

## **Graduate Student Call for Papers Inaugural CMS International Research Conference**

**A Collaboration of the UBC Centre for Migration Studies  
and  
Queen's University Belfast**

**April 25-26, 2023**

Place of Many Trees, Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia,  
Vancouver (*in-person conference*)

### **Concept**

An international research conference for graduate students and faculty from two institutions – the [Queen's University Belfast School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics](#) (QUB HAPP) and the [UBC Centre for Migration Studies](#) (UBC CMS) in partnership with the [CMS Borders Research Group](#) – to present their work (or work in progress) on migration studies and to engage in scholarly exchange, comparative analysis, and networking with colleagues from both institutions. The conference is hosted by UBC CMS and builds on conversations to foster research links between QUB HAPP and UBC CMS, with a focus on new emerging scholars in the field of migration.

The conference is part of a shared goal to forge diverse international exchanges between migration studies researchers in an effort to build a dense network of scholars across disciplines and career levels. Emerging scholars will have an opportunity to present their work, hear feedback from faculty, and foster professional development.

### **Themes**

The CMS International Research Conference proposes the following themes for paper submissions by graduate students. CMS and QUB faculty will serve as discussants. Papers may focus on one of the following themes, but the list of themes is not exhaustive and graduate students are invited to also submit proposals that speak to other themes related to migration:

- Climate and migration
- Belonging and community engagement in migration processes
- Diaspora
- Gender and migration
- (No) Borders
- Refugees
- Sovereignty and Indigeneity

### **Format**

The conference will be held over two days in April 2023 (25-26) which will include:

- A day of presentations with CMS and QUB faculty as discussants, organized into thematic blocks;
- A keynote address
- Networking opportunities
- Research feedback opportunities



QUB HAPP will invite up to five graduate students and three migration faculty.  
UBC CMS will invite up to 15 graduate affiliates and seven faculty affiliates.

### **Selection**

Participants will be selected based on the quality of the submitted abstract, and its thematic focus and fit with other submissions. Participants with successful abstracts will be invited to submit a developed paper later in the year ahead of the conference, no later than March 1, 2023. Some financial support will be available for travel and accommodation of QUB student participants.

### **How to submit your abstract**

Interested graduate students should provide a short abstract (150 words maximum) of the research they wish to present. The abstract should clearly relate to research on migration and mobilities and should indicate which theme(s) is/are best related.

Abstracts should be submitted as a PDF document via the form on [this webpage](#). The word count does not include references/citations or abstract title.

Submissions will be adjudicated by an ad hoc committee including the UBC CMS Director, the CMS Borders Research Group Coordinator, the CMS Mobilities Research Group Coordinator, the CMS Mentor-in-Residence, the CMS Research Manager, and a Senior Lecturer in International Studies from QUB.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: **November 30, 2022**

### **Timelines**

All applicants will receive a response on their application by December 15, 2022.

Successful applicants will be invited to develop their paper with a submission deadline of March 1, 2023.

**Any questions or requests for additional information should be emailed to [manager.migration@ubc.ca](mailto:manager.migration@ubc.ca).**