

CCIS SEMINAR SERIES WELCOMES:

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Thursday, May 25th, 2017 - 2pm to 3:30pm

ERC Conference Room 115

***Temporary Legal Statuses
and Transformations of the Immigrant Self***

This presentation will focus attention on the transformations that can occur in the lives of immigrants who spend significant periods of time in legal limbo. Empirically, the presentation is based on a longitudinal study on the experiences of Central Americans immigrants in Arizona. This examination points to larger questions about the significance of legal status in an increasingly hostile context for immigrants.

Cecilia Menjívar is a Foundation Distinguished Professor who specializes in immigration, gender, family dynamics, social networks, religious institutions, and broad conceptualizations of violence. Menjívar works in two main empirical areas: the impacts of the legal regime and laws on immigrants, and the effects of living in contexts of multisided violence on individuals, especially women. A thread that connects her areas of work is her interest in how state power manifests itself, through legal regimes and formal institutions and bureaucracies, in the microprocesses of everyday life. Menjívar's work has appeared in the *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Problems*, *International Migration Review*, and *Ethnic & Racial Studies*, among other journals. Menjívar's most recent publications include the edited volume, *Constructing Immigrant Illegality: Critiques, Experiences, and Responses* (Cambridge, 2014) and the book, *Immigrant Families* (Polity

