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**CONFERENCE ON  
BORDER STUDIES**

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2022**

**Transborderism:  
Reimagining Social Space**

**Nov. 8, 2023:**  
Matamoros,  
Tamaulipas, Mexico

**Nov. 9-10, 2023:**  
Edinburg,  
Texas, United States

**Proposal Submission Deadline: January 15, 2023**

For questions, contact [Dr. Caroline Miles](#) or visit the [conference webpage](#).

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6th Annual International Conference on Border Studies

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# Conference Theme



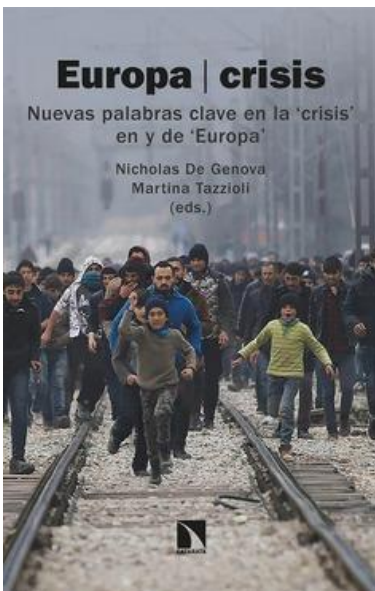
## Transborderism: Reimagining Social Space

The theme of the Sixth Annual International Conference on Border Studies is “Transborderism: Reimagining Social Space.” We solicit proposals that contribute to the new and critical thinking on global borders and that further the growing field of transborderism, focusing on both actual borders and/or their relation to the social imaginary. With this conference theme, we seek to offer a critical exchange concerning borders and border theory that, according to Norma Iglesias-Prieto, “refers to the frequency, intensity, directionality, and scale of crossing activities ... associated with greater cultural capacity and richness, increased complexity in the ways people perceive the border, as well as richer concepts of self-identity.” We aim to examine the complexities of transborder space and the citizens and identities that occupy that space and explore what Iglesias-Prieto calls the diversity and dynamics of the border zone. We invite papers from researchers, teachers, and activists that focus on transborderism, the border, border identities, and the social imaginary as a site of cultural, political, and legal contestation.

The organizers welcome proposals from all disciplines. Those proposals with interdisciplinary, critical, and global approaches are especially welcome. Panels are also encouraged.



# Keynote Speaker: Nicholas De Genova



Nicholas De Genova [www.nicholasdegenova.com](http://www.nicholasdegenova.com) is Professor and Chair of the Department of Comparative Cultural Studies at the University of Houston. He previously held teaching appointments in urban and political geography at King's College London, and in anthropology at Stanford, Columbia, and Goldsmiths, and University of London, as well as visiting professorships or research positions at the Universities of Warwick, Bern, and Amsterdam. He is the author of *Working the Boundaries: Race, Space, and "Illegality" in Mexican Chicago* (2005), co-author of *Latino Crossings: Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, and the Politics of Race and Citizenship* (2003), editor of *Racial Transformations: Latinos and Asians Remaking the United States* (2006), co-editor of *The Deportation Regime: Sovereignty, Space, and the Freedom of Movement* (2010), editor of *The Borders of "Europe": Autonomy of Migration, Tactics of Bordering* (2017), co-editor of *Roma Migrants in the European Union: Un/Free Mobility* (2019), and co-editor of *Europa/ Crisis: Nuevas Palabras Claves en "la Crisis" en y de "Europa"* (2021).

Professor De Genova's work has received international attention and he has been invited to speak in more than 35 countries. He has conducted extensive ethnographic research among transnational Mexican/ migrant factory workers in Chicago during the 1990s. More recently, his research has investigated the politics of immigration, race, and citizenship in the United States, as well as the securitization of human mobility and the diverse experiences of migrant labor and borders on a global scale. He is also interested in the intersections of migration, racialization, border struggles, and the production of urban space in the European context.

In collaboration with Sandro Mezzadra, political theorist at the University of Bologna, Professor De Genova has also initiated a multi-disciplinary research network on "The 'European' Question: Postcolonial Perspectives on Migration, Nation, and Race." More recently, he has served as Project Advisor and a participant in a new collaborative international network involving more than 70 researchers in 24 countries.

**Guest Speaker: Principal Yolanda Castillo Muraira, Tamaulipas, Mexico**

# Submission Information

We welcome panel, round table, paper, and poster proposals. Academics, researchers, students, NGOs, activists, and others are invited to submit proposals.

**Panels and Round tables:** Panel proposals should be no more than 1500 words. Panels are limited to no more than 5 presenters.

**Papers:** Paper proposals should be no more than 300 words.

**Posters:** We also welcome poster submissions from undergraduate and graduate students. Undergraduates must have a letter of support from a faculty member. Posters should be 4 feet (48 inch) wide and 3 feet (36 inch) high. Complete posters or 300-word descriptions can be submitted.

Send proposals and two-page vitae in PDF format by **January 15, 2023**.

Proposals may be submitted in either English or Spanish. Simultaneous translation will be provided (English and Spanish) at the conference.

Each presenter may submit a maximum of two presentations. We accept two presentations from one presenter only if we have space. Submissions will be peer-reviewed by a committee of experts (internal and external reviewers), and presenters will be notified via email of acceptance by March 30, 2023. Authors of accepted proposals will need to send in a 50-word biography and a 100 word abstract by June 30, 2023.

Please submit **proposals in English** electronically by using the following link: .  
<https://www.utrgv.edu/oge/research-and-resources/borderstudiesconf/index.htm>

For **proposals in Spanish**, please email them to both  
[caroline.miles@utrgv.edu](mailto:caroline.miles@utrgv.edu) and [iorduna@uat.edu.mx](mailto:iorduna@uat.edu.mx).

Panel Topics:

Economy, Politics, Context and Environment, Health, Migration, Refugees, Communities and Hospitality, Borders beyond Walls, Global Borders, Technology & Energy, Sociocultural Processes, Citizenship and Legality, Gender/Race/Class, Other.

Please direct questions to Dr. Caroline Miles, [caroline.miles@utrgv.edu](mailto:caroline.miles@utrgv.edu).



# Conference Organizers and Sponsors

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The Annual International Border Studies Conference series has been planned and hosted by the leaders in Global Border Studies at The Office of Global Engagement at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and the Autonomous University of Tamaulipas since 2016. The leadership at UTRGV is particularly interested in building critical, interdisciplinary, Global Border Studies through this conference series.

The Conference is sponsored by The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, and the Health, Human Behavior, and Methodological and Sociocultural Processes from the Autonomous University of Tamaulipas (UAT).



# Border Tour and Other Information

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The three-day conference will be held both in Mexico and in the United States:

**Mexico** - Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at the Auditorium of the Multidisciplinary Academic Unit of the Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas Matamoros.

**United States** - Thursday and Friday, November 9-10, 2023, at the Edinburg campus of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided on November 9th with a reception on the evening of the 9th. Breakfast and Lunch will also be provided on November 10th. Participants will be expected to pay for their own travel, accommodation, and other meals. Conference fees are found on the conference website as well as information about travel and accommodations. We regret that at this time due to current travel restrictions to Mexico we cannot coordinate travel or accommodation for Mexico.

**Border Tour** - On November 10th, we will host a tour of the border. The Theme is titled: Reimagining Everyday Realities of Border Life. The US-Mexico border is most frequently imagined by people outside the border region as either a static geographical boundary or a zone of conflict and contention. What gets lost in these conceptions is the everyday reality of border life. On this tour we will walk participants through the experiences of border residents and show how border communities and the environment are impacted when false narratives of the U.S-Mexico frontera are circulated.

**Tour organizers:** Stefanie Herweck and Terence Garrett.