

LECTURE

***“Neoliberalism, globalization, grassroots
resistance to militarization and border violence in Mexico”***

Monday, March 28, 2011

1:30-2:30pm

FIU– M.M. Campus

11200 SW 8th Street– Miami, FL 33199

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Veronica Leyva -is a grassroots organizer in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. She spent ten years working in the maquiladora industry, and has been organizing in her community for fifteen years conducting workshops on worker's and women's rights as well as participating in the struggle for justice for the victims of the femicides. Veronica has worked with various organizations in civil society struggling to change the overall living conditions in her community, and was most recently working with CETLAC (Centro de Estudios y Taller Laboral), until joining the Mexico –US Solidarity Network team.

Veronica will discuss the grassroots struggle at the border to confront militarization, violence against women, increased internal migration, and the ties between the narco conflict and free trade in Ciudad Juarez.

In her talk she will analyze President Felipe Calderon's army-led war on drugs and the millions of dollars promised in US aid for this war via the Merida Initiative. She will report on her own experience of the violent repercussions of these security initiatives for social struggles, women, and civil society along the border.

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