

## **Engaging Market Flows, Borders and Globalization in Alberta: Switzerland or Uganda?**

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This paper will explore challenges related to market flows of goods, services, people and capital to and from Alberta as they relate to territorial governance of borders, broader questions of market access, and Alberta's specific challenges as a land-locked polity and economy dependent on interprovincial and international market access agreements for its prosperity. It begins by summarizing the nature and governance of Alberta's borders and borderlands in the context of five major elements: the different components of its physical borderlands, Alberta's energy economy and related value chains, its capital markets and requirements, its largely export-oriented agri-food sector, and its human resources economy – incorporating both internal labour markets, internal and external migration. It summarizes major structural opportunities and challenges in each field, and practical implications for Alberta's governance relations in Canada and North America as a guide to evolving research.