



American Geographical Society

Geography 2050: Borders and a Borderless World

Thursday and Friday, 21 and 22 November 2019
Columbia University, New York City

LIGHTNING PRESENTATIONS: CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The **American Geographical Society** (AGS) is accepting proposals for the Lightning Presentations for the upcoming AGS Symposium, ***Geography 2050: Borders and a Borderless World***, to be held **November 21 and 22, 2019** at Columbia University. This year's Symposium will focus on how geography and geospatial science impact the role of borders in our future economy, environment, and geopolitical situation.

Geography 2050 is a multi-year, strategic dialog about the vital trends reshaping the geography of our planet in the coming decades. Initially organized by AGS in 2014, the ongoing ***Geography 2050*** dialog convenes thought leaders from academia, government, industry, and the social sector to facilitate discussion of the major forces that will shape our planet's future. In the late 20th century, talk of a borderless world began to take hold among many in both academia and the media as the end of the Cold War and the forces of globalization rapidly impacted the planet. While many aspects of globalization led to greater fluidity across international borders in terms of trade, capital, technology transfer, and the movement of people, this same period witnessed the creation of more international borders, not fewer. This symposium questions what the world map will look like in 2050 and how our practice of defining, maintaining, and even understanding the meaning of borders might change. Within each theme, we will look both at scenarios of increasing interdependence and division and how they could play out by 2050.

The main themes of the symposium and for Lightning Presentations are:

- ***The World Map in 2050***
- ***Geospatial Technologies and the Mapping of Future Borders***
- ***Fences, Walls, and People on the Move***
- ***Globalization and Trade***
- ***International Organizations and Disorganization***
- ***The Natural World and the Border***
- ***Spaces Beyond the State***

For a more detailed description of the themes, go to www.geography2050.org.

Lightning Presentations are short, engaging talks consisting of about 20 slides with each staying on screen for 15 seconds, totaling a 5 minute presentation. Proposals will be reviewed by a Review Committee and a limited number of proposals will be accepted, with priority given to interesting, creative, and practical ideas directly related to the main themes of the Symposium.

We wish to showcase cutting edge research, new directions in energy technologies, and multiple order understandings of how the forthcoming energy transition might change human and natural landscapes, living conditions, and opportunities.

TIMELINE

February 18 – August 12
August 12 – September 9
September 9 – 16
September 12 – October 14
November 11

Submission of Lightning Presentation Proposals
Review of Proposals
Notification of Acceptance
Registration Period for Accepted Proposals
Deadline for AGS to receive Lightning Presentation Slides

Authors of the accepted proposals will be expected to register for the Symposium at a specially reduced rate no later than October 14, 2019.

PRESENTATIONS

The Review Committee welcomes any proposals for Lightning Presentations, providing they are highly compelling, visual, and address the geographical implications of the future of energy. Lightning Presentations should cover a specific research topic and should be presented in a manner that will appeal to a broad audience including those from the private sector, academia, government (from local to federal), and non-governmental organizations.

By **September 10**, those proposing Lightning Presentations should submit a short description of the topic(s) to be addressed, and the approach that will be taken. **One page or less** is suggested. If you have a PowerPoint deck already in the works, we are happy to review it as part of your proposal. Proposals, along with authors' contact information, should be submitted via e-mail to AGS at: symposiumposter@americangeo.org

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