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## Binational Migration Institute

### The Rise, Endurance, and Fall of Refugee Camps on the U.S.- Mexico Border: A case of a Sociology of Border violence



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Zoom:

<https://arizona.zoom.us/j/85133764975>

Dr. Bermúdez Tapia will discuss the rise of migrant camps on the U.S.-Mexico border, explaining how transformations in immigration policies generate violent dynamics. Specifically, she will delve into the marginal spaces where migrants experience the now-pervasive practices of mass deportation and restriction of asylum in violent contexts in border cities. Based on an ethnographic design using participant observation, intensive interviews, and ethnographic photography in Tamaulipas, Mexico, Dr. Bermúdez Tapia will trace how immigration policies created the conditions for the emergence of migrant camps on the Mexican side of the border, the production of systematic forms of violence, the dehumanization of camp residents, and how migrants developed survival strategies to face violence.



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