This Selected Topics course, GWS 495CII *Criminalization, Immigration and Informalization: Marginalized Women*, focuses on the social, economic and political marginalization of women in particular sectors of our society; including 1) formerly incarcerated, 2) immigrant and 3) informal (low income) sector workers; three diverse but often overlapping groupings.

In this course, we will study the public perception of these women often created through media representation. In addition, we will review policies which facilitate their marginalization and disempowerment, and we will reflect on the reasons these sectors of our population are targeted for marginalization, and who benefits. We will further study instances of these groups organizing and mobilizing on their own behalf and the factors that lead to their activism and to challenging the status quo.

**Hybrid, On Zoom Course**

**Wednesdays, 4-6:45 pm**

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