

Call for Papers



Association for **BorderlandsStudies**

2015 Annual Conference

April 8-11, 2015, Portland, Oregon, USA

Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront, 1401 SW

The Association for Borderlands Studies invites proposals for individual papers and complete panels related to the study of borders. Papers on *all* topics and areas concerned with border studies are invited but we particularly welcome papers related to the theme for the 2015 annual conference: “**Border Studies and the New World (Dis)order: Relating Theories and Practice.**” This theme seeks to encourage a debate on how border studies - as a subject of academic scholarship - engages and relates to the everyday lives of people all over the world. It hopes to stimulate a broad discussion on how various approaches to border studies – be it empirical or theoretical; historical or post-modern; realist or post-colonial – can contribute to solving and ameliorating contemporary world crises.

We warmly invite papers that ask provocative questions about the universality of theory in border studies; the interrelatedness of case studies; and how border studies should go about addressing a renaissance in “classical” geopolitical framings of world politics - seen today from the Ukraine/Russia borderlands, to the rise of maritime disputes in the South/East China Sea, and even over claims to ice in the polar regions. As border studies continues to refine and develop as a multi-disciplinary research area, this theme also asks researchers on borders to reflect on the contribution we can make to the most pressing issues for society today, including the remaking of state and non-state borders in the Middle East; and approaches to dealing with the dangers of borderless pandemics such as Bird Flu or the Ebola virus.

This call invites border studies scholars and practitioners from all continents to develop the rich, global mosaic that the field of border studies has become. At the same time, it asks scholars to draw on the universal values of human dignity and compassion; the necessity of giving voices to the marginalized; and the imperative of guaranteeing human security to all, which has defined this research community from its beginnings in the U.S.-Mexico borderlands.

Please include the following information in your proposal:

- *Title of presentation*
- *Name, affiliation, mailing address, telephone number and email address*
- *Other authors*
- *Abstract not to exceed 200 words*

Scholars willing to serve as moderators or discussants should also please indicate their interest in the proposal.

The deadline for proposals is December 1, 2014.

Please submit proposals to the program chair and coordinator: **Akihiro Iwashita** (iwasi@slav.hokudai.ac.jp)

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