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- ✚ **Seminario Permanente de Estudios Chicanos y de Fronteras (SPECHF)** Dirección de Etnología y Antropología Social, Instituto Nacional de Antropología Historia (México, D. F., México);
- ✚ **Grupo de Estudios sobre Regionalismo, Integración Económica y Desarrollo**, Universidad de Los Andes (Mérida, Venezuela);
- ✚ **Departamento de Trabajo Social**, Facultad de Ciencias Sociales y Humanas, Universidad de Antioquia (Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia);
- ✚ **Grupo de Investigaciones Interdisciplinarias sobre Espacio Social (G2IES)**, Universidad Nacional de la Patagonia Austral (Santa Cruz, Argentina);
- ✚ **Cuerpo Académico 83 Estudios Fronterizos**, Departamento de Ciencias Sociales, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez (Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, México);
- ✚ **University of Eastern Finland** (Joensuu, Finlandia);
- ✚ **Association of Borderland Studies/ Asociación de Estudios Fronterizos (ABS)**; y
- ✚ **El Colegio de la Frontera Sur** (Campeche, Campeche, México):

Invites Proposals to Participate in the

**XV INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON REGIONAL INTEGRATION,  
BORDERS AND GLOBALIZATION IN THE AMERICAN CONTINENT**

To be held jointly with the

**IV INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF BORDER CITIES**

**On 28, 29 and 30 October 2015**

**At the Institute of Social Sciences and Management**

**Autonomous University of Ciudad Juárez (UACJ)**

**In Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, México**

***DESCRIPTION***

The International Congress on Regional Integration, Borders and Globalization in the American Continent has been since 1996 a space that encourages critical reflection in order to contribute to a greater understanding of our reality. It has also fostered action research and the construction of a critical stands vis-à-vis the most pressing problems of the American continent.

To continue this reflection, its 15<sup>th</sup> Congress is jointly held with the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Border Cities, held since 2009 at the Autonomous University of Ciudad Juárez (UACJ).

This joint conference seeks to integrate various discussions and debates which have taken place for nearly twenty years through our project and research program on *Regional Integration, Borders and Globalization in the Americas*. This conference's purpose is primarily to establish new mechanisms for interdisciplinary teamwork and comparative work. On this occasion, we seek to emphasize a critical view of the concept of borders and their economic, political,

social, psychological, cultural, legal and territorial manifestations. Further, we seek to question the very existence of borders in a globalized world.

This conference will include a visit to the border town of El Paso, Texas.

The call for proposals includes papers, roundtable discussions, full panels, book presentations, video conferences, documentaries and academic exchanges with open discussions on the following

## ***THEMES***

### ***1. THE PROCESS OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION IN FRONT OF THE GLOBAL CRISIS***

- A. Regional integration, free trade and globalization
- B. Productive and service sectors in globalization
- C. Neoliberalism, globalization and limits of national sovereignty
- D. Political and geopolitical thinking of globalization and integration

### ***2. FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS AND GEOSTRATEGY***

- A. Regionalization and extraction of strategic natural resources
- B. Regional integration, megaprojects and environmental impacts
- C. The emergence of new integration processes in the region

### ***3. MILITARIZATION AND REGIONAL SECURITY***

- A. Militarization, armaments and repression
- B. Regional security and multidimensional security
- C. “War on Terror and the “War on Drugs”
- D. Insecurity and organized crime

### ***4. MIGRATION, FORCED DISPLACEMENT AND REFUGEES***

- A. New migration flows
- B. Forced migration and human trafficking
- C. Displacement of peoples and exile

D. Refugee Policies

**5. NEW SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND EXPERIENCES OF ORGANIZATION**

A. Ethnicities in the face of globalization

B. Emerging social networks

C. Social conflict and resistance

**6. THE BORDERS IN THE FACE OF INTEGRATION**

A. Borders as global and transnational spaces

B. Regional integration, cooperation and border development

C. Economic transactions and cross-border labor markets

D. The construction of cross-border social networks

**7. SECURITY AND BORDER MILITARIZATION**

A. Borders and bio-politics

B. Border Crossing Controls

C. Material expressions of border security (walls, canals, fences, prisons and detention centers, etc.)

D. Dehumanization of borders and democratic responses to terrorism and insecurity

**8. CROSS-BORDER CULTURE**

A. Culture, history and border narratives

B. New identities and cross-border subjects

C. Border, inter-ethnic territories and ethno-development

D. Universal citizenship, cosmopolitanism and cross-border mobility

E. Cultural heritage and border landscape

**9. BORDER CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

A. Political processes and public policy

B. Violence and Public Safety

- C. Environment, public health and welfare
- D. Social vulnerability on the borders

## **10. CONSTRUCTING AN AGENDA OF CRITICAL STUDIES OF THE BORDER**

- A. Construction, de-construction and reconstruction of the concept of borders
- B. Internal and external Borders (borders within borders)
- C. Boundaries within the nation-state

### **OBJECTIVES**

- Examine the impact of the global economic crises on the political and social landscape in the Western Hemisphere
- Develop networks to analyze ways of working jointly on globalization and borders
- Provide methodological tools to articulate resistance processes and reflection on regional integration alternatives
- Strengthen the link social movements—academia
- Encourage and promote comparative approaches between countries in the region to discuss common issues
- Promote the study and critical reflection of the concepts of borders and boundaries as well as knowledge of the social reality of the border cities

### **PARTICIPANTS**

Researchers, teachers, students, activists and members of civil society organizations

### **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

Transportation, accommodations and food costs will be paid by the participants. Because the campus of the Autonomous University of Ciudad Juárez is located in an area where food services (restaurants) are not close by, the Local Organizing Committee agreed to retain the services of a restaurant which will provide meals at a cost of \$ 30.00 (thirty US dollars) or \$ 400.00 (four hundred pesos) for the

three days. A participant wishing to utilize this service must pay all \$400 pesos upon registration.

At the end of the congress, there will be a visit to the border town of El Paso, Texas. The costs shall also be paid for by the participants. Please send a note next to the abstract of the paper if you are interested in this activity. All participants are responsible for having a valid visa issued by the United States to cross the border.

### **DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS**

Please, turn in your proposals by June 15, 2015, with an extension of one page maximum, double spacing, Times New Roman 12 font.

The deadline to receive submissions for those interested in publishing their paper in a Memory CD version of the conference is September 30, 2015. The length of the paper is 20-25 pages, double spacing, Times New Roman 12 front, in Word format.

The deadline for submission of papers to the Organizing Committee for its review and possible publication in a book is December 5, 2015.

Please send abstracts and papers to the following three addresses:

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Publication of papers in the book:

The papers will be submitted to a review committee and those that are selected will be published. The Committee will provide the editorial guidelines for all papers to be published. Depending on the amount of selected materials and resources available will be publishing one or more thematic books.

### **ORGANIZING INSTITUTIONS**

#### ***Argentina***

- Interdisciplinary Research Group on Social Space (G2IES), National University of Southern Patagonia (Santa Cruz)
- Higher Institute for Environmental Studies (ISEA), National University of Córdoba (Córdoba)
- Laboratory of Desertification and Land Management (LADyOT), National Council of Scientific and Technical Research (CONICET) (Mendoza)
- Center for Urban and Regional Studies (CEUR), National Council of Scientific and Technical Research (CONICET) (Buenos Aires).

## **Brazil**

- *Laboratório do Espaço Social (LABES)*, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (Porto Alegre)
- *Laboratório Estado e Território (LABETER)*, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (Porto Alegre)
- *Grupo de Pesquisas Espaço, Fronteira, Informação e Tecnologia (GREFIT)*. Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (Porto Alegre)
- *Programa de Pós-Graduação em Geografia (POSGEA)*, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (Porto Alegre) (\*)
- *Programa de Pós-Graduação em Planejamento Urbano e Regional (PROPUR)*, Faculdade de Arquitetura, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (Porto Alegre) (\*)
- *Grupo de Pesquisas "Integrações econômicas binacionais e desenvolvimento social em regiões de fronteiras"*, Universidade Federal do Pampa (Santana do Livramento)
- *Grupo RETIS*, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (Rio de Janeiro)
- *Observatório das Fronteiras do Platô das Guianas - OBFron/UNIFAP* Mestrado em Desenvolvimento Regional, Universidade Federal do Amapá (Zerão - Macapá – Amapá)

## **Colombia**

- *Departamento de Trabajo Social*, Facultad de Ciencias Sociales y Humanas, Universidad de Antioquia (Medellín)
- *Instituto de Estudios Políticos (IEP)*, Universidad de Antioquia (Medellín)
- *Grupo de Investigación Género, Subjetividad y Sociedad (GIGSS)*, Instituto de Estudios Regionales (INER), Universidad de Antioquia (Medellín)

- *Semillero de Estudios Políticos Rurales*, adscrito al Grupo de Gobierno y Asuntos Públicos, Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Políticas, Universidad de Antioquia (Medellín)
- *Facultad de Filosofía y Humanidades*, Universidad de La Salle (Bogotá)
- *Corporación para la Investigación Acción en Sociedad, Salud y Cultura (CISSC)* (Bogotá)
- *Grupo de Investigación Ciempiés*, Universidad de Santander (UDES) (San José de Cúcuta, Norte de Santander)
- *Centro de Estudios sobre Fronteras y Desarrollo Territorial (FrondeTer)* (San José de Cúcuta, Norte de Santander)
- *Grupo de Investigación Gestión Integral del Territorio y Proyecto de Investigación "Sistema Metropolitano Binacional"*, Universidad de Pamplona, sede Villa del Rosario (Norte de Santander)

## **Estados Unidos**

- *California-México Project*, FO2-213, Department of Chicano and Latino Studies, California State University-Long Beach (CSULB) (Long, Beach, California)
- *California-Mexico Studies Center, Inc.* (Los Angeles California)
- *Mexican American Studies in Spanish/Estudios Méxicoamericanos en Español*, Spanish and Portuguese Section, School of International Letters and Cultures (SILC), Arizona State University at Tempe (Tempe, Arizona)

## **Finlandia**

- Universidad de Finlandia Oriental (Joensuu, Finlandia)

## **Luxemburgo**

- *Grupo de Trabajo sobre Desarrollo, Equidad y Coherencia de Políticas Públicas*, Consortium for Comparative Research on Regional Integration and Social Cohesion (RISC), con sede en el Unité de Recherche IPSE, Université du Luxembourg, Luxemburgo

## **México**



- *Seminario Permanente de Estudios Chicanos y de Fronteras*, Dirección de Etnología y Antropología Social-Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia (México, D. F.)
- *Cuerpo Académico 83: “Estudios Fronterizos”*, Departamento de Ciencias Sociales, Instituto de Ciencias Sociales y Administración, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez (Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua)
- *El Colegio de la Frontera Sur* (Campeche, Campeche)
- *Programa de Doctorado en Ciencias Sociales*, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez (Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua)
- *Cuerpo Académico: “Procesos de Integración Económica”*; y Posgrado en Integración Económica, Departamento de Economía de la Universidad de Sonora (Hermosillo, Sonora)
- *Cuerpo Académico: “Estudios Sociales de la Frontera Norte” (CAEF-UNISON-161)*, Universidad de Sonora (Nogales, Sonora)
- *Cuerpo Académico “Política Económica”*, Facultad de Economía, Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla (Puebla, Puebla)
- *Centro de Investigación y Servicio en Economía y Comercio Agropecuario (CISECA)*, División de Ciencias Económico Administrativas, Universidad Autónoma de Chapingo (Chapingo, Estado de México)
- *Seminario Permanente de Estudios Fronterizos*, Universidad Autónoma de la Ciudad de México (México, D. F.)
- *Facultad de Economía*, Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán (Mérida, Yucatán)
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- *Centro de Estudios Estratégicos de América del Norte, A. C.* (México, D. F.)

## Venezuela

- *Grupo de Estudios sobre Regionalismo, Integración Económica y Desarrollo*, Universidad de los Andes (Mérida)
- *Grupo de Investigación sobre Comunicación, Integración y Desarrollo (GICID)*, Universidad de Los Andes – Núcleo Táchira (San Cristóbal)
- *Departamento de Economía y Finanzas*, Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas y Políticas, Universidad del Zulia (Maracaibo)
- *Laboratorio de Investigación en Estudios del Trabajo (LAINET)*, Universidad de Carabobo (Valencia) (\*)

- *Grupo de Investigación en Género (GIG)*, Universidad de Carabobo (Valencia) (\*)

## **Redes de cooperación científica internacional**

- *Association of Borderland Studies/Asociación de Estudios Fronterizos*
- Conferencia Binacional en Asuntos Fronterizos / Binational Conference on Border Issues (Tijuana, Baja California, México; San Diego, California, U. S. A.)
- Consortium for Comparative Research on Regional Integration and Social Cohesion (RISC), con sede en el Unité de Recherche IPSE, Université du Luxembourg (Luxemburgo)
- *Red Políticas Públicas y Desarrollo Rural en América Latina (PP-AL)*

## **Redes sociales**

- Red Mexicana de Acción frente al Libre Comercio (RMALC).

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