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# La Frontera

*Association for Borderlands Studies e-Newsletter*



**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**ABS 2019 Annual Conference**  
**April 24-27, 2019**  
**San Diego, California**

The ABS Annual Conference is an academic conference attended by researchers, students, practitioners and policy makers interested in the interdisciplinary and comparative study of borders and bordering processes.

Each ABS conference has a theme that is intended to serve as a broad umbrella under which a wide range of work can be presented, while still yielding the consolidation and advancement of the field of border studies. As Academic Chair of the 2019 ABS conference, President-Elect Professor Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly (University of Victoria, Canada), has set the 2019 conference theme as *“Border here, there, everywhere.”*

Read the full Call for Papers [here](#) and explore the ABS website for more information about the conference.

The ABS Annual Conference will take place in San Diego, California, with some panels and activities in Tijuana, Mexico.

**CONVOCATORIA**  
**Conferencia Anual ABS 2019**  
**24-27 de abril, 2019**  
**San Diego, California**

La Conferencia Anual de la ABS es una conferencia académica a la que asisten investigadores, estudiantes, profesionales y tomadores de decisiones interesados en el estudio interdisciplinario y comparado de las fronteras y los procesos transfronterizos.

Cada conferencia de la ABS tiene un tema general bajo el cual se puede presentar una amplia gama de trabajos que contribuyen a la consolidación y avance del campo de los estudios fronterizos. Como Presidente-Electo de la ABS y director académico del programa de la conferencia, el Profesor Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly (University of Victoria, Canadá) ha elegido el tema *“Fronteras, aquí, allá, por doquier”*

Lea la convocatoria completa [aquí](#) y explore el sitio web de la ABS para mayor información sobre la conferencia.

La Conferencia Anual de la ABS tendrá lugar en San Diego, California, con algunos paneles y actividades en Tijuana, México

## BECOME A MEMBER/ STAY A MEMBER OF THE ABS



The ABS membership campaign for 2019 has officially begun! If you are a member, we appreciate your support this year, and we look forward to your continued commitment to our association. If you are not a member, we invite you to join the largest and leading community of border scholars in the world.

Beginning this year, you can pay your 2019 membership dues starting today, October 1, 2018, so you can continue to enjoy uninterrupted affiliation to the ABS the whole 2019 calendar year. I encourage you to renew your membership or join now and remain an engaged member of the ABS community.

Your ABS membership gives you many great benefits: eligibility to submit papers for WSSA/ABS meetings, eligibility for travel grants and prizes, members-only access to resources on the ABS website, access to the *Journal of Borderland Studies*, access to other periodicals by Taylor and Francis, and more.

Francisco Lara-Valencia  
ABS President

### MEMBERS ONLY AREA NOW AVAILABLE AT ABS WEBSITE

ABS Members can now access the Members Only Area on the association's website. Members can now access the Taylor & Francis Online portal and download articles of the *Journal of Borderland Studies* (JBS), view ABS Financial Reports, ABS Minutes, and other related information. To access the ABS Website Members Only Area visit [absborderlands.org](http://absborderlands.org) and use your password to login. If you have any question or comment about your experience in the Members Only Areas, please email [absborderlands@asu.edu](mailto:absborderlands@asu.edu). Interested in ABS? Become a Member [here](#).

# ABS WORLD CONFERENCE IN VIENNA AND BUDAPEST



The ABS World Conference is an international event that happens every four years and brings together the largest number of scholars, policy makers, practitioners, and other border experts in the world.

In 2018, the 2nd ABS World Conference took place in Vienna and Budapest on July 10-14. Under the able leadership of the University of Vienna, the local organizing committee developed an exciting interdisciplinary and truly international program centered on the topic of border-making and its consequences. The organizing topic of the conference could be more timely and relevant given the resurgence of borders as the incarnation of the dilemmas faced by modern liberal democracies amidst the revival of nationalism, soberanism, and a widespread skepticism of globalization.

Almost 450 scholars from 49 different countries attended and contributed their expertise in more than 100 panels, plenary sessions, excursions, book presentations, and experiments. A special thanks to Dr. Machteld Venken and the team at the University of Vienna and Central European University for their dedication and professionalism in putting together a very diverse and global conference.

Francisco Lara-Valencia  
ABS President

## **ABS World Conference Global Track: The state of the arts in border research worldwide**

As a part of their endeavors to turn the ABS World Conference into an event of global scale, the Local Organizing Committee in Vienna and ABS organized a "global view" track to provide an overview over the state of the arts in border research worldwide. This program consisted of seven panels in total, covering Eastern Europe, Western Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, North America, and South America; each panel was organized by an expert on the respective region and participants discussed border-making and its consequences. To enable the broader public and students around the world to benefit from the concentrated knowledge present at the conference, these seven sessions were recorded and made accessible via the internet.

[Global Track 1: Africa](#)

[Global Track 2: the Middle East](#)

[Global Track 3: North America](#)

[Global Track 4: Western Europe](#)

[Global Track 5: Latin America](#)

[Global Track 6: Eastern Europe](#)

[Global Track 7: Asia](#)

We are very grateful to the German Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb, Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung) for their generous support. Also, we would like to thank our partners, the University of Saarbrücken, and in particular Astrid Fellner and Bärbel Schlimbach for taking care of the organizational issues.

### **Borders in Academia: A Survey**

During the Association for Borderlands Studies 2nd World Conference, which took place in Vienna and Budapest (10-14 July 2018), participants were asked to fill in an online evaluation survey titled Borders in Academia. Out of the 448 participants to the conference, 40 filled in the survey. This article offers a first insight into the survey's results. Regardless the professional status, gender, years of academic experience respondents had, or the continent they came from, an overwhelming majority (34) had already perceived the academic world as a system including and excluding certain people, ideas of activities.

Figure one presents participants' responses to the five experiments in bordering academia the conference launched. Experiment 1 changed the conference border. Instead of organizing ABS World 2018 only at a big university in a rich country, the organizers decided to organize half of the conference at the Central European University in Budapest, a small university which vocation to guarantee academic freedom has recently been put under political attack. Experiment 2 aimed at influencing the financial borders that prevent scholars from certain parts in the world to attend academic conferences by means of intensive fund raising. Experiment 3 addressed visa borders and proposed a free of charge open access online Global Track of seven sessions presenting the state of the arts in border research worldwide<sup>1</sup>. Experiment 4 questioned borders of expertise by turning the conference into a site for the citizen science project Talking Borders. From Local

Expertise to Global Exchange<sup>2</sup>. Experiment 5 tackled gender borders and catapulted 4 female scientists for the first time into the role of keynote speakers.

Respondents considered experiment 2 and 3 most important. They appreciated experiment 1, but did not see it as the real solution to the problem. They found it too early to evaluate the impact of experiment 4, and though they did consider gender an important border in academia, wanted to see it addressed in an intersectional way. At the same time, they proposed to include live streaming, podcasts, and internet conversations so that also the ideas of those not fortunate enough to attend the conference, disseminate. Respondents pointed to other factors influencing their professional activities, such as unequal funding for different areas of study, the penalty of working interdisciplinary, a lack of jobs, and migration policies.

Machteld Venken,  
ABS World Conference Chair  
University of Vienna

## **Feedback from Conference Participants**

In the two weeks following the 2018 ABS World Conference in Vienna and Budapest, we asked registered participants to give us feedback about the panels and their overall experience during the meeting. The survey was conducted online and 67 out of 382 registered panelists responded to our request. Most feedback were very positive, but we definitely have a few things to work on in future conferences. Here is a summary of the results with some comments.

The majority of the respondents (88%) found the discussant's comments more than satisfactory, and reported that their experience at their own panels were satisfactory or more than satisfactory. Respondents were also satisfied with the networking and socializing opportunities provided by the conference, as well as the tours and excursions. Some respondents identified problems with logistics, organization, various panel related issues, and keynote speeches. In particular, some suggestions were made regarding the thematic cohesion of panels, missing panelists, time for discussion, and availability of drinks for participants, as well as more planned social events.

ABS Members can access the full survey results in the ABS Members Only Area.

## **Journal of Borderlands Studies: New Publishing Agreement with Taylor and Francis**

The primary publication of the Association for Borderlands Studies is the Journal of Borderlands Studies (JBS). Widely consulted by educators, practitioners, and researchers, the journal publishes academic work from any discipline that illuminates border problems, characteristics, issues and realities in any part of the world.

Since 2011, the Association for Borderlands Studies's Journal is published in the UK by Routledge Journals, Taylor & Francis Group, Informa UK Limited. The publishing agreement between ABS and T&F was recently renewed, and starting in 2019 the JBS will be published 5 times a year. The new agreement will also provide additional support to the editorial work of the JBS, give access to

ABS's members to other periodicals published by Taylor & Francis, and support the growth of our journal.

The current co-editors of the JBS are Dr. Christophe Sohn (LISER) and Dr. Sergio Peña (COLEF).

## NEW BOOKS



### **North American Strategic Defence in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Security and Sovereignty in an Uncertain World**

Leuprecht, C. [North American Strategic Defence in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Security and Sovereignty in an Uncertain World](#). New York: VS Springer, 2018.

### **Terrorist Financing: Transnational Networks**

Leuprecht, C. and Walther, O. Terrorist Financing: Transnational Networks. In *The Palgrave Handbook on Criminal and Terrorist Financing Law*. Eds. Clive Walker, Colin King and Jimmy Gurule. Palgrave Macmillan, 2018, pp. 945-966.

### **Native but Foreign: Indigenous Immigrants and Refugees in the North American Borderlands**

Brenden W. Rensink, Texas A&M Press, 2018. [nativebutforeign.org](http://nativebutforeign.org)

### **Twin Cities: Urban Communities, Borders and Relationships over Time**

John Garrard, Ekaterina Mikhailova

This dynamic international collection provides a comprehensive overview of twin cities on administrative and international borders across the world. Drawing on contemporary and historical

examples, it documents constant and changing features of twinned communities over time.

The chapters explore a variety of urban formations including independent cities located side-by-side; cities that have merged over decades or even centuries and those projected to merge; cities partitioned by treaties and cities duplicated in pursuit of better security, intensified trade or both between neighbouring countries. From Europe to Africa, North America to the Middle East, South America to Asia, this book focuses on relationships between cities, citizens and municipal/international borders.

This is a valuable, engaging resource for researchers in the fields of geography, urban studies, border studies, international relations and global development. It will be of great use to individuals involved in twin-city initiatives and general readers.

### **Estudios Transfronterizos: Impactos y retos en América Latina frontera: múltiples definiciones y una sola contextualización**

MSc. Olga Marina Sierra de Rodríguez. Primera Edición, Noviembre de 2017. Editorial: Universidad Francisco de Paula Santander. ISBN: 978-958-8489-49-0.

## **NEW ARTICLES & OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

### **The Terrorism Resourcing Model Applied to Canada**

O'Halloran, P, Leuprecht, C, Dizboni, A, Green, A and Adelstein, D. The Terrorism Resourcing Model Applied to Canada. *Journal of Money-Laundering Control* 21(1): 33-46.

### **Hezbollah's Global Tentacles: A relational approach to convergence with transnational organized crime**

Leuprecht, C, Walther, O, Skillicorn, DB, and Ryde-Collins, H. Hezbollah's Global Tentacles: A relational approach to convergence with transnational organized crime. *Terrorism and Political Violence* 29(5): 902-921.

### **Migrating borders, bordering lives: everyday geographies of ontological security and insecurity in Malta**

Nick Vaughan-Williams and Maria Pisani. *Social and Cultural Geography* (2018). <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14649365.2018.1497193>

**Vernacular imaginaries of European border security among citizens: From walls to information management.** Nick Vaughan-Williams and Georg Löffmann. *European Journal of International Security* (2018). <https://t.co/nN6JkZsYya>

### **Bordertexturen as a transdisciplinary approach to the study of borders**

Sebastian Weier, Astrid Fellner, Jochen Frenk, Daniel Kazmaier, Eva Michely, Christoph Vatter, Romana Weiershausen, Christian Wille (2018): Bordertextures as a transdisciplinary approach to the study of boundaries. A workshop report. Berlin Debate Initial 29 (1), (Special issue, "Complex boundaries"), p. 73-83.

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## **Pushing Regions Beyond Their Borders in Santiago De Compostela, Spain**

The Regional Studies Association (RSA) is calling upon the border studies community to join its annual conference in Santiago de Compostela, Spain. The 2019 RSA Annual Conference aims to discuss about how to push regions beyond all kind of borders as a way to plan the future with different lens.

In addition to traditional conference themes like regional development, globalization, economies of agglomeration, spatial planning, geopolitics and sustainability, the 2019 RSA Annual Conference will also include three special sessions on borders and bordering processes. These sessions are organized by the ABS in collaboration with the RSA and they are intended to open a space where ABS members can present their work and call the attention on the advances in the field of border studies.

As part of this collaboration, The RSA is offering to ABS members a 5% discount on the conference fee. Details on the ABS sessions at the conference will be announced soon through ABS Noticias.

The abstract submission deadline is 28th February, 2019. General information about the conference is available at [regionalstudies.org/events/pushing-regions-beyond-their-borders/](http://regionalstudies.org/events/pushing-regions-beyond-their-borders/)

## **Migrations, Mediations and Borders: III Unbral Colloquium on Border Studies**

October 22nd and 23rd, 2018  
Porto Alegre – Brazil

The VII International Seminar on Platin America (VII SIAP) and the III Unbral Colloquium on Border Studies (III CUEF) ([siap2018.com](http://siap2018.com), [siap2018.com/copia-historico-siap](http://siap2018.com/copia-historico-siap)), with the theme Migrations, Mediations and Borders will happen in October 22nd and 23rd, 2018, in Porto Alegre – Brazil. The events are organized by Faculdade de Biblioteconomia e Comunicação (Faculty of Library and Communications), Programa de Pós-Graduação em Comunicação e Informação (Communications and Information Post-Graduate Program), Unbral Fronteiras (Open Access Repository of the Brazilian Universities on Borderlands and International Limits), at the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul.

For more information, contact Dr. Adriana Dorfman at [adriana.dorfman@ufrgs.br](mailto:adriana.dorfman@ufrgs.br) or visit [siap2018.com](http://siap2018.com)

## **Pueblos y Fronteras Digital – Call for Papers**

Pueblos y fronteras digital is a social sciences publication that disseminates the results of research

on borders between people, social groups and nation states. The journal operates under a continuous publication model with a permanent reception of manuscripts. The journal invites original contributions exploring the various concepts of borders and border-related issues. For more information, visit [pueblosyfronteras.unam.mx/index.php/index.php/pyf](http://pueblosyfronteras.unam.mx/index.php/index.php/pyf)

### **Borders In The Americas: Call For Papers**

Grenoble, June 11-13, 2019

Comité organisateur/Organizing Committee/ Comité Organizador: Université Grenoble-Alpes + Université d'Orléans, France Anne-Laure Amilhat-Szary, Gregory Benedetti, Pierre-Alexandre Beylier, Eric Tabuteau

The conference invites participants to broach the various dynamics which prevail in American borders, as well as the mutations and transformations these borders have undergone in the last decade, through different topics:

- Policies that have been put in place since 2001, especially with regards to the phenomenon of rebordering which is at stake on a global level.
- Analysis of the evolution of American borders, from an opening process to a closing one
- Cross-border relations in order to determine the type of cross-border cooperation that is being shaped between different countries.
- The issue of continental integration within NAFTA and MERCOSUR, but also at the level of both Americas (UNASUR).
- Illegal phenomena which have been developing in the Americas: drug trafficking, illegal immigration, cartels;
- A cross-examination of border crossing and an evaluation of their growing human costs migration policy.
- The issue of maritime borders can also be broached since their boundaries raise tensions,
- The issue of internal borders and more specifically urban borders

Even though the symposium focusses primarily on geography and geopolitics, it can be defined as a transdisciplinary event, which encourages all sorts of approaches, whether it be in geography, history, political science, international relations, sociology, anthropology or cultural studies. Participants are also invited to use multidisciplinary methodological approaches.

October 31, 2018: Extended deadline.

The application is to consist of a 300-word abstract of the paper; a 100-word biographical statement will also be included. Applications are to be sent at the following address: [bordersinamericas.2019@gmail.com](mailto:bordersinamericas.2019@gmail.com)

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Christian Leuprecht has been named Class of 1965 Professor in Leadership at the Royal Military College of Canada and is Matthew Flinders Fellow at the Flinders University of South

Australia. He was recently elected to the College of New Scholars of the Royal Society of Canada and became the youngest-ever recipient of RMC's Cowan Prize for Excellence in Research.

Jeffrey Pugh was awarded the 2018 Harold Eugene Davis Prize for Best Article by the Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies (MACLAS) for his article, "Universal Citizenship through the Discourse and Policy of Rafael Correa," *Latin American Politics and Society* 59, no. 3 (Fall 2017): 98-121. [Read More](#).

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