

7th conference of the
International Boundaries
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A photograph of two soldiers on camels patrolling a border fence in a desert. The fence is made of multiple layers of barbed wire and runs along a dirt path. The soldiers are wearing military uniforms and berets. The background shows a sandy, arid landscape with sparse vegetation.

Border Management in an Insecure World

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Border Management in an Insecure World

Much has been written in recent years about the value of 'soft' borders in maintaining good relations between neighbouring states and creating borderland prosperity. However, the reality in many parts of the world is that borders are hardening rather than softening as states seek to protect their populations from perceived external threats. The aim of this conference will be to examine the implications of the re-emergence of security as a key dimension of boundary management. Can borders actually be made secure in the 21st century? If so, what are the political, economic and social consequences, especially for border regions? What border management strategies are available and how are they working in practice? And how can scholars assist practitioners in finding solutions to complex border management challenges?

The conference will be multidisciplinary in approach and global in scope. We welcome proposals for panels or papers on any of the following themes:

- Boundary security, surveillance and control
- Managing disputed territory
- Post-conflict border management
- The role and function of boundary commissions
- The cartopolitics of territorial control
- Fortress Europe - lessons from Schengenland
- Managing maritime boundaries
- Transboundary environmental management
- Evaluating the purpose and impact of fences, walls and barriers
- From alienation to integration: theorising borderland development
- The boundaries of failing and fragmenting states
- Technologies for effective border management
- Contentious sub-state and inter-entity boundaries
- Emerging challenges to the territorial integrity of the state
- Economic, cultural and social impacts of hardening borders



Potential speakers should prepare an abstract of not more than 300 words and forward it by e-mail, fax or post, to reach us not later than Friday 14th October 2005. All abstracts and enquiries should be addressed to:

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