

## **Border Dwellers**

TEXAS MEDIEVAL ASSOCIATION (TEMA) sponsored Session at the 44th International Congress on Medieval Studies  
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This session invites submissions related to the study of individuals and communities located along borders in Western Mediterranean Europe during the Middle Ages. These borders may be geo-political borderlands such as the moving frontier of the Christian Reconquest in Iberia. The idea of border also refers here to people living in liminal cultural areas, or having ill-defined or multiple identities, such as the Mozarab and Morisco populations of medieval Iberia. Through particular historical, linguistic, and literary case studies this session seeks to explore the miscellaneous challenges faced by border dwellers in their daily lives, as well as to discern the commonalities and differences in the way diverse communities and individuals adapted to those challenges across space and time.

Please send abstracts (no more than 300 words) to [yb10@txstate.edu](mailto:yb10@txstate.edu) along with a completed "Participant Information form" (available on the Congress web site at: [www.wmich.edu/medieval/congress](http://www.wmich.edu/medieval/congress)) no later than September 10th, 2009.