

# THE ANNUAL OXFORD MIGRATION CONFERENCE CALL FOR PAPERS "BORDERS AND JUSTICE"



10th-15th May 2021 - Oxford, UK  
Submission Deadline: 20th March 2021

The Oxford Migration Studies Society, TORCH Migration and Mobility Network and Border Criminologies invite academics, researchers, activists, artists, practitioners, and other stakeholders to present original research, case studies, work, and other insights during the conference "Borders and Justice" which will take place between the **10th and 15th of May 2021 on Zoom**. (Exact timing is to be determined in order to best accommodate time zone variation.)

## CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES & THEMES

Beginning with an evaluation of the moral foundations of borders, the conference will trace how (post)-colonial notions of exclusion and inclusion inform the realities of the border, exploring technologies of border control, border discrimination, detention, encampment and criminalisation and the impact of Covid-19 on all of these areas. We aim to reflect both on the power of states over their borderlands and on how such spaces are navigated and experienced by the people who seek to cross them. The conference will conclude by bringing these strands together in a collective and collaborative attempt to challenge the current border regime. Our aim is to generate discussions about what the future relationship between borders and justice might look like, whether borders and justice are inherently counterposed and how to actualise our ideal future.

The conference will be held over the course of the week, with one panel per day. We invite 10-15-minute presentations that speak to the broader conference theme and that are related to at least one of the sub-topics presented below:

- Border Histories, (Im)Moral Foundations
- Borderlines, Bordering and Border Diffusion
- Border Discrimination
- Technologies of Border Control
- Detention, Encampment
- Criminalisation and Crimmigration
- Impact of Covid-19 (Public Health Justice)
- Current Resistance and Future Alternatives

The conference aims to generate inter-disciplinary dialogue between and among academics, researchers, practitioners, activists, and all other stakeholders and critical thinkers. Therefore, we invite abstracts **from all levels** and disciplinary perspectives including, but not limited to Anthropology, Criminology, Cultural Studies, Development Studies, Economics, Environmental Studies, Geography, History, Journalism, Languages, Law, Linguistics, Literature, Medicine, Musicology, Performing Arts, Political Science, Psychology, Public Health, Socio-Legal Studies, and Sociology.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstracts (250 words max; 5 keywords) specifying your contribution should be sent to [omssconference2021@gmail.com](mailto:omssconference2021@gmail.com) by **20th March**. Please specify if your paper falls within one of the subtopics above. **Please indicate in the application your time zone** and ideally dates you are available between the 10th and 15th of May.

Decisions will be communicated by **10th April**.

Groups or individuals outside of universities and student researchers are especially encouraged to submit.

## REGISTRATION

Registration details will be released in due course, once speakers are confirmed. Attendees and participants are welcome to attend individual panels as they wish.

Accessibility is our priority, and due to the online nature of the event (Zoom), **the conference will not charge a fee**. We will also utilise automated closed captioning.

In order to engage with the theme of justice, it is imperative that we contribute to the grassroots organisations and initiatives currently doing the work alongside our discussions. On each day of the conference, in line with the subtheme, we will be requesting donations and boosting the work of a relevant organisation.

We would be happy to hear your ideas and you are welcome to include an organisation or initiative alongside or in lieu of your application. Organisations and initiatives will be specified nearer the date.

## CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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