



BORDERS IN GLOBALISATION SUMMER INSTITUTES 2024

Academic and Policy Research for Professionals and Students

CALL FOR POLICY PAPERS: 40 fellowships

Borders in Globalization (BIG) Lab at the University of Victoria is pleased to publish this Call for Policy Papers on academic and policy research related to cross-border management issues and challenges.

We welcome any proposal subject that is related to: cross-border management, border law, trade and customs borders, human mobility across borders, Indigenous internationalisms and border crossings, border security, ecological borders, and artificial intelligence in border management.

Students and professionals in all academic disciplines are encouraged to apply.

The awarded applicants will receive a fellowship for a Summer Institute related to their paper proposal; this will be determined by the review board. Fellows will be supervised by professors/lecturers at the University of Victoria (British Columbia, Canada) and the papers produced may be published in *BIG_Review*, our academic journal.

Fellows will receive a participation certificate for each of our eight Summer Institutes that they complete. Micro Credits (Professional Development Certificates) are also available for students who complete a stream of three required institutes and complete a paper for each required institute. For more information on each institute and the Micro Credit streams offered, please see [2024 Summer Institute Descriptions](#).

Submissions

Please submit a proposal (maximum 500 words) no later than Friday 26th January 2023 at 12:00 midnight (PST): Accepted applicants will be notified by early February 2024. Each successful candidate will be offered a tuition-free spot in one of our eight Summer Institutes in 2024 and will receive tailored supervision to write a policy paper in their area of interest.

Your proposal should include the motivation for and objective of your research, the data sets and methodologies to be used, and possible outcomes. Selected applicants will draft their policy paper under the supervision of a faculty member, or members, at BIG Lab.

Please note that supervision includes mandatory participation in a week-long Summer Institute (either online or in-person).

Unsuccessful candidates will be offered a spot in one of our eight Summer Institutes in 2024 but will have to pay tuition if they wish to attend.





Format of submissions

To respond to this Call for Papers, please submit your proposal by email to bigsummerinst@uvic.ca. Your submission should include the following details:

Email Subject Line: BIG Summer Inst. 2024: <Last Name> <Country>

- Full proposal should be a maximum of 350 words; this includes name, biography, and title.
- Current position, organization, and country of applicant
- Contact email address and telephone number
- Proposed title of contribution

Papers should be submitted in accordance with the following requirements:

- Times New Roman 12 pt. font, double-spaced
- In English or French

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2024 Summer Institutes Descriptions

July 8th–12th, 2024

- **Cross-Border Management in Comparative Perspective**
In this course you will join experts from around the world to examine local and regional changes affecting the management of the politics and policies of cross border regions and transboundary people. We will explore the challenges and opportunities in managing cross-border regions using case-studies such as The Pacific Coast Cascadian cross-border region. Professionals from the Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière, the Association of European Border Regions, the Pacific Northwest Economic Region, and the University of Western Washington Border Policy Research Institute, as well as leading legal and policy experts will lead workshopped discussions, presentations, and practicum sessions.
- **The Law of Borders in the 21st Century**
This Institute will explore the juridical complexity of borders through varying legal disciplines such as history of law, public law and international law, European law and transnational law. You will learn about the juridical history of borders and new ideas on juridical bordering through discussions of territorial delimitations, border singularities, international disputes, border controls, and the effects of the EU and globalization on contemporary borders.

July 15th–19th, 2024

- **Trade and Customs Borders**
Trade and customs facilitation and enforcement is influenced by politics, policies and multiple complex systems. This program will deepen your knowledge about the regulatory environment of trading networks, the practical trade applications and concerns related to artificial intelligence and machine learning and the challenges and opportunities in managing cross border regions. The courses in the program are facilitated by professionals from the Canada Border Services Agency, the Pacific North West Economic Region, and the World Customs Organization, as well as leading academics in the field of border studies.
- **Managing Borders and Bodies in the 21st Century**
Global and national frameworks facilitate and regulate human mobility across borders. In this course you will learn about the various ways that international actors and states manage the flow of people across international borders. Focusing on how migrants are categorized, we will explore the inter-related migration regimes that facilitate easy mobility for some, and highly restricted mobility for others. Participants will gain a thorough understanding of the complex global migration system and the contemporary challenges to this system. Each session will include short lectures, reading discussion, and an examination of case studies.





July 22nd–24th, 2024

- **Modern Border Security Management**

Border security management is a complex multiplayer effort grounded in vertical/horizontal, domestic/international, and public/private partnerships. This program will enhance your understanding of border security management protocols, emphasizing current technologies and strategies. It will highlight the significance of international and domestic cooperation and effective governance structures, fostering collaboration among states to address shared security challenges. Both traditional and non-traditional threats will be discussed to address the interconnected challenges of our modern world: from drug and human trafficking to cybersecurity and climate change. Sessions will be facilitated by both academics and practitioners and delivered through short lectures, virtual fieldtrips, and interactive exercises.

- **Ecological Border Management**

In the era of the Anthropocene, as aquatic, grassland, forest, desert, and tundra biomes are being affected by important ecological changes, management issues are rising beyond state boundary lines. This program will deepen your knowledge of the various approaches used across the world to tackle climate change at the global and cross-border levels. Sessions will be facilitated by professionals from organizations that manage watersheds, peace parks and nature reserves from all continents, as well as leading academics in the fields of border studies that are studying how states and local/regional communities are adapting to those changes.

July 29th–31st, 2024

- **Indigenous Internationalisms and Border Crossings**

Expressions of Indigenous internationalism are practiced in several different ways by First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples across Turtle Island and globally. Encompassing Indigenous trade relations, diplomatic protocols, treaty arrangements, acts of solidarity and other assertions of self-determining authority, Indigenous internationalism is an emerging area of research that exposes tensions between Indigenous nations and states over border policies and highlights Indigenous relationships that transcend state borders. This course will examine the ways that Indigenous nations are expressing their relationships to lands and waters through complex diplomacies and forms of engagement, as well as their experiences with state border crossings. Drawing on Indigenous peoples' perspectives across Turtle Island and beyond, each session will include short lectures, discussion, and an examination of case studies.



- **Artificial Intelligence in Border Management**

In this course you will be introduced to artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) and learn about their practical applications in both trade facilitation and trade enforcement. You will examine AI explainability and concerns related to AI and ML deployment. Accessible to learners with or without a technical background, this course will equip managers or future managers with the knowledge and skills required to be a principled consumer and designer of AI and ML systems. Practical group exercises will support and enhance your learning.

Micro Credits

Modern Border Management: Trade and Customs

Required courses:

1. Cross-Border Management in Comparative Perspective
2. Trade and Customs Borders
3. Artificial Intelligence in Border Management

Modern Border Management: (Im)migration and Mobility

Required courses:

1. Cross-Border Management in Comparative Perspective
2. Managing Borders and Bodies in the 21st Century

Optional courses (choose one):

- The Law of Borders in the 21st Century
- Indigenous Internationalisms and Border Crossings
- Ecological Border Management

New Stream

Modern Border Management: Law of Borders and Cross-Border Laws

Required courses:

1. Cross-Border Management in Comparative Perspective
2. The Law of Borders in the 21st Century

Optional courses (choose one):

- Modern Border Security Management
- Indigenous Internationalisms and Border Crossings
- Ecological Border Management