📢 **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Khazar University Forum II: Identity and Borders

📍 Khazar University, Baku, Azerbaijan

🗓️ 29–31 May 2027

🏷️ No participation fee

About the Forum

Borders do more than divide territory: they shape who belongs, how states are built and how nations understand themselves. Eurasia, where empires, the Soviet legacy, new states and shifting regional orders meet, is one of the best places to study this.

Forum II brings together scholars, researchers, policy experts and students to discuss how borders, state formation, sovereignty, migration, technology and national and regional identities shape Eurasia, past and present. It is the second Khazar University Forum, and it is meant to become an annual tradition in Baku.

Indicative themes

- State and nation-building
- Empire, Soviet legacy and post-imperial identities
- Contested borders and territory
- South Caucasus and Central Asia
- Conflict, displacement and post-conflict societies
- Migration, diaspora and transborder identities
- Digital identity, AI and sovereignty
- Regional integration
- Youth and identity

The programme includes panels, roundtables, keynote addresses, workshops and a student poster display.

How to apply (choose one type at the start of the form):

1️⃣ **Paper:** a 400–500 word abstract stating your research question, methodology, objective and expected outcomes. Research can be completed or planned, but it must be unpublished.

2️⃣ **Panel:** the panel title, a short description and the number of papers (3–4 recommended).

3️⃣ **Poster (students only):** a 400–500 word abstract, plus a student card or a letter from your university.

⚠️ Each person may submit **one paper and one panel**, using two separate forms.

📚 Accepted abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings before the Forum, and a book on Borders and Identity is planned.

🗓️ **Submission deadline: 31 December 2026**

✅ Notification of acceptance: March 2027

📝 Apply here: https://forms.gle/YPJqkjXmKyGaZfSg8

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