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# Babies in Cages: The Dehumanization of Refugees and Immigrants

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This conference will analyze the historical patterns of dehumanizing Latina populations as the foreign other and as antagonistic to what is considered the dominant culture of the United States. Conference speakers will reflect on why families are separated and babies are put in cages in a democracy like the United States. We will compare the current global dehumanization of nonwhite colonized populations with previous experiences.

What are the similarities between the creation of stateless populations in Europe in the early 20th century with the stigmatization of refugees and immigrants in the 21st century? What are the similarities and differences of the racialization of populations in the 1930s and of the “illegal alien” in the United States? Are we witnessing the emergence of neofascism? What images of gender, nation, and race are used to stigmatized populations? How to respect and protect vulnerable populations?

## Invited Speakers and Talks:

- Dr. Suzanne Oboler (John Jay College of Criminal Justice): *Caging the Stranger Within: Latinx Belonging and (Re)movable Citizenship in the Age of Trump*
- Dr. Norman J. W. Goda (University of Florida): *“20,000” Ugly Adults: Thoughts on the Politics of Child Refugees, 1938 and after*
- Dr. Andreas Kalyvas (The New School for Social Research): *The Stateless Citizen: Irregular Migration and the New International*
- Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre (Ilf School of Theology): *An Ethics Para Joder: A Latinx-Based Moral Response to Children in Cages*