaired by Dr. William S. Kiser, requests both full panel and individual paper submissions.

All submissions are due November 15, 2018 and should be emailed to: william.kiser@tamusa.edu.

For individual paper submissions, submit a title and 300-word abstract, along with a 1-page C.V. For full panel submissions, submit a title and 300-word abstract, along with individual paper titles and abstracts, and a 1-page C.V. for each participant.

The symposium will be hosted on the campus of Texas A&M University-San Antonio, with the generous support of the Department of Arts and Humanities and the Office of the President. Plans include the publication of a refereed edited volume based on papers presented at the symposium.
Dr. Eugene Garcia Outstanding Latina/o Faculty Research in Higher Education Award

Francisca James Hernández, Ph.D. received The Alfredo G. de los Santos, Jr., Outstanding Latina/o Faculty: Service/Teaching Award in Higher Education from the Victoria Foundation last Sept. 2017

Cross-Border Fellowship launched by the Border Policy Research Institute and Borders in Globalization (SSHRC) Research Program

The Fellowship is a joint appointment between two universities with established border studies programs and offers a unique opportunity to conduct cross-border, policy-relevant research in the Cascadia border region. Known as a leader in cross-border governance and innovation, the Cascadia region offers an incredible opportunity for border scholars to engage in globally relevant research in a beautiful natural landscape. The region spans the Canada – U.S. border between British Columbia and Washington State, and is situated between the Cascade Mountain Range and the islands of the Salish Sea. Fellowship applicants can request up to 6-month residencies, based at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington, and/or at the University of Victoria in Victoria, British Columbia. Inaugural fellows include Dr. Francesco Cappellano and Mrs. Margit Säre.

Applications for 2019 open in Fall 2018, visit 2018 Fellowship for more information.

New Project 2018-2020: “UniGR-Center for Border Studies – European Center for Competence and Resources in Border Studies” (Funding: Interreg VA Greater Region)

The cross-border project of France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg aims to develop border studies research in the Greater Region and make it more visible internationally. The involved partners are the Saarland University, University of Trier, University of Kaiserslautern, University of Lorraine, University of Liège, University of Luxembourg and the cross-border university association “University of the Greater Region” (lead partner). The aim is to create suitable research conditions, to strengthen the exchanges and mobility of researchers by organizing scientific seminars and research stays. For teaching, innovative digital learning and teaching materials are developed, starting with the example of the tri-national Master in Border Studies ( http://master.borderstudies.org). Finally, special emphasis will be placed on strengthening relations between researchers and socio-economic actors through the organization of panel discussions and the participation in the spatial development concept of the Greater Region.

For more information visit www.borderstudies.org and www.uni-gr.eu.
Master in Border Studies

Border Studies - a new joint study program between four universities of the Greater Region

Our Master in Border Studies is a two-year joint international study program, which addresses the complex economic, political, social and cultural issues of borders and of border regions in Europe and beyond.

The study program is designed for students with different disciplinary backgrounds who wish to develop the necessary skills and competencies to work in intercultural and cross-border settings.

The multilingual study program is located in three countries at four different universities:

- University of Luxembourg (LUX)
- University of Lorraine (FR)
- Saarland University (DE)
- University of Kaiserslautern (DE)

Courses in this Master in Border Studies are taught in German, French and English.

Border Studies: Addressing the challenges of the 21st century

In the wake of the abolition of regular border controls in Europe and the fall of the iron curtain, the field of Border Studies has opened up new objects of research and has experienced a noticeable development boost. At the same time European societies experience the challenges of new closing of borders.

The Master in Border Studies provides students with the major concepts and analytical tools to understand the social, cultural, political and economic challenges of border regions and cross-border cooperations. Students gain theoretical knowledge of border problems, border cultures, border literatures and constructions of “otherness”.

Students acquire the needed skills to play a crucial part in the increasing discussions on national and European identities, worldwide mobilities, migration, cultural diversity, citizenship and cross-border cooperation – especially in the Greater Region.

Students may specialise in one of the two tracks:

- spatial track including geography and spatial planning;
- language and cultural track including cultural studies, literature, linguistics, intercultural communication.
**Why study Border Studies at the University of the Greater Region?**

- Our multilingual courses are taught at the four partner universities in the Greater Region
- Students benefit from multicultural and multilingual study experience which is essential for their future professional careers
- The interdisciplinary study program is based on a strong and long-standing cooperation between the partner universities (see UniGR key-area: Border Studies).
- A mandatory internship enables students to get a better overview of their career opportunities
- Successful students are awarded a joint diploma issued by the four universities
- The program benefits from the recognition and the support of the Université franco-allemande | Deutsch-Französische Hochschule. As a consequence, students can benefit from mobility grants.

For more information visit [http://www.uni-gr.eu/en/Master_Border_Studies](http://www.uni-gr.eu/en/Master_Border_Studies)
or contact Dr. Ines Funk [ma.Border_studies@uni-saarland.de](mailto:ma.Border_studies@uni-saarland.de)

**Conflict Transformation across Borders, Quito-Ecuador: Accepting Applications**

The University of Massachusetts-Boston, FLACSO-Ecuador, and the Center for Mediation, Peace, and Resolution of Conflict (CEMPROC) are pleased to announce:

The fourth annual Summer Institute on Conflict Transformation Across Borders will take place from July 1-21, 2018 in Quito, Ecuador at FLACSO, with graduate-level credit issued by UMass Boston. The program will focus on conflict and peace in border regions, including immigration and refugee-related conflict.

More info and application instructions are available at [http://www.caps.umb.edu/conflict_transformation](http://www.caps.umb.edu/conflict_transformation).

The application deadline is April 23, 2018.

The program will feature a series of high-level guest speakers (past years have included a former Ecuadorian Minister of Foreign Relations, UN resident director, former ambassadors, UNASUR officials, UN peacekeeper involved in the Nicaraguan demobilization process, military officers in the border region, refugee leaders, NGO activists, and more).

This course is designed to equip early-career professionals, graduate and advanced undergraduate students, and other future peacebuilders with practical tools, knowledge, and hands-on experience to understand the complexities of conflicts in refugee communities and across border regions, and the types of interventions that can be used to transform these conflicts.

The program will include classroom learning; trips to the Amazon cloud forest and the northern border region; practical skills training workshops on conflict analysis, negotiation, cross-cultural communication, and proposal writing; and participants will design their own proposal for a peacebuilding project, receiving feedback from a panel of experienced experts in the field. In this sense, the Summer Institute is not just a learning or training opportunity, but a platform for action that connects a cohort of future peacebuilders and empowers them to address the complex conflicts related to borders, migration and refugees, and transnational environmental challenges that face the world today. Core faculty leaders are Dr. Yves-Renee Jennings, UMass Boston and Dr. Cecile Mouly, FLACSO Ecuador.

More details and applications are available online at [http://www.caps.umb.edu/conflict_transformation](http://www.caps.umb.edu/conflict_transformation).

The deadline to apply is April 23, 2018.
Questions can be directed to Cecile Mouly at camouly@flacso.edu.ec

Representative Topics

- Border disputes and bi-national dialogue/peace processes, the cases of Ecuador-Colombia, Haiti-Dominican Republic, and Ecuador-Peru
- Human security vs. national security in border regions
- Transnational dimensions of conflict and peacebuilding
- Skills workshop: Conflict analysis
- Border disputes and binational dialogue/peace processes the cases of Ecuador-Colombia and Ecuador-Peru
- Forced migration and social conflict in migrant-receiving communities
- Skills workshop: Negotiation and mediation
- The role of Ecuador as a guarantor in the peace process between the Colombian government and ELN
- Skills workshop: Project development and proposal writing
- Conflict involving transnational environmental challenges
- Indigenous identity, ethnicity and conflict in border regions
- Skills workshop: Methodologies of conflict transformation and alternatives to violence (PAV)
- The role of UNASUR in the mediation of conflict in South America
- Security sector reform; disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration (DDR) and the Colombian armed conflict

Check out the outcomes, student reflections, published articles, and photos from the past years' Summer Institutes here.