



Photo credit: Rafa Ortiz

# VERANO INTENSO: A Summer of Political Discontent and Activism in Puerto Rico

OCT 25, 2019

9:45 AM - 4:00 PM

REITZ 2365

Over the span of two weeks in the summer, Puerto Rico experienced a series of protests that ended up with the resignation of former Governor Ricardo Rosselló. The protests were a culmination of factors stemming from colonial relations with the US, Hurricane María's aftermath, economic instability, mass migration, and longstanding cases of corruption.

The purpose of this conference is to highlight how the actors, witnesses and scholars made sense out of this intense summer. The one-day event will bring together journalists, activists, and community members who took part in the events to share experiences and discuss potential ramifications. Our intent is to present Puerto Rico as an example of a successful political mobilization, a relatively pacific one that can give significant lessons for the US and other countries.

Invited speakers: Rey Charlie, Oscar Serrano (Centro de Periodismo Investigativo), Sandra Rodríguez Cotto, Melissa Hernández Romero, Vanesa Contreras Capó (Colectiva Feminista en Construcción), Luis José Torres Asencio (Comisión Ciudadana para la Auditoría), Luis Cámara (UPR Political Science), Adriana Garriga López (Kalamazoo College Anthropology), and Hiram Meléndez Juarbe (UPR Law School).

Funding support for the live-streaming of this event is made possible by the UF George A. Smathers Libraries and the Center for Latin American Studies at Stanford University.

**UF** Center for  
Latin American Studies  
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

**UF** Fredric G. Levin  
College of Law  
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

**UF** Department of  
Spanish &  
Portuguese Studies



LATINX STAFF & FACULTY  
ASSOCIATION  
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA



**UF** Bob Graham Center  
for Public Service  
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

**UF** College of Journalism  
and Communications  
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

**UF** International Center  
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

**UF** Department of Political Science  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

**UF** Chief Diversity Officer  
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

**UF** Center for Gender, Sexualities,  
and Women's Studies Research

**UF** Multicultural and Diversity Affairs  
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA