Women’s Work

A Global Examination of the Sweatshops in South Asia, Central America, and the U.S.

Join Dr. Ethel Brooks as she presents her research on transnationally-organized protest movements for workers’ rights in the global garment industry.

Brooks examines the relationship between protest organizers and the mostly women workers they represent, in sweatshops in the U.S. & abroad, their movements, needs, dreams and hopes — for themselves and their children. Dr. Brooks focuses particularly on movements:

- Against the use of child labor in the Bangladesh garment industry
- To improve working conditions for women in El Salvador
- Of immigrant women in sweatshops in New York City

Lectures and Discussion with Dr. Brooks are scheduled for:
Thursday, March 27, 2008
12:30—1:50 in UC228
2pm—3:20 in UC228

About Dr. Brooks

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