

Call for Abstracts

SHE & SIHEX

Conference Theme: Emotions at the Border

Dates: October 28 to 30, 2025

Location: UNAM, Mexico City

The Society for the History of Emotions (SHE) and the Ibero-American Society for the History of Emotions and Experiences (SIHEX) are pleased to announce the 2025 conference, themed "Emotions at the Border." This event will explore experiences and expressions that emerge in liminal situations, whether at the intersection of different emotions, during high-intensity experiences, or in the lives of individuals navigating cultural, linguistic, and identity transitions. We welcome submissions examining embodied experiences of spirituality and religiousness, emotional experiences of alienation in border spaces or in relation to animals and the environment, as well as inquiries into the limits of bodily, mental, emotional, and sensory experiences.

By bringing together scholars from diverse disciplines, we aim to foster interdisciplinary discussions that deepen our understanding of how emotions shape—and are shaped by—the limits and borders we encounter, both historically and in contemporary society. The conference will feature a variety of presentation formats, including individual talks, thematic panels, and interactive workshops, with sessions conducted in both English and Spanish.

Thematic Categories:

1. Limits between Emotions:

We invite abstracts that explore emotional boundaries, the exchanges that occur at the edges of emotions, and liminal experiences where certain emotions transform into others. We are particularly interested in the subtle differences between emotions that may seem similar, as well as how these boundaries are constructed in individual and collective emotional experiences. Consider questions such as: What is the difference between sadness and melancholy? How does shame become guilt? How have these boundaries been understood throughout history and across different cultures?

2. Emotions at the Limit:

We welcome proposals examining emotions experienced in extreme or highly intense situations and their influence on behavior and perception of the world. We are particularly

interested in emotions in extreme conditions.

3. Emotions of Subjects at the Limit/Border:

We encourage papers that reflect on the emotions experienced by individuals and communities in liminal situations, such as migrants or those undergoing cultural or identity transitions. We invite explorations of the experiences of people living at the intersection of different cultures and those navigating various embodied, cultural, linguistic, or sexual boundaries.

Presentation Formats:

We accept proposals for individual presentations and thematic panels

- Individual presentations will last 20 minutes.
- Thematic panels should include between 3 and 5 presenters and will last 90 minutes, including time for questions.
- The conference will be hybrid, allowing for both in-person and virtual participation.

Social Agenda:

To complement the academic discussions, we will suggest reliable tour companies and activities for visiting emblematic places in the city.

Submission Instructions:

- Proposals must be submitted by February 15, 2025, to sheconference2025@gmail.com.
- Include a summary of your proposal (maximum 500 words) and any special technical requirements.
- Provide your name and contact information.
- Clearly indicate the thematic category your proposal relates to.

If accepted:

You will be required to submit an extended abstract (3 pages) in the language opposite to the one in which you will present, along with multilingual slides to facilitate a bilingual conference.



