

**Association for Canadian Studies in Ireland (ACSI)  
20<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference**

*CALL FOR PAPERS*

**Borders and Beyond / Les frontières et au-delà**

Queen's University Belfast  
May 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

This interdisciplinary conference will draw upon the arts, humanities and social sciences to explore in relation to Canada's past, present and future the theme of borders, imagined or otherwise, their making, negotiation, reconfiguration and dissolution. Papers, performances or other contributions are invited on, but not limited to, the following topics

- Border poetics
- Figurative borders, their meaning & contestation
- Narratives of journeys, borders, crossings & encounters with difference
  
- Mobility, circulation & border-making
- Governing linguistic & sociological demarcations
- Indigenous conceptions of space & nation-building
  
- Navigating borderlands of thought & practice
- Comparative frames of reference & geopolitical dimensions
- From de-bordering to re-bordering & beyond
  
- Concept, frames of reference & the making of Canada
- Re-imagining borders / learning from Canada

Please send abstracts of no more than 300 words, along with a brief biography (50 words) to [ACSIconference2020@gmail.com](mailto:ACSIconference2020@gmail.com). The deadline for proposals is Friday January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

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