

## HISPANIC STUDIES PRESENTS:



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# “**Dangerous Proximities: Latinas/os and the Mechanisms of Racial Capitalism**”



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of the Department of Chicano and  
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Professor Torres holds that in the U.S. we have been taught to accept the viability of constant economic growth and to desire the accumulation of wealth while, at the same time, we are taught to ignore, misunderstand or excuse the fact that these things require loss, disposability, environmental degradation and inequality. While focusing on what this means for U.S. Chican@s and Latin@s, Torres argues that this ethic of differentially determining human value is being disseminated globally. She also explores the way that racism, as a mechanism of colonialism and empire building, has historically enshrined our relationships to power and resulted in contemporary structural inequalities. *Torres is the author of Chicana Without Apology/Chicana sin vergüenza: The New Chicana Cultural Studies.*