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THE CROSS-BORDER CONSEQUENCES OF U.S. DEPORTATION POLICY AND IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT



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Seminar Room 4/5

Students Welcome

Despite statistics that illustrate how Mexican migration to the United States continues to decrease, politicians and voters continue to demand increased border enforcement, deportation of all undocumented migrants, and a wall to prevent Mexican migrants from entering the country without authorization. The disconnect between reality and rhetoric illustrates how Mexican migrants have become inextricably associated with illegality, crime and deportability although they have become central to how the U.S. economy operates. In an era of unprecedented deportations, Mexico has struggled to address the constant influx of deportees and return migrants. Based on research conducted in Mexico and the United States, Gutiérrez will discuss how the process of removal affects migrants after returning to their home country and how deportation policies have significant consequences for Mexican border cities.

Laura D. Gutiérrez is Assistant Professor of Latin American history at the University of the Pacific. She received her doctorate from the University of California, San Diego where she was also a fellow at the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies. As part of her doctoral studies, she spent nearly two years in Mexico City conducting archival research, supported by a grant from the University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States and a number of other awards and fellowships. She has volunteered with the Centro de los Derechos del Migrante in Mexico City, a migrant rights organization, and participated in the binational Mexican Migration Field Research Program. Currently, she is preparing a manuscript that explores how deportation affected Northern Mexico over the course of the 20th century as well as articles on coyotes in the border region and public health crises related to deportation.