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"Not That Kind of Mexican, Not That Kind of Indian: Articulating Indigenous Identity in the U.S. Racial Order"

A TALK BY



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Lourdes Alberto is a PhD candidate in English at Rice University and is currently at the CLRC working on her dissertation "The Politics of Articulation: Chicana, Latina, and Indigenous Cultural Production and Consumerism in the US." Her talk will examine the constructions of racial categories in the US and Mexico, which produce a "knowing" of ethnic others, to theorize the place of indigenous subjectivity. She argues that while indigenous subjects are rendered "unimaginable" by official discourses on race and cultural nationalist movements in the US and the myth of mestizaje (the concept of mixed race) in Mexico, indigenous people continue to forge communities, political identities and create culture that continue to be distinctly indigena. In particular, Alberto's talk will focus on Oaxacan communities, cultural events and organizations in Los Angeles, CA that challenge and reconfigure notions of race, nation, and consumerism.

Please Join us on

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