19th Annual Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference
Hosted by the Department of Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies at the University of British Columbia

Call for Papers

Transcending Boundaries: Unification and Division in Societies

The processes of unification and division are experienced across all societies, from antiquity into the modern period. How do these processes shape the political, cultural, historical and religious landscapes in which they occur? In what ways are they created, perpetuated, or halted within a society? How do they help, or hinder, the creation of boundaries? And, how do they manifest in societies in both tangible and non-tangible ways? In order to explore these processes, the questions above, and more, the theme of the 19th Annual Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference is the interaction of unifications and divisions in societies.

These mechanisms go beyond the boundaries of the modern world, permeating societies well into the past. They transcend international borders and disciplines and are applicable to the social sciences and humanities. Examples of topics include, but are not limited to:

- Languages
- Environment & Architecture
- Populism & Demagoguery
- Warfare & Militarism
- Community Spaces & Gathering
- Gender
- Religion & Spirituality
- Archaeology

The conference will be held from March 9th – 10th, 2019 at the University of British Columbia (Vancouver campus), where it is hosted by the Department of Classical, Near Eastern, and Religious Studies. The purpose of AIGSC is to provide a platform for emerging scholars to present their research, and to spark debate across disciplines on varied, though not unrelated, subjects and approaches. We seek to give graduate students a rigorous academic environment in which to develop and share valuable professional skills, including presentation, collaboration, and question and answer.

If you are interested in participating, please send us your abstract of 399 words (maximum) by December the 17th, 2018 at 5pm PST. Please include: Name, Institution, Degree, Title of presentation, and Email address. All submissions will be read, and all authors will be notified of the committee’s decision by January the 1st, 2019. Each speaker will be given 20 minutes to present, followed by a five-minute question period. Please send abstracts and questions to: cners.grad.conference@gmail.com