



American Geographical Society

Geography 2050: Borders and a Borderless World

Poster Spotlight: Call for Proposals

The American Geographical Society (AGS) is accepting proposals for the Poster Spotlight section of 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.

AGS will be showcasing accepted Posters in the Poster Spotlight section of the Symposium. All Posters will be conveniently available for Symposium participants to examine throughout the event's two days in the Roone Arledge Auditorium in Lerner Hall. We expect poster presenters to interact with our exceptionally diverse and exciting cast of participants from business, government, academia, and education. Poster presenters should make themselves available next to their posters during breaks from stage presentations on Thursday and Friday, including the breakfast and lunch breaks.

Proposals will be reviewed by a Review Committee composed of leading academic researchers and business leaders. 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.

Posters should cover a specific research topic and should be presented in a manner that will appeal to not just academic geographers, but also a broader audience including those from business, government (local and federal), and non-governmental organizations.

The main themes of the Symposium and for the Poster Spotlight 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 Organization 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.

Timeline

The timeline for the Poster Spotlights is:

February 18 – June 17	Submission of Poster Proposals
June 18 – July 8	Review of Proposals
July 10 – 12	Notification of Acceptance
July 15 – September 9	Registration Period for Accepted Proposals

The authors of the accepted proposals will be expected to register for the Symposium at a specially reduced rate no later than September 9, 2019.

Poster Guidelines

AGS will provide a poster board (36" X 48"), double-sided tape and an easel. In addition, the title and author of each poster will be clearly identified on the top of each poster.

The posters should be easy to read from a distance of four feet (4') and highly creative and visual. And, of course, the rule of thumb for all AGS events is "the more maps the better"!

All poster material must fit within the allotted dimensions of the poster.

Each poster should have a short one-page abstract. Authors should bring 200 copies of the abstract with them. We encourage authors to provide links on the abstract where people may find additional information and contact details.

Authors will assemble their posters on Thursday morning (November 21st, 10:00 – noon).

Conference Packets will contain a list of the Poster Spotlights as well as contact details of the authors so that Symposium participants can follow-up with the Poster Spotlight authors directly.

All posters are expected to remain up until the closing of the Symposium on Friday, November 21st at 5:30pm.

To apply, please submit an abstract of your project, an additional paragraph on how your project addresses the themes of the symposium, and a description of how the poster will convey your findings to the diverse audience assembled at *Geography 2050* to symposiumposter@americangeo.org.



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