

Borderscapes: geographies of challenge and change

Session organised by the Political Geography Study Group, convened by Dr. Andrew BurrIDGE (Macquarie University)

This session will bring together research in critical border studies, considering the changing landscapes of both borders, and border studies. The notion of landscape has had a long resonance with border studies, particularly through the concept of the 'borderscape' (Prescott 1987; Minghi and Rumley 1991; Perera 2007; Brambilla 2015; Dell'agnese and Amilhat Szary, 2015).

This session calls for papers that consider the changing landscapes of borders/bordering, across the diversity of locations and scales that such processes and practices occur. It also seeks to engage with the changes and challenges to critical border studies, including but not limited to those presented by the global Covid-19 pandemic.

In recognising the polymorphic nature of borders and bordering, and that these are not only found at the edges of the nation-state territory, papers might consider a diversity of locations and scales, as well as methodological approaches in examining borderscapes:

- Onshore and offshore detention
- Border mobilities and migration
- Policing and militarisation
- Covid borders/bordering
- Indigenous borders/border studies
- Territorial and maritime border conflicts
- Colonial and frontier borders
- Abolition/protest/challenges/resistance

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