This talk critiques theories of new materialism in relation to “object-oriented things.” Through a tracing of the transnational movements for justice against the femicides in Ciudad Juárez, this analysis demonstrates the inability of theorizing on new materialism to account for political movements and organizing, while simultaneously engendering a complicity with neoliberalism and its effects. In calling for a theoretical corrective, my work advances the theoretical frame of “border materialism.” Border materialism explicates a critical lens that speaks to the intersection of bodies, things, capitalism and violence for scholars engaging in social justice praxis.