

Call for Papers – Special Session on **Border Issues in the Americas**

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The social-economic issues related to international borders have been widely observed around the world. After entering the Information Age for decades, the world is still not flat. Spatial heterogeneity affects where people choose to live and work, even on an international scale. Inequality in technological and economic development is just one driver of the issues at international borders. Environmental change, natural disasters, and policy failure are among other key drivers. The goal of this special session is to attract and inspire research that explores the border issues in the Americas (North, Central and South America) from various disciplinary perspectives. We welcome both data-driven empirical research and quantitative modeling (e.g., theoretical models and agent-based modeling) work. Policy discussion papers focusing on bi-national coordination are also welcome. Possible themes may include, but are not limited to:

- The social-economic issues in the US-Mexico border region
- The social-economic issues along the Mexico-Guatemala border
- The economics of migration
- Environmental migration
- Cross-border energy trade
- Port economy and agglomeration along international borders
- Environmental and natural resources management along international borders
- The economic impact of cross-border illegal activities
- Poverty and inequality in border regions
- Spatial economic analysis related to border effects

If you are interested in presenting your research in this special session, please submit an abstract (2,000 to 5,500 characters and spaces) through the conference portal. Information on how to do that can be found [here](#). Upon submitting your abstract, you will receive an abstract ID number (e.g. P12345). Please send your abstract ID number and a copy of your abstract to Haoying Wang (haoying.wang@nmt.edu) and Rafael Garduño-Rivera (rgardunor@up.edu.mx) no later than June 30, 2020.

Depending upon the focus and composition of papers that are presented at the meeting, the selected papers will be considered for a potential special issue in *Regional Science Policy & Practice*.