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Racialized Discourses on Indigenous Identities and Rights at the U.S.-Mexico Border

In the United States, U.S. citizenship and a high degree of “Indian blood” are significant aspects of the mainstream schema for conceptualizing Native American or Indigenous identity. This talk addresses how popular and widely circulating discourses on Native peoples and Latin American immigrants shape perceptions about and lived realities of Indigenous peoples whose homelands are divided by the U.S.-Mexico border. It is argued that confluences of race, nationality and (in)authentic indigeneity in such discourses undermine both ancestral connections and territorial rights of Indigenous peoples at the border.

Thursday, February 25, 2021
4:00 pm, Virtual Zoom Event
All Welcome!

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