

## Course Intro

Welcome to the border management course at the Center for Homeland Defense and Security Self Study coursework. This is an area that while some of us thought that it's narrow and technical subject having to do with customs administration, or immigration, the intricacies of immigration law.

In fact, border management understood and construed in its broadest sense, brings in, many, I would argue most of the major themes that are involved in the contemporary world. International trade, globalization, transnational criminal organizations, public private partnerships. All these subjects can be looked at through the prism, through the lens of the challenges that governments and companies and citizens alike face at the border, to understand, in a much more comprehensive way, the way in which the world is operating today. The trends that are developing and will dominate the future in terms of everything from non-state risks of terrorism and transnational crime to the changing nature of international trade and the relationships here in North America among, Mexico, the United States and Canada. And in fact, the Western hemisphere taken as a whole.

So we're eager to explore, the subject going back in history to looking at the way in which borders were viewed in the past. And the way in which globalization and the changes in technology have led to alterations in the way in which we, calculate the strategy of border management and develop the means and methods of border management and the tactics of enforcement.

In dealing with these massive flows of goods, people, ideas, images, and now electrons in cyberspace. So as you approach the border management course do so from the standpoint of seeing it as a tool by which you can come to understand many of the large trends and phenomena that are unfolding in the world today.

And we hope that it's of great utility and helping you interpret that as well as learning about, how governments, have been struggling to adapt to the challenges of transnational flows, lawful and unlawful alike. How it's been trying to develop a means and methods of dealing with migratory flows, the unprecedented migratory flows that characterize migratory flows that characterize the modern world in terms of both lawful travel, but also the movement of refugees and asylum seekers toward places of destination countries.

This is the way in which we manage borders through the application of big data and modern information technology will be taken up as well as the effects of events, whether it was 9/11 or individual events like the Christmas Day Bombing and the Yemen Cargo Plot from Al-Qaeda in the Arabian peninsula.

How these affected the way in which we viewed the borders, both from a public perspective, but also from the private sector perspective. So open up the apertures as you look at the border management module to see what it can teach you about many of the major developments and phenomenon of today's world.

And along the way, we hope that you'll learn something about the changing methods and means of border management and the way in which we can deal with the challenges at the

borderline and away from the borderline in a much more effective fashion, that capitalizes on the values that we seek to achieve there in terms of facilitating lawful trade and travel.

But at the same time, protecting us against the dangers of terrorism, transnational crime and contagious disease.

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