Living Truth in the Americas

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9:15am-3:00pm
By Invitation Only

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Over the last thirty years, truth has emerged as an important space for accounting for past violence in Latin America. In the wake of state terror, torture, disappearances, and genocide, communities have turned to truth as a grassroots response and challenge. States have also engaged truth as a form of transitional justice, using truth commissions and other modalities of truth to address human rights abuses. Yet, although truth has become critical to rebuilding civil society and democracy, it also represents a particular form of accounting, often existing in a constitutive tension with justice and the inherently contested nature of memory. The plural and fractured nature of truth(s) opens an opportunity to engage in a set of critical questions about truth in relation to violence and inequality in Latin America and its diasporas, including its effectiveness and limits as a response to injustice, and how it shapes particular forms of inclusion and possibilities for contestation. This symposium explores these complexities of truth from a broad range of disciplinary perspectives, inviting scholars and practitioners to examine questions of memory, justice, and survival in the Americas through the lens of truth as both a concept and a lived experience.

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