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"The Right to Maim: Disablement, Palestine, and Disaster Capitalism"

Puar looks at the productivity of disablement as a war tactic of the Israeli state in Gaza and the West Bank. It argues for a revisioning of biopolitics that accounts for maiming as a goal of settler colonialism that defies easy demarcations between making live and letting die. Such an analysis complicates recent debates about the function of "collateral damage" by mining the schism between targeting to kill and targeting to disable.


WEDNESDAY, November 5, 2014
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Namaste Lounge, Colleges Nine/Ten

Reception at 3:30

Open to the public.
For information or disability related needs please contact:

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This event honors the memory of Dr. Lionel Cantú Jr., Assistant Professor of Sociology at UC Santa Cruz, who unexpectedly passed away in 2002. His academic research included international migration, HIV/AIDS, Latina/o studies, queer theories, and feminist studies. Queer Migrations: Sexuality, U.S. Citizenship, and Border Crossing, a co-edited anthology by Lionel Cantú and Eithne Luibhéid, University of Arizona was published posthumously in 2005. A book based on his research was published in 2009, The Sexuality of Migration: Border Crossings and Mexican Immigrant Men, by Lionel Cantú, co-edited by Nancy Naples, Professor of Sociology & Women's Studies at the University of Connecticut and Salvador Vidal-Ortiz, Assistant Professor of Sociology at American University (New York University Press, February 2009).