



## Academic/policy research by Customs officials CALL FOR PAPERS

The World Customs Organization (WCO) is pleased to publish this **Call for Papers from Customs officials on academic/policy research**. Applicants selected by the PICARD Scientific Board members will be supervised by professors/lecturers at the University of Victoria (British Columbia, Canada) and the papers produced may be published in an academic journal.

The WCO welcomes any subject of research that is related to Customs policy and operations. This includes the core functions of Customs administrations, namely revenue collection, fraud detection, anti-smuggling, border security and trade facilitation, as well as emerging trends such as data analytics, disruptive technologies, the circular economy and fragile borders.

The WCO also welcomes and encourages submissions from a range of academic disciplines, such as anthropology, criminology, economics, geography, history, international relations and international trade, law, mathematics and political science.

### Submissions

**Applicants must be Customs officials.** They may submit proposals (maximum 500 words) no later than 15 May 2023. The proposal should include the motivation for and objective of the research, the data sets and methodologies to be used, and possible outcomes. The PICARD Scientific Board members will select the successful proposals and notify the applicants by 30 May 2023.

The selected applicants will draft their research/policy paper under the supervision of a faculty member, or members, at the University of Victoria's Borders in Globalization (BiG) Lab.

Please note that the supervision includes the selected applicants' participation in a week-long course (either online or in-person) given by the University of Victoria's BiG Lab during the second half of July 2023, with a tuition waiver (for one of the courses listed below) supported by the Korea Customs Cooperation Fund (CCF Korea).

The selected applicants will be eligible to take one of the following week-long courses (online or in-person), namely (i) *Modern Border Management: Trade and Customs* or (ii) *Artificial Intelligence in Border Management*. The selected applicants wishing to participate in one of the courses should register for it by 15 June 2023 (<https://www.uvic.ca/humanities/intd/europe/travel-and-learn/summer/index.php>).

The selected applicants funded by CCF Korea must complete their paper by 15 October 2023. Papers submitted by that date will be considered for publication in the Borders in Globalization Review journal.

### Format of the submissions

To respond to this Call for Papers, please submit your proposal by email to [picard2023.events@wcoomd.org](mailto:picard2023.events@wcoomd.org). The submission should include the following details:



- Name, title and biography (maximum 250 words) of researcher or researchers.
- Current position, organization and country of researcher or researchers.
- Contact email address and telephone number.
- Proposed title of contribution.

Papers should be submitted in accordance with the following requirements:

- Arial font size 11.
- In English or French.

### Important deadlines

- Submission of proposal: **15 May 2023**
- Notification to applicants: **30 May 2023**
- Registration for an online course (if applicable): **15 June 2023**
- Completion of research paper: **15 October 2023**

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please send an email to the WCO Research and Policy Unit ([picard2023.events@wcoomd.org](mailto:picard2023.events@wcoomd.org)).

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