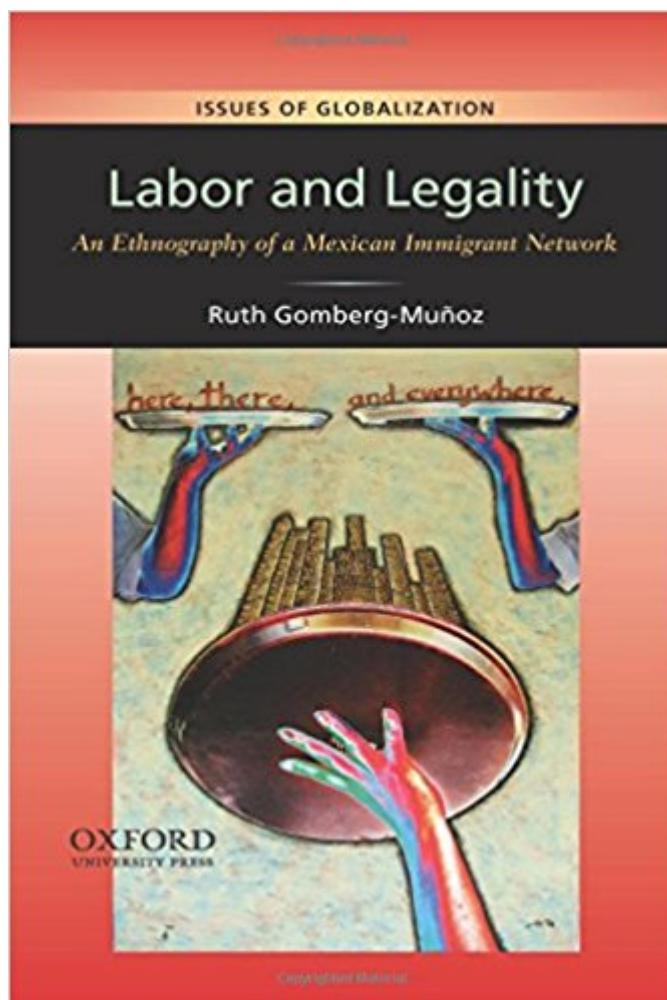


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# Labor And Legality: An Ethnography Of A Mexican Immigrant Network (Issues Of Globalization:Case Studies In Contemporary Anthropology)



## Synopsis

Winner of the 2011 ALLA Book Award honorable mention!Labor and Legality: An Ethnography of a Mexican Immigrant Network is an ethnography of undocumented immigrants who work as busboys at a Chicago-area restaurant. Ruth Gomberg-Muñoz introduces readers to the Lions, ten friends from Mexico committed to improving their fortunes and the lives of their families. Set in and around "Il Vino," a restaurant that could stand in for many places that employ undocumented workers, Labor and Legality reveals the faces behind the war being waged over "illegal aliens" in America. Gomberg-Muñoz focuses on how undocumented workers develop a wide range of social strategies to cultivate financial security, nurture emotional well-being, and promote their dignity and self-esteem. She also reviews the political and historical circumstances of undocumented migration, with an emphasis on post-1970 socioeconomic and political conditions in the United States and Mexico. Labor and Legality is one of several volumes in the Issues of Globalization: Case Studies in Contemporary Anthropology series, which examines the experiences of individual communities in our contemporary world. Each volume offers a brief and engaging exploration of a particular issue arising from globalization and its cultural, political, and economic effects on certain peoples or groups. Ideal for introductory anthropology courses-and as supplements for a variety of upper-level courses-these texts seamlessly combine portraits of an interconnected and globalized world with narratives that emphasize the agency of their subjects.

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## Customer Reviews

Ruth Gomberg-Muñoz is an assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology at Loyola University Chicago. Her work has also been published in *American Anthropologist*, *Human Organization*, and the *DuBois Review*.

This was a well written, fascinating study. The author got to know about a dozen Mexican dishwashers working in a restaurant in Chicago. She not only saw their lives at work but also their living situations in Chicago. She also went to their hometown in Mexico to see the reasons for their immigration and the impact of the remittances they sent home. In this time of debate about immigration to the United States, with a great deal of heat and not enough light, Gomberg-Muñoz shows how hard these immigrants work and how much they contribute to the fabric of these United States.

This book was assigned to me in a class and I have to say this book offered an eye opening experience of how people from Central America are directly immigrating to the US because of policies that our country has in place. Another reason has been the rising level of crime that I have caused many to parents to send their children often times alone to America in order to avoid death and have a better life. Truly a sad situation to have to be in for the family.

Eye opener! Shared this book with everyone I've come in contact with.

University Class Required Reading for a college course. Book was in great condition, quick shipping and was interesting reading, I'd recommend this book

It's a good book for intro courses on migration, population, or Latin American Studies.

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It was great, just like new like the seller said. I hot it in just a couple days. Too bad I didn't really end up using it haha but over all of was great

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