

(IM)MOBILITIES, SPACES & BORDERS

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Call for papers

Since the lifting of certain COVID-19 health restrictions and the reopening of borders, migration flows have intensified and pose considerable challenges for several regions of the world, both for destination and transit countries (IOM, 2022). Indeed, new forms of (im)mobility raise serious issues related to the management of migration flows and the respect for human rights, on a global scale. The recent increase in asylum claims, filed by people who reached Canada via Roxham Road, illustrates this trend; these arrivals raise concerns about the complexity of migration journeys, border management and reception by Quebec/Canadian society.

As immigration policies become more and more restrictive and states' practices within and beyond their territorial borders intensify, migration journeys are lengthening, both in space and time, oftentimes forcing migrants to take more precarious routes. In this sense, migration routes have become fragmented, thus producing various (im)mobilities, short or long transits, pauses and round trips (Miranda & Silva, 2020). Therefore, we observe the formation of new transnational spaces as well as the emergence of new heterogeneous and ambiguous power relations between migrants and a variety of actors, in home, transit and destination countries.

In order to initiate a dialogue on the different analytical approaches in the field of migration, the Center for Geopolitical Studies at the Raoul-Dandurand Chair in Strategic and Diplomatic Studies is organizing a workshop and a presentation of projects. This call for papers therefore

invites graduate students (MA and PhD) to submit proposals aimed at developing a reflection on (im)migration and border dynamics, particularly with regard to the mechanisms of control or reception, power relations and actors governing the various forms of (im)mobility.

The workshop aims to be a space for dialogue integrating different perspectives on situations of (im)mobility and border management. Through the analysis of the work submitted, professors and participating students will discuss each others' research and comment on peers' work, with each participant being responsible for commenting on 1 or 2 texts from colleagues. The objective of the workshop is therefore to provide a space for (self-)critical and constructive conversations on different epistemological and methodological approaches in the field of (im)migration and borders, and to provide students with feedback from their peers and professors from various disciplines and universities.

Students will then be invited to present their project in 5 minutes during a round table opened to the public. This activity offers an opportunity to share their ongoing work and further receive feedback. The round table will be followed by poster presentations by undergraduate students and a closing cocktail.

The organizing team favors a multidisciplinary approach and invites students from all disciplines to apply.

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Deadline to submit: March 20, 2023

Thematic list (non-exhaustive)

- Borders and (im)mobilities
- New migration routes
- Transit/waiting areas
- Climate change and migration
- COVID-19 pandemic and borders
- Migration-related violences
- Governance and (im)mobilities

Disciplines (non-exhaustive list)

Political Science, Geography, Gender Studies, Sociology, Critical Theories, Indigenous Studies, Queer Studies, Law, Economics, International Studies, etc.

Submit a proposal

Graduate students wishing to participate in this workshop are invited to send the following information to obgeopolitique@hotmail.com :

- First and last name
- Current program (MA or PhD)
- Affiliated University
- Proposal of 500 words maximum highlighting the following:

The proposal must include the problem, the research question, the main arguments and how the workshop/workshop would benefit your journey.

Participants selected to participate in the workshop will be invited to submit a written document (term paper, project or chapter of MA dissertation or PhD thesis - complete or preliminary) one week before the event.

The event is free and will take place in person at the University of Quebec in Montreal on April 6, 2023.

For more information about the workshop and its proceedings, you can contact the coordinator of the Center for Geopolitical Studies Daniela Bea at the following address: obgeopolitique@hotmail.com.