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US/Mexico Border Dynamics
A Speaker from the front lines of one of Mexico’s most dynamic social movements

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Ciudad Juárez is at the center of a failed neoliberal experiment based on low-paid jobs in maquiladoras. In March, President Calderón sent nearly 10,000 army troops and federal police to Juarez, removing over half of the local police force for links with drug cartels. Veronica will speak about the state of security in this border city that has been at the center of drug-related violence. She will also discuss the failed neoliberal project that led to hundreds of femicides and massive migration.

Veronica Leyva is a native of Ciudad Juárez. She worked for seven years in maquiladoras and six years as a labor/community organizer before joining the Mexico Solidarity Network staff in 2004.

Refreshments will be served

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