EMIGRANT DREAMS, IMMIGRANT BORDERS MIGRANTS, TRANSNATIONAL ENCOUNTERS, AND IDENTITY IN SPAIN

AN FMHT LUNCH TALK WITH RAQUEL VEGA DURÁN



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Boston University Pardee School of Global Studies Center for the Study of Europe Join us for a lunch discussion with Raquel Vega-Durán, Associate Professor of Spanish at Claremont McKenna College. Vega-Durán will be discussing the recently published *Emigrant Dreams, Immigrant Borders: Migrants, Transnational Encounters, and Identity in Spain.*

Raquel Vega-Durán offers a new approach to the cultural history of contemporary Spain, examining the ways in which Spain's own self-conceptions are changing and multiplying in response to migrants from Latin America and Africa. She proposes that Spain is evolving into a new space of the imagination, one that can no longer be defined without the migrant—a space in which there is no unified identity, but rather a new self-understanding is being born. She introduces the reader to a wide range of recent films, journals, novels, photography, paintings, and music to reconsider the complexity of contemporary Spanish identity through its varied encounters with migrants. *Emigrant Dreams, Immigrant Borders* both places Spain in a larger European context and draws attention to some of the features that, from a comparative perspective, make the Spanish case interesting and often unique.

This event is co-organized by the Center for the Study of Europe and the Inititiave on Forced Migration and Human Trafficking.