

# Border Regions in Transition IX

**North American and European Border Regions  
in Comparative Perspective:  
Markets, States and Border Communities**



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**Victoria, BC Canada and Bellingham, WA USA**

Co-hosted by the School of Public Administration, University of Victoria and  
the Border Policy Research Institute, Western Washington University

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## Message from the Conference Co-Chairs

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Dear Conference Participants;

On behalf of the School of Public Administration at the University of Victoria, BC and the Border Policy Research Institute of Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington, we would like to welcome you to the international Border Regions in Transition Conference: *North American and European Border Regions in Comparative Perspective: Markets, States and Border Communities*

The conference is the ninth in the bi-annual international *Border Regions in Transition (BRIT)* series – and the first ever to be held in North America. The BRIT network is comprised of a group of scholars whose central focus of research is on borderlands and border security.

This year's conference theme will allow for systematic discussion of the impact of post 9/11 security regimes on borderlands, border culture, trans-border regions, local border politics, transportation policies, and intra- and international trade, with special emphasis on the Canada-U.S. Pacific Northwest region. The conference is based on the premise that systematic comparative analysis of European and North American scholarship on borderlands and border security is necessary to gain a comprehensive understanding of the current state of affairs and to produce effective public policy.

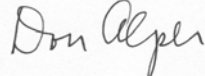
We would like to thank the organizing committee and all of our generous partners and supporters. And most important, we would like to thank each of you for your participation. Without your active involvement, this conference would not have been possible.

We hope that you enjoy the next four days of discussion and dialogue in this dynamic international border region, and look forward to the learning, sharing, and informal networking that will ensue.

Sincerely,



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Conference Co-Chair  
School of Public Administration  
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