BORDERS IN GLOBALIZATION
2nd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Lord Elgin Hotel Ottawa, ON - December 6-8, 2017
Preliminary Program

Borders in Globalization (BIG) is a Canadian-led international research program with the mandate to build excellence in the knowledge of border studies. BIG addresses the globalizing forces of security, trade and migration flows, and the challenges of technologies, self-determination and regionalization around the world that are affecting borders and borderlands. We conduct research in consultation with non-academic organizations to move beyond scholarly discussions about borders, attempting to connect research to policy.

BIG will host its 2nd International Conference in Ottawa, ON, December 7-8, 2017, there is an affiliated public panel and reception on December 6 which all are encouraged to attend. The conference will bring together international border experts, government leaders, private sector partners and graduate students to discuss research to date. The purpose of the conference is to solicit feedback from policy-makers (serving as discussants, chairs, or audience members) on our projects before we shift to the publication stage of the project.

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

7:00 - 8:30 pm: Public Forum – Canada Europe Dialogue on Migration (CEDoM)
Venue: Lord Elgin Hotel, Pearson Room

This event is free to the public, and is co-funded by the European Union, Erasmus+ under the Jean Monnet Action Program.

Speaker: Doug Saunders (Author, Journalist, The Globe and Mail)
Making population growth work: European and North American lessons in removing barriers to integration and inclusion

Moderator: Oliver Schmidtke (Director, Centre for Global Studies at the University of Victoria, EUCAnet.org Canada Europe Dialogue on Migration)

8:30 pm: Reception

Please register for this event through the conference website at: http://biglobalization.org/content/big-international-conference-2017.
Thursday, December 7, 2017

Venue: Lord Elgin Hotel, Pearson Room

08:00  Registration and Coffee

09:00  Welcome and Introductory Remarks

09:30  TBC

10:30  Coffee

10:45 – 12:15  Session I

Panel 1. Sustainability One. Borders and Sustainability – The Theory

Description: Borders frequently do not follow natural boundaries. Resource flows and pollution likewise cross numerous jurisdictions. Wildfires burn across multiple jurisdictions creating problems of emergency response. Globalization has intensified many of these phenomena. Conservation strategies frequently generate new borders that may or may not fit the ecological task for which they are established. Recently the rise of parochial and nationalist discourse suggests movements towards deglobalization which make cross border cooperation on numerous environmental matters more difficult. Teasing out these contradictions is the task for this panel.

Chair: Simon Dalby

Discussants: John Hartig (University of Waterloo) - TBD
Laura Dawson - TBD

Speakers: Simon Dalby (Wilfrid Laurier University), International Sustainability efforts and boundaries
Alex Szafarska (Wilfrid Laurier University, Student) Boundaries, Sustainability, and Conservation
Gabriel Cassie (University of Lethbridge, Student), Fires/Prairies/Cities
Martin Roy (Global Affairs Canada), ‘Deglobalization’ and Sustainability

Panel 2. Security One. Regional Perspectives on Border Security

Description: This panel presents findings from a series of seven studies of regional dimensions of border security across Canada: the Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, the Prairies, Alberta, British Columbia, and the North. The findings problematize the prevailing monolithic conception of border security and show that the evolution, conception, risks, threat environment, and culture of security vary considerably across the country and are locally contingent, which necessitates a more nuanced and variegated approach to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of policies and practices that are intended to safeguard the integrity of the Canada-US land border.

Chair: Christian Leuprecht (RMCC)
Panel 3. Cross-Border Market Flows: Strategic Perspective

Description: This panel evaluates the strategic and structural contexts for the interaction of market flows: movements of goods, services, capital and people, with the varied structures and functions of Canada’s borders within and beyond North America. Its four papers examine key intergovernmental, transnational, and transgovernmental factors affecting the interwoven, yet segmented networks North American governance. They note the ways in which Canadian trade policies are shaped by international rules and norms, domestic institutional processes and constraints, varied regional trade corridors, and sectorally differentiated supply chains, often in sectorally-specific ways related to perceived comparative advantages, technological change and the evolution of industrial organization.

Chair: Matt Morrison (Pacific North West Economic Region)

Discussants: Meredith Lilly

Speakers: Chris Kukucha (University of Lethbridge), *Days of Future Past: Evaluating Canadian Foreign Trade Policy*
Bill Anderson (University of Windsor), *Cross-Border Supply Chains as Mechanisms for Canada-US Economic Integration: History & Prospects*
David Jones (University of Alberta), *The Great Unraveling? The Construction & Deconstruction of North America’s Governance Architecture*
Chris Sands (Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies), *Regulatory Cooperation: Nudging the North American Regulatory States?*

12:15 – 14:00 Lunch and Keynote II: “Beyond Westphalia: The Beginning and End of Borders”


14:00 – 15:30 Session II
Panel 4. Culture One. Indigeneity and Borders

Description: Borders are different for indigenous North Americans than for those who have settled the continent and established bordering regimes based initially on European values and boundary traditions, and more recently on multi-cultural bordering practices. This panel features insights on the origins of indigenous borders, as well as identities formed among contemporary indigenous peoples in sport, and the intertwining of politics and culture in bordering Akwesasne situated on borders between the US and Canada as well as between Quebec, Ontario and New York State, and the indigenous and non-indigenous communities in the area.

Chair: Jean-Luc Pilon (Archaeology, National Museum of History, Canada)

Discussants: Ron Williamson (Archaeological Services Inc., Toronto)

Speakers: Amy St. John (Western University), Origins of the Iroquoian-Algonkian Divide
Heidi Weigand (St. Mary’s University), Indigenous Identity and Sport Across Borders
Laetitia Rouviere Victor Konrad & (Carleton University), Politics and Culture in Bordering Akwesasne

Panel 5. Arctic

Description: TBD

Chair: Heather Nicol (Trent University)

Discussants: Dwayne Menezes

Speakers: Robin Campbell (Hutchins Legal) and Senator Charlie Watt, Inuit and Canada’s Claim to the Northwest Passage and Continental Shelf
Whitney Lackenbauer (St. Jerome’s University), Canada’s Arctic Sovereignty Narratives
Suzanne Lalonde (Universite de Montreal), The Crystal Serenity and Snow Dragon transits of the Northwest Passage: Making Legal Waves?

Panel 6. Canada Europe Dialogue on Migration (CEDoM)

Description: Recent irregular migration from the United States into Canada have focused Canadian public debate on migratory movements, Canada’s Safe Third Country agreement with the United States, approaches to refugees and refugee systems in both countries, and the extent to which Canada’s current approach, system, and legal framework are adequate. This comes at a time when Canada’s Prime Minister had already initiated an independent review of Canada’s Immigration and Refugee Board. This panel looks at available data to gauge patterns, trajectories, continuity, and change in irregular migration across the Canada-US border, offers perspectives by Canadian and US border practitioners, as well as a comparative European assessment of lessons from Germany’s recent experience.

Chair: Dick Fadden (former National Security Advisor)
Discussants: Lesley Soper (IRC)
Oliver Schmidtke (University of Victoria)

Speakers: Kelley Humber (Queen’s University) and Christian Leuprecht (RMCC)
Brandon Behlendorf (SUNY Albany)
Superintendent Jamie Solesme (RCMP)
Leslie Lawson (Department of Homeland Security)
Axel Kreienbrink (German Ministry for Migration)

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee

15:45 – 17:15 Session III

Panel 7. History One. Historical Themes

Description: This panel is organized according to three themes: flows, sovereignty and indigeneity. The focus on theory is meant to demonstrate that while there is no single border theory, nor is there likely to be such a theory, there is value in attempting to develop a set of concepts that transcend disciplinary boundaries and provide a common frame of reference that help guide researchers in their work. At the same time, it recognizes that the best historical scholarship tries to explain historical and geographical contingency, i.e., why things happened, and where and when they did happen, through a blending of theory and detailed empirical research.

Chair / Discussant: Nicole St.-Onge (University of Ottawa)

Speakers: Randy Widdis (University of Regina), Historical Perspectives and Policy-Making: Introductory Reflections
Susan Gray (Arizona State University), Use-Rights, Resource Management, and Sovereignty in Anishinaabewaki
David Atkinson (Purdue University), Locating Sovereignty in the U.S.-Canadian Pacific Borderlands, 1907-1908
Randy Widdis (University of Regina), Flows and Borderlands

Panel 8. Precarious crossings: Borders, Crises, and the Unravelling of Citizenship

Description: The chapters in this volume focus on how the border, as constitutive to citizenship, and as policy, practice, space, and symbolic construct, engages with, and amplifies precarity in citizenship and belonging at a global, international and intra-national level.

Chair: Helga Hallgrimsdottir

Discussants: Can Mutlu (Acadia University) - TBC

Speakers: Edwin Hodge (University of Victoria, Student), Anxieties and Exclusion in the British Garden of Eden: Examining Narratives of Belonging, Work, And Temporary Foreign Labour in the Okanagan Valley, British Columbia
Carla Angulo-Pasel (Wilfrid Laurier University, Student), The Categorized and Invisible: The
Panel 9. Canadian Perspectives on Borders, Bordering and In/Security in North-West Africa

Description: The West African Sahel is represented by two incompatible sets of images: one regional, dynamic, borderless, and transnational that reflects both the promise and challenges of ‘globalization’, and one that is local, static, underdeveloped, ungoverned, that is considered outside of the modern system of states. Both sets of images reflect the challenge that the West African Sahel represents for our understanding of borders, security and sovereignty. This panel examines how it is a terrain for the production of new forms of governance, power dynamics and international intervention.

Chair: RAdm Gilles Couturier (Deputy Commander, Royal Canadian Navy)

Speakers: Bruno Charbonneau (Laurentian University and UQAM)
Aurélie Campana (Université Laval)
Jonathan Sears (Menno Simms College, University of Winnipeg)
Thomas Cantens (World Customs Organization)

17:15 – 17:30 Break


Description: Laura Dawson (Woodrow Wilson Canada Institute) has agreed to discuss the current Canada-US geopolitical background. Matt Morrison will talk in particular how PNWER contributes ideas and initiatives, and Chris Sands will discuss his recent report for the Woodrow Wilson Center on the Canada-US relationship.


Speakers: Laura Dawson (Director, Canada Institute, Wilson Center)
Chris Sands, (Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies), The Sovereignty Line
Matt Morrison (CEO, Pacific North West Economic Region)

19:00 – 21:00 Hosted Dinner

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Friday, December 8, 2017

Venue: Lord Elgin Hotel, Pearson Room

08:00 Registrations and Coffee

08:30 Session IV


Description: Papers in this panel assess four distinct aspects of Canada’s “disaggregated” border: the evolution and fluctuations of cross-border flows of people and goods, utilizing different modes of travel across national borders since the 1990s, the interaction of these trends with major sectoral policy shifts, efforts at (and limitations of) international security coordination to facilitate cross-border movements, and specific case studies involving differences in Canadian and U.S. visa policies for skilled professionals and business people, and regulatory issues related to the aerospace industry, respectively.

Chair: TBD

Discussants: Martin van der Velde
Kathryn Friedman

Speakers: Geoffrey Hale (University of Lethbridge), Market Flows, Human Flows and the Canada-U.S. Border – A Varied, Shifting Landscape
Meredith Lilly (Carleton University), Skilled Labour Mobility in 21st Century North America: The Consequences of Divergent Visa Policies by Canada versus the United States
Geoff Leckey, Where did the border go? The effectiveness of the a-territorial approach
Elisabeth Vallet (UQAM) – Title TBA

**Panel 11. Culture Two. Border Theory and Practice in the Cultural Borderlands**

Description: This panel features a PhD student from Carleton University who will outline a theoretical approach to visual border culture and discuss the application at the Canada-US border. This presentation would be followed by focused presentations on the border culture of the Windsor-Detroit border region by two faculty members in the School of Creative Arts at the University of Windsor, and a curator at the Art Gallery of Windsor.

Chair: Laura Margita (Director/Curator, Gallery 101)

Discussants: Srimoyee Mitra (Former Curator, Windsor Art Museum)

Speakers: Anelynda Mielke (Carleton University), Visual Border Culture: Theory and Application at the Canada-US Border
Michael Darroch (University of Windsor)
Lee Rodney (University of Windsor)
Panel 12. Sustainability Two. Water

Description: Water flows across numerous jurisdictional boundaries, national and provincial. Canada and the US have a long history of cooperation in managing water resources. Now as climate change increases the necessity of managing water carefully, it is appropriate to look back at lessons learned across various borders, with a view to thinking about how to effectively cope with the likely impacts of shortages and floods in coming decades.

Chair: TBD

Discussants: Martin Roy (Global Affairs Canada)

Speakers: Jesse Baltutis (University of Victoria, Student), Local Actors, the Columbia River and Governance Innovations
Daniel MacFarlane (University of Western Michigan, Student), The IJC, Sustainability & Great Lakes Water
Adrienne Ducharme (University of Winnipeg, Student), Borderlands and Sustainable Water Resource Management in a Changing Prairie Climate
Yale Belanger (University of Lethbridge), Cultural Consistency and Water Stewardship in the Alberta-Montana Borderlands

10:00 – 11:00 Coffee and Plenary Keynote: Brice de Schietere (Deputy Head, EU Delegation to Canada) – on Migration/ EU Borders – TBC

11:00 – 12:30 Session V


Description: Borders in Globalization’s international research partners are writing for their own country a “State of Border Policies” which we intend to publish as a set of comparative studies reviewing and describing border policies in 8 to 10 countries, outside Canada. This panel will present the first drafts of those “State of Border Policies” for China, Denmark, Estonia, Japan, and the Netherlands.

Chair / Discussant: Kevin O’Shea (Privy Council, retired)

Speakers: Zhiding Hu (Yunnan Normal University), China
Martin Klatt (University of Southern Denmark), Denmark
Martin van der Velde (Radboud University Nijmegen), Netherlands
Ted Boyle (Kyushu University), Japan
Margit Sare (Peipsi Institute), Estonia/Russia
Jussi Laine (University of Eastern Finland), Finland
Harlan Koff (University of Luxembourg), Luxembourg
Panel 14. History Two. Themes and Regions

Description: This panel is designed to illustrate some of the different lenses employed by researchers that are sensitive to the variable historical geographical experiences along the Canada-U.S. border. The themes outlined in the first panel and others as well are addressed in four papers that illustrate the regional dimensions of borderlands shared by the US and Canada. Together, they show that the Canadian-American borderland is not a singular homogeneous region but rather, is a complex heterogeneous zone composed of several international regions that, while sharing functional similarities resulting from cross-border interaction, nevertheless retain distinct identities arising from local settings.

Chair / Discussant: Greg Donaghy (Head of Historical Section and Deputy Director for Global Affairs Canada)

Speakers: Whitney Lackenbauer (St. Jerome’s University) / Heather Nicol (Trent University), History of Security in the Arctic Borderlands
Michel Hogue (Carleton University), Indigenous Peoples and Border-Making in Nineteenth Century North America: Comparative Case Studies
Ari Finnsson (University of Victoria, Student), A Comparative Study of the Oregon and Alaska Border Disputes and the Development of a Canadian Identity in British Columbia
Randy Widdis (University of Regina), Atlantica as a De Facto Historical Concept: A Critical Appraisal

Panel 15. Culture Three. Cultural Movements across Boundaries

Description: Culture moves across boundaries in many ways including with migrants, through dispersals by media, by many forms of diffusion, as mandated by regulations, and simply by verbal communication. In this panel, two students and a postdoctoral fellow supported by BIG present their current research on cultural movements across boundaries. Finally, an Ottawa film-maker known for her work on migrant experiences, provides a commentary on the presentations and shows a brief glimpse of her work.

Chair: TBD – Heritage Canada

Discussants: John Willis (National Museum of History, Canada)

Speakers: Andreeanne Bissonnette (UQAM), Frontière Québec-États-Unis. La langue, facilitateur ou obstacle au franchissement?
Samantha Magnus (University of Victoria), Culture, Borders and Cannabis Law in Cascadia
Asha Said (Ottawa Filmmaker & Carleton University Student) Commentary and film

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch and Roundtable Panel IV: Border Regions: EU Canada Comparison

Description: 

Chair: Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly (TBC)
Speakers: Anne-Laure Amilhat-Szary, Grenoble-Alpes University, France
Jean Peyrony, Directeur Général Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière, France
Martín Guillermo Ramírez, Secretary General of the Association of European Border Regions
Matt Morrison, PNWER (TBC)

14:00 – 15:30 Session VI


Description: TBD

Chair: Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly (UVic)

Discussants: Andrew Griffith (Former Director General, Immigration Department)
Axel Kreienbrink (German Ministry for Migration) TBC

Speakers: Oliver Schmidtke (University of Victoria)
Ted Boyle (Kyushu University)
Birte Wassenburg (Strasbourg University), TBC
Can Mutlu (Acadia University)
Ben Muller (King’s College), Visa Regimes in Comparison

Panel 17. BREXIT

Description: The UK’s exit from the EU will have acute consequences for practical and symbolic significance of the 500km land border on the island of Ireland. The effects of this new EU/non-EU division will be evident in the management of trade and movement, as well as security and socio-political developments. This is a fascinating case of the redesign of a border that is at the heart of a fragile peace process.

Chair / Discussant: Kevin O’Shea, (Privy Council, retired)

Speakers: Katy Hayward (Queens Belfast)
Ruth Taillon (Centre for Cross Border Studies)
Matthew O’Neil (Queens Belfast, Student)


Description: In March 2015, the Canadian and US governments signed the Agreement on Land, Rail, Marine, and Air Transport Preclearance. As a key component of the Beyond the Border Action Plan, this reciprocal Agreement commits both countries to expanding preclearance operations to designated land, rail and marine border crossings. While the primary reason for this is security, preclearance presents an opportunity to create efficiencies in the cross-border flow of goods, and to streamline journeys for international travelers. This panel will explore the social, political, and economic impacts of expanded preclearance in Canada and the US, and how such a policy influences our understanding of the Canada-US border in the 21st century.
Chair: Laurie Trautman (Border Policy Research Institute, WWU)

Discussants: TBD

Speakers: Todd Hataley (RMCC)
Leslie Lawson (Department of Homeland Security)
Giovanni Matrisciano (Public Safety Canada)
Alex Norfolk (University of Victoria, Student), Facilitating an Efficient Multi-modal Preclearance Zone in Southern Vancouver Island

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee

15:45 – 17:15 Session VII

Panel 19. The Governance of International Migration in Scalar Perspective

Description: This panel focuses on how policies at different (but interrelated) levels of geographical scale have shaped the flow of people across international borders. It aims to provide new insights into how migration is impacted by bordering processes and vice versa, thereby contributing to emerging debates on the scale of governance and migration. The presenters include three students supported by the BIG project, as well as Jean-Nicholas Beuze, a representative of the UNHCR in Canada.

Chair: Jessie Thomson (Care Canada)

Discussants: Jean-Nicholas Beuze (UN High Commissioner for Refugees) - TBC
Margaret Walton-Roberts - TBC

Speakers: Leslie Munoz (Carleton Student)
Sarah Zell (University of Winnipeg)
Renata Grudzien
Mathilde Bourgeon and Thalia D'Aragon-Giguère (Université du Québec à Montréal)

Panel 20. Trump Administration and NAFTA

Description: TBD

Chair: Stéphane Roussel (ENAP)

Speakers: Stéphane Paquin (ENAP)
Patrick LeBlond (U. Ottawa)

17:15 – 18:00 Closing

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