For many of us, ICA’s presence in Arizona raises difficult concerns in the wake of the state’s newly passed – and fiercely contested – anti-immigration law, SB 1070. Members from several of ICA’s scholarly sections articulated these concerns in a variety of ways – some proposed a boycott of the Phoenix conference as a form of political refusal; others pointed to opportunities for intellectual discovery and dialogue that our concerns collectively highlighted. In response to these concerns, six ICA sections -- Ethnicity and Race in Communication, Feminist Studies, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Studies, Global Communication and Social Change, Philosophy of Communication, and Popular Communication -- will co-host a daylong preconference bringing together scholars, artists, and political activists working on issues of borders, immigrants, and community.

Drawing thematic links to the 2012 conference theme, “Communication and Community,” the preconference is geared to three ends – (i) to explore the cultural, discursive, and communicative contexts and implications of regimes of border control and migrant rights; (ii) to examine international echoes of these struggles as they take heterogeneous form and spur polyglot resistances across the world; and (iii) to engage in dialogue with oppositional voices (within Arizona, the United States, and beyond) that represent a range of grassroots mobilizations and popular expressions organized variously against ethno-racial repression/discipline and toward building political and civic community.

ERIC invites you to attend this important event. Additional details will be available soon on ERIC’s website at:

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There are several important changes in submission formats and procedures for 2012. Please read the Call for Papers carefully before submitting your work.

All submissions are due online at the ICA website on November 1, 2011.