

PERMEABLE BORDERS:

2018

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

SUBMISSION DEADLINE
JULY 1, 2018

The Third International Conference of Border Studies will be sponsored by The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and the following Special Interest Groups: Health, Human Behavior and Methodological and Sociocultural Processes from the Autonomous University of Tamaulipas (UAT), the Migration and Regional Development of the Autonomous University of Sinaloa (UAS), the Research College of the Northern Border (Colegio de la Frontera Norte), Human Activity Lab from the University of Seville (Universidad de Sevilla), and the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies from the University of Texas at Austin.

Professors, researchers, students, and the general public interested in Border Studies topics are invited to participate in this three day conference:

- **Mexico** - October 24th at the Auditorium of the Multidisciplinary Academic Unit of the Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas Matamoros and the Auditorium of the Research College of the Northern Border.
- **United States** - October 25th and 26th at the Edinburg campus of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Our goal is to generate a space for exchange of research and socialization among those interested in issues related to global borders around the world.

We encourage papers that consider any global border as well as theoretical papers on the ideology of borders more generally and how borders and borderlands help us understand broader global issues.

The proximity to the border of our locations in Mexico and the US is a special opportunity for scholars and researchers from the US and Mexico to collaborate in a unique geographic region on the important and timely issues related to borders. We aim to encourage working together across borders to find solutions to some of the most important economic, social, and ecological problems we face today.

We have chosen a broad theme of "Permeable Borders" for this year's conference. Permeability, the degree of openness of borders, is of crucial importance for people living in borderlands. While some borders remain practically closed, with strict control on the movement of goods and people, others are more open, allowing for greater exchanges of people, ideas, and goods. The degree of permeability of borders has significant cultural, economic, political, health, and ecological implications.

In addition to attending these panels, participants will also have an opportunity to participate in a less formal discussion and networking session on day two. Some meals will be provided for these two days. Participants will be expected to pay for their own travel, accommodation, and some meals. Conference fees can be found on the conference website as well as information about travel and accommodations for the 25th and 26th. We regret that due to current travel restrictions to Mexico we cannot coordinate travel or accommodation for Mexico on the 24th.

*This call for papers from The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley invites proposals for ten panels that will be held on **October 26th and 27th** on the **Edinburg campus of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**. The panels will be on the following topics:*

- **Economy**
- **Politics**
- **Context and Environment**
- **Health**
- **Migration**
- **Resilience**
- **Global Borders**
- **Technology**
- **Energy**
- **Sociocultural Processes**

We welcome panel and paper proposals (300 words). Panel proposals are preferred. We also welcome poster submissions from graduate students. Posters should be 4 feet (48 inch) wide and 3 feet (36 inch) high. Send proposals and a two page vitae in PDF format via email by **July 1, 2018**.

Proposals can be submitted in Spanish.

Please submit proposals (and indicate on which panel topic your proposal fits) electronically by using the following link:

<http://www.utrgv.edu/oge/research-and-teaching/borderstudiesconf/call-for-papers>

Only original work will be accepted. Research works that have been presented or published previously will be rejected. Each presenter can submit a maximum of two presentations. We may accept two presentations from one presenter if we have space. Please limit the number of presenters for any given presentation to two. Submissions will be reviewed by a committee, and presenters will be notified via email by August 15th, 2018. Those accepted will be required to send full conference papers by September 15th, 2018.