Dear Faculty, Chairs, and Deans,

We are pleased to announce that the second annual Re:Border Binational Conference will take place November 12 and 13, 2020 and invite you to participate. This year’s theme is **Our Border on the Move: Reimaging Mobility and Migration in the Baja California Transborder Region.**

**About Re:Border 2020**
This annual binational conference convenes critical conversations and inspires innovative solutions, facilitating cross-disciplinary and cross-sector collaboration to address our shared assets and challenges in the transborder region.

The two-day conference will take place at San Diego State University and El Colegio de la Frontera Norte. We are aware that COVID-19 safety restrictions may affect our ideal format, and we are preparing a contingency hybrid model, which we will communicate as time approaches.

The conference will address key challenges concerning transborder mobility that impact our region of California and Baja California. “Mobility” (**Movilidad**) will be broadly interpreted as the dynamic, complex, and energetic condition of lives shared at a border, which encompasses migration, labor, education, business, medical services, research, art, tourism, and other forms of socio-political and socio-cultural interactivity. The main objectives of the conference are to share knowledge and experiences of scholars, professionals, politicians, artists, and students who comprise our transborder community, to gain new understanding about the most pressing challenges facing our region today, and to forge interdisciplinary collaborations among the various stakeholders to address transborder mobility challenges.

**Conference Format**
Each day will include short presentations and panels by leading scholars, artists, practitioners from the public, private, and non-profit sectors, and working roundtables that will be tasked with clarifying critical themes and identifying opportunities and policy options for solving problems. The conference will highlight basic information about migration and mobility, and the roundtables are intended to generate an action plan that can be developed and deployed by a cross-border network to capitalize on the assets and improve living and learning conditions impacted by transborder mobility.

**Teaching and Learning About Our Transborder Region**
SDSU is uniquely situated in a complex **Transborder Region** encompassing many challenges and opportunities for teaching and learning. We encourage all colleges and faculty to use this conference as an opportunity to include a Binational component to your content area syllabi—to help all SDSU students better understand the complexities and beauty of living and learning in our Transborder Region.
We Encourage Proposal Submission in Each of the Following or Other Themes
Public Health | Education | Government Policy | Arts & Culture | Business | Hospitality & Tourism | Migration & Displacement | Other

Proposal Submission Guidelines

Please submit your proposal by August 14th to reborderconf@sdsu.edu.

Important: Please make your subject line: RE:BORDER Presentation Proposal and ensure that your proposal contains the following elements:

1. Presenter's name and title, exactly how it should appear on the program and certificate of participation;
2. Presentation title and description (Two paragraphs in length max.);
3. One paragraph bio (50 words) and a photo of presenter in the highest resolution possible (to be used on the website)

Please note that presenters will be asked to submit an abbreviated manuscript of their presentation (500 words max.) with appropriate references by October 16, 2020. These manuscripts will form part of the briefing materials for conference participants and will be part of the final report and recommendations.

We are looking forward to a dynamic conference and the birth of new collaborations that will benefit our transborder region.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Maria Keckler at mkeckler@sdsu.edu.

Sincerely,

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