

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS
Working-Class Studies Association 2018 Conference

CONFERENCE THEME
Class at the Border: Migration, Confinement, and (Im)mobility

The Center for the Study of Inequality and Social Justice at Stony Brook University is pleased to announce they will be hosting the 2018 **Working-Class Studies Association** conference on the campus of Stony Brook University from June 6-9, 2018.

Against the backdrop of globalization, where capital flows across borders more easily than people, we are living in increasingly walled-off societies. The conference theme, **Class at the Border: Migration, Confinement, and (Im)mobility**, explores how an explicit recognition of class can deepen our understanding of the structures and ideas that divide individuals, communities, societies, and nations across the globe. Presentations for this conference will consider how walls, borders, and other dividing lines--of both the material and figurative variety--are constructed, upheld, resisted, and dismantled.

Presenters are encouraged to submit individual proposals as well as full panels, poster submissions, roundtables, and workshops that address, in some fashion, either within or across disciplinary boundaries, literal or figurative concepts of walls through class analysis. While we strongly encourage submissions that focus on the cluster themes such as labor, immigration, incarceration, and mobility in relation to class, presenters are encouraged to submit proposals in other areas and from various fields of study that advance our understanding of walls and class, such as:

- Cultural artifacts and expression
- Pedagogy
- Race, ethnicity, and gender
- Landscapes and geographical spaces
- Social movements
- LGBTQ communities
- Power and social structure
- Public policy and electoral politics
- Income inequality
- Global economies
- Art and activism
- Media and popular culture
- Community and the environment

Submissions must include the following information:

- Proposed title and a maximum 250 word description of individual presentation or group panel.
- Suggested conference thread or area that will be addressed.
- A brief bio featuring each presenter's name and contact information (e-mail and mailing address, telephone number) including institutional affiliation, if any.
- Technology needs, if any.

Submit proposals as an e-mail attachment and any inquiries about the conference to wcsa2018@gmail.com

Proposals must be received by December 15, 2017. After review by the program committee, notifications will be mailed by the end of January 2018. Conference registration and housing reservations will be possible after March 15, 2018. Details and updates as well as information about need-based travel grants will be posted at the Conference website:

<https://wcstudies2018conference.wordpress.com/>

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For information about the Working-Class Studies Association:

<https://wcstudiesassociation.wordpress.com/>

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