Mini-conference on

NGOS, STATES, AND FEMINISMS

Friday March 7, 2014 ● Humanities Gateway 1030 ● 9:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

NGOs, States, and Feminisms is focused around critical debates in theory and research on NGOs. The themes to be addressed include the ambiguous relationships of NGOs to states in the context of neoliberalism, the nature and functioning of NGOs within shifting and contested global and local configurations of power, and the dynamics of the NGO field in relation to feminist activism and concerns.

9:45 Welcome, coffee and tea
10:00 Victoria Bernal, Anthropology, UCI, “The NGO Form, States and Gender”
10:25 Inderpal Grewal, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Yale, “NGOs and Feminism: Neoliberal Discontent?”
10:50 Millie Thayer, Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, “Movements, Markets, and International Aid: Brazilian Feminist NGOs on the Shadow Commodity Chain”
11:15 Kathleen O’Reilly, Geography, Texas A & M University, “Spaces of Opportunity: Feminist Research in/on/with Indian NGOs”
11:40 Discussant: Julia Elyachar, Anthropology, UCI

Noon: Open Discussion

Organizer: Victoria Bernal, Associate Professor, Anthropology

Sponsors: the Department of Anthropology, the Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies, the Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies, the Center for Law, Society and Culture, and the Center for Ethnography.