



## Undocumented Immigrants in an Era of Arbitrary Law The Flight and the Plight of People Deemed 'Illegal'

By Robert F. Barsky

This talk, inspired by Professor Barsky's latest book, will describe the experiences of undocumented migrants, all around the world, bringing to life the challenges they face from the moment they consider leaving their country of origin, until the time they are deported back to it. Drawing on a broad array of academic studies, including law, interpretation and translation studies, border studies, human rights, communication, critical discourse analysis and sociology, Robert Barsky argues that the arrays of actions that are taken against undocumented migrants are often arbitrary, and exercised by an array of officials who can and do exercise considerable discretion, both positive and negative.

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