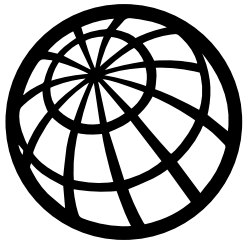


Call for Papers



Association for **BorderlandsStudies**

2016 Annual Conference
April 13-16, 2016, Reno, NV

Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, Reno, NV, United States

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 2016 annual conference: ***“Borders in the XXI century: Border institutions and governance”***. This theme attempt to encourage debate on how are borders governed. How are institutions that govern borders built and adjusted over time? What is the role that political and social actors and citizens on both sides of a border play in the construction and adaptation of cross border governance institutions? What role do they play in re-shaping public policies, designed and implemented, by central governments?

The program committee invites papers that discuss the issues, processes, successful cases and especially cases that strongly challenge our concept of borders in the following sub-themes: security; human mobility; border management; border economics; knowledge flows; hybrid cultures; environmental issues. It is strongly recommended that the papers seek to address cross-cutting issues related to human rights and public policies.

Alongside regular sessions, there will be plenary sessions on the following topics:

- Maritime, Port and Coastal Border Security and Management
- The play of technologies and biometrics in the future of border management
- Big Data, Information Sharing, Cyber Crime and Data Sharing
- Refugees and Political Asylum

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 abstracts is December 15, 2015. The letter of acceptance will be sent to you by email no later than January 30, 2016. Please note that to receive the certificate of participation you must have paid the WSSA registration fee and the ABS 2016 membership.

Deadline to receive submission from interested persons on being integrated its papers in a memory in CD version, which will be presented during the congress: **February 28, 2016.** (The length is 20 to 25 pages with double spacing, Times New Roman 12, normal range, letter size, in Word for Windows format).

Deadline for submission of papers to the Organizing Committee for its dictum and possible publication in a book in Mexico: **July 15, 2016.** This allows the incorporation of the discussions held at the event.

Publication of papers in a book:

The papers will be submitted to a review committee and those selected will be published. To this end, the Committee subsequently will send publishing detailed rules to be incorporated. Depending on the amount of selected materials and the resources available, they will be posted in one or more thematic books which are likely to be co-published by some of the institutions to which the participants belong.

Please submit proposals and papers to the program chair and coordinator:

Dr. Patricia Barraza (mbarraza@uacj.mx).

2016 ABS Program Advisory Committee:

Patricia Barraza (Autonomous University of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico); *Akihiro Iwashita* (Hokkaido University, Japan); *Jussi Laine* (University of Eastern Finland, Finland); *Tony Payan*, (Autonomous University of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico and Rice University, USA) *Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera* (University of Texas RGV, Brownsville Campus); *Adriana Dorfman* (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil); *T. Mark Montoya* (Northern Arizona University); *Anne-Laure Amilhat Szary* (Université Joseph Fourier Grenoble).

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BEST PAPER AWARD

2016 ABS Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada, United States

This year, again, the ABS is delighted to offer a best paper award. This award is the creation of Professor Harlan Koff, President of the Consortium for Comparative Research on Regional Integration and Social Cohesion (RISC, University of Luxembourg). RISC is proud to sponsor a yearly best paper award to be presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Borderlands Studies (ABS).

The award, selected by a committee of scholars from the ABS and the RISC Consortium, will recognize the best paper submitted by the deadline, and presented in persona by at least one author and conference participant duly registered at the WSSA and ABS annual conference.

The award committee will only consider ABS original paper on "**The borders in the XXI century: Border institutions and governance**".

The paper selected for this award will be submitted for publication in the journal *Regions & Cohesion*. The author(s) will also receive a certificate and 250 Euros.

Submissions are to be sent by **March 3, 2016** to Dr. Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera, at guadalupe.correacabrera@utrgv.edu

Members of the RISC Award Committee will evaluate the paper towards the award and cash prize, yet the ABS reserves the right not to grant prizes if papers are not of adequate professional quality.

2016 ABS Best Paper Award Advisory Committee:

Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera (University of Texas RGV, Brownsville Campus); *Christophe Sohn* (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER) and *Naomi Chi* (Hokkaido University, Japan).

Call for Student Participation

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The Association for Borderlands Studies (ABS) extends a special invitation to graduate and undergraduate students who are interested in borderland issues to take part in our upcoming meeting. Towards this goal, we are happy to announce the continuation of our **Student Paper Competition in which four** cash awards will be offered to the best student papers presented at the conference.

- \$250 U.S. for best graduate student paper
- \$125 U.S. for second place graduate paper
- \$150 U.S. for the best undergraduate student paper, and
- \$75 U.S. for the second place undergraduate paper.

In addition to these cash awards, the first place graduate paper will be automatically considered for publication in the Journal of Borderlands Studies.

The specific guidelines of this paper competition are as follows:

- 1) Papers must be sole-authored by the student submitting the paper, not co-authored with a faculty advisor or other student(s).
- 2) Papers must be original work developed as a conference research paper, not a project report for funded work.
- 3) Manuscripts should be no longer than 25 pages, double-spaced with 12 point text and 1 inch margins, or approximately 6000 words in length. Manuscripts should also comply with the guidelines for articles to be submitted to the Journal of Borderlands Studies; consult <http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/rjbs20#.UjdNR2QY140> for these formal guidelines.
- 4) Students must present the paper at the conference to qualify for the prizes.

Students must also be full time students and current members of the ABS at the time of the conference, although students can certainly join as part of the registration process. **We ask that students have their faculty advisor confirm their student status and level of study at the time the paper is submitted via EMAIL communication to Dr. Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera, at guadalupe.correacabrera@utrgv.edu**

Students must submit a typed, professional quality manuscript to **Dr. Correa-Cabrera** by **March 3, 2016**. Members of the Committee on Student Participation will evaluate the written document towards the award of the cash prize, yet the ABS reserves the right not to grant prizes if papers are not of adequate professional quality. For further information, feel free to contact Dr. Correa.

2016 ABS Best Paper Student Competition Committee:

Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera (University of Texas RGV, Brownsville Campus); *Adriana Dorfman* (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil) and *Paul Richardson* (The University of Manchester, UK).

