

I don't cross borders – the borders come to me and I dance with them

A poet, playwright and refugee reflecting on the borders of transition and justice



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Ari Belathar is a Mexican poet and playwright in exile. Between 1994 and 2001, she facilitated creative writing and popular theatre workshops for indigenous women and children throughout Mexico. She was also a founding member of the first Mexican community radio station during the student strike at the National Autonomous University of Mexico in 1999. After being kidnapped and tortured by the Mexican National Army in 2001 due to her work as an independent journalist and human rights activist, she escaped to Canada. Ari has published poetry in literary journals and anthologies around the world. In 2009, Belathar published her first collection of poetry in English, *The Cities I Left Behind* by Radish Press.

Ari's provocative poetry will be followed by a facilitated discussion of invited guests involved in the theory and practice of art, politics and change: **Dr. Juanita Sundberg** (Geography, UBC), **Reverend Kerri Mesner** (PhD candidate, co-founder of the GQRG), **Matt Eisenbrandt** (Canadian Centre for International Justice), and **Dr. Pilar Riaño-Alcalá** (School of Social Work, UBC).

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