

Name of organizer: Marika Morris, Senior Policy Advisor, Public Safety Canada
Title of workshop: Integrating border visions and concerns
Format of Workshop: Roundtable

Abstract

A follow-up to the plenary on borders, this roundtable seeks to bring together academics and border practitioners to work on practical strategies to integrate the many considerations that border policies deal with: security, migration, trade and public and agricultural health.

Summary

Building on the plenary session on borders, this follow-up roundtable invites those with an expertise or interest in border issues to take what was learned in the plenary, add the perspective of their own research and experience, to generate ideas about how the Canada-US border could work better: How can it facilitate legitimate trade while keeping out transnational organized crime? How can it facilitate the crossing of tourists and legitimate migrants while stopping those who seek to harm others? How can we best deal with the US sovereign right to stop anyone from entering that country in a way that minimizes the impact on trade and migration, while maximizing the capacity to stop illegal activity?

Chair:

Dr. François Crépeau, Trudeau Fellow 2008-2011, Hans & Tamar Oppenheimer Professor in Public International Law, McGill University

Presenters :

Dr. Mark Salter, Department of Political Studies, University of Ottawa

Dr. Bidisha Biswas, Border Policy Research Institute, Political Science, Western Washington University

Dr. Benjamin Perrin, Law, University of British Columbia

Dr. Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, Local Government Institute, University of Victoria

Joe Oliver, Chief Superintendant of Border Integrity, RCMP