Indigenous women migrants from Latin America to the US suffer human rights violations at every step. This reality is out of sync with the expectations created by the multicultural reforms of the 1990s that recognized a range of rights for indigenous peoples, generating hope and unprecedented social mobilization for indigenous women seeking to fully access their human rights. This talk will explore how indigenous women are being interpolated by states and other social actors in ways that render even their most basic human rights unattainable. Further, Dr. Speed will expand on that analysis to consider how state and quasi-state power is working in the current moment, which she will argue is characterized not so much by neoliberal multiculturalism, as by neoliberal multicriminalism, in which multiple regimes of illegality generate an environment in which the concept of rights provided or enforced by states is no longer useful.

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