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The speaker discusses their extensive research on immigration and gender-based violence in Latin America and the United States, highlighting the significant role of the state in shaping immigrants' lives and family structures through laws and policies. They emphasize how immigration laws impact family reunification, access to social rights, and the experiences of women facing violence, ultimately creating and exacerbating inequalities among different groups.

The discussion includes the consequences of legal classifications on immigrants, which dictate their access to resources like education, healthcare, and voting rights. These classifications lead to stark disparities in opportunities and rights, particularly for those in vulnerable situations, perpetuating a cycle of disadvantage across generations.

The speaker argues that the bureaucratic structures and rules established by the state not only shape individual lives but also influence societal perceptions and interactions. Furthermore, they advocate for researchers and citizens to critically reflect on these categories and advocate for policies that address the needs and rights of vulnerable populations, thereby aiming to inform and improve the experiences of those affected by these systemic issues.