

# Colloquium series – Fall 2011



## Western Centre for Research on Migration & Ethnic Relations



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Rachel Silvey, PhD, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Toronto. She is the co-editor with Isabella Bakker of *Beyond States and Markets: The Challenges of Social Reproduction* (Routledge, 2010), and is the author of articles that deal with migration politics and the geographies of social inequality.

Her most recent research focuses on the regulation of transnational migration as it intersects with religion. Her work has been published in the *Annals of the Association of American Geography*, *Political Geography*, *Global Networks*, *Progress in Human Geography*, and *Gender, Place and Culture*, among other outlets. Her most recent research focuses on the regulation of transnational migration as it intersects with religion.

## **In/Secure Intimacies: Indonesian Migrants in the Shadow of the State**

In the international context of heightened state efforts to secure borders and control migration, migrants continue to find creative ways to escape state surveillance, mobilize laws for their own goals, and maneuver around regulations. This paper focuses on migrant domestic workers, sex workers, and marriage migrants from Indonesia to several destinations in the Gulf States (Jordan, Bahrain, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia). It examines the specific legal, regulatory, and disciplinary pressures that shape migrants' work/lives in their home and host countries, and traces the ways that migrants engage, inhabit and rework these pressures. It pays particular attention to the definitions of intimate roles, domestic responsibilities, and sexual identities that migrants invoke and subvert in their interactions with national securitization campaigns, border policing practices, labor brokerage relationships, and the formal and informal regulation of transnational and national labour markets.



**Thursday, January 26, 2012**

**4:00pm – SSC 5220**

**Refreshments 3:30pm – SSC 5230**

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