

Queen's-BSIA International Migration and Mobilities Graduate Symposium (Queen's-BSIA IMMGS)

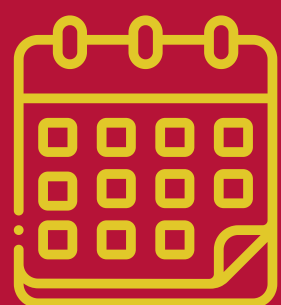
*Borders and (Un)Bordering: Analyzing
Migration and Mobility Through
Contestation and Conflict*

Call for Abstracts

Submissions due on
January 12, 2024
to:
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The second annual Queen's-BSIA IMMGS invites abstracts for this year's **in-person** event at the Balsillie School of International Affairs at Wilfrid Laurier University. Papers with a focus on international migration and mobility are always welcome but applicants are encouraged to address this year's theme of **Borders and (Un)Bordering: Analyzing Migration and Mobility Through Contestation and Conflict**. The Symposium is open to all graduate students, whether preparing to publish their work or just getting started.

Important Dates:



Friday, January 12, 2024
Abstract submissions due

Friday, February 23rd, 2024
Final paper drafts due for
discussant review

**Friday,
March 22, 2024**
Symposium,
Balsillie School of
International Affairs,
Waterloo

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About the Symposium:

The Queen's-BSIA IMMGS is designed to showcase graduate students' work and promote their professionalization. Students will have the opportunity to discuss and receive feedback on their ongoing research from peers and a panel of invited faculty members.

The Symposium seeks to tease out how bordering occurs along race, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, indigeneity, or religion to force some people more than others into involuntary (im)mobility. The Symposium will open with a panel discussion and a guest talk by Dr. Reena Kukreja on her multi-media exhibition, *This is Evidence*, a co-creative done by groups of undocumented South Asian male migrants in Greece, hosted by the *International Migration Research Centre* and on display at the BSIA in conjunction with the Symposium.

Submission Instructions:

The Symposium consists of **three panels and one roundtable discussion**.

The three panels are designed to be opportunities for students in the later stages of their projects to receive detailed feedback from invited faculty on **work that is being prepared for publication**. The roundtable is designed for graduate students in the **earlier stages of the program** who may wish to share and receive feedback and discussion on **preliminary ideas**.

Accepted students will then have until **Friday, 23 February, 2024** to submit a **2,000 word** paper that will be circulated in advance to the invited discussants to prepare their feedback that will be shared following presentation on the papers at the Symposium.

Abstract submissions should include the following and are due on **Friday, January 12, 2024**.

- 150 word bio
- 500-600 word abstract
- Indication of panel or roundtable submission



Email submissions to:
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Successful applicants will be notified of their acceptance by **Friday, January 19, 2024**.

Theme:

Borders, and (Un)Bordering: Analysing Migration and Mobility Through Contestation and Conflicts

We invite students to contribute work that relates to the theme including but not limited to:

Borders and (re)shaping of identity formation

Politicization or localization of borders

Border selectivity and policing of 'othered' bodies

Border controls during the pandemic

Digital forms of bordering

Impact of colonialism on borders in settler societies

Everyday bordering as a horizontal bordering practice

Solidarity alliances, resistances, and efforts to decolonize

and *unborder*



Symposium Timeline:

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Travelling Queen's participants arrive in Waterloo

Opening talk to 'This is Evidence' by Dr. Kukreja at 7pm followed by a panel discussion on Migrant Labour & Precarity

Friday, March 22, 2024

Panel and roundtable talks 9am-3pm