

## **Special Lecture**

### **Feminism in Jalisco, Mexico**

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**3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Ustler Hall Third Floor Reading Room**

#### Abstract

The state of Jalisco in northern Mexico has had a great Catholic tradition since colonial times. Even though there is a secular government, Catholic ideology is inserted in high political spheres, and contributes to the reproduction of patriarchal social relations among men and women. Feminism has been hidden between shadows, even there are radical groups fighting for women's rights. Currently Feminism in Jalisco has a "coin" effect: two different faces/ideologies, struggling to improve women status in society. In my talk I will present a short historical description of feminism in Mexico, in Jalisco, and will discuss the current politics of gender.

#### Brief Biographical Sketch:

Beatriz Bustos is a PhD in Social Anthropology. She graduated from the Centro de Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS). Her dissertation "Family and Sexual Division of Labor" was awarded at the Labor Secretariat in Mexico in 2001. She has done research about Women and Employment for the last 25 years in Mexico and Colombia. Dr. Bustos has worked at the University of Guadalajara, at the Department of Socio-Urban Studies, since 1991. From September to December/09 is a visiting scholar at the Center for Latin American Studies in UF. She has published books and articles about labor markets, women, family and feminism in Jalisco. She is also interested in analyzing the immigration of Mexican Professionals in the US.