

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

*Borders and (Un)Bordering: Analyzing
Migration and (Im)Mobility In
an Era of Polycrisis*

Call for Abstracts

Submissions due on
January 16, 2026 to:
QBIMMGSS@gmail.com

The third biennial Queen's-BSIA IMMGS invites abstracts for this year's **in-person** event at Queen's University in Kingston. Papers should have a focus on international migration and mobility and applicants are encouraged to address this year's theme of **Borders and (Un)Bordering: Analyzing Migration and (Im)Mobility in an Era of Polycrisis**.

The Symposium is open to all graduate students, whether preparing to publish their work or just getting started.

Important Dates:

Friday, January 16, 2026
Abstract submissions due

Friday, February 27, 2026
Abstract submissions due
for discussant review

Saturday, March 21, 2026
Symposium,
Queen's University,
Kingston



Organized by:

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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 the **politics of borders, bordering, migration and (im)mobility in an era of "polycrisis"**: the co-existence and interweaving of multiple crises such as an acute socio-economic crisis, ecological crisis, persisting racial injustice, conflict, health-care crisis, the growth and the rapid spread of far-right populism, breakdown of international order and the denial / exclusion of citizenship rights. It also invites papers that explore resistance and practices of (un)bordering.

Submission Instructions:

The Symposium consists of panels and roundtable discussions.

The **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**.

Successful applicants will be notified of their acceptance by **Friday 30 January, 2026**.

Accepted students will then have until **Friday 27 February, 2026** to submit papers that will be circulated in advance to invited faculty 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 16, 2026.

- 150 word bio and contact details
- 450-500 word abstract
- Indication of panel or roundtable submission



Email submissions to:
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Symposium Timeline:

Friday 20 March, 2026

Travelling BSIA and Wilfrid Laurier participants arrive in Kingston for pre-symposium dinner.

Saturday 21 March, 2026

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Panels and Roundtable

Theme:

We invite students to contribute work that relates to one or more of the following themes including but not limited to:

Borders and (re)shaping of identity formation

Bordering through far-right populism, racism, and xenophobia

Conflict, borders, and (im)mobility

Ecological crisis, borders, and displacement

Colonial violence and borders in settler societies

Digital technology as/at borders

Resistances and practices of (un)bordering