**Soil, Space and Place: Sacralizing New Nationalisms and Senses of Belonging**

**Thursday, September 19th:**

1:30pm-2:00

Introductions (Simon Coleman, Valentina Napolitano)

2.00-3:30

**Session 1:**

• Katharyne Mitchell (UC Santa Cruz) - “The Charismatic Authority of Sacred Space: Sanctuary, Memory, and the Revival of Alternative Justice”

• Mayra Rivera (Harvard) - “A Procession of Catastrophes: Coloniality and Ecology from the Caribbean”

4:00-5:30

**Session 2:**

• Gilberto Rosa (Illinois), Provisional Title: “Notes from El Paso”

• Rebecca Bryant (Utrecht) - “‘In Exile in Our Own Country’: On Territory, Soil, and the Aporia of Belonging in a De Facto State”

**Friday, September 20th:**

9:00am-10:45

**Session 3:**

• Judith Brunton (Toronto) – “A Mile below the Wheat: a Western Imaginary and a Canadian Empire in the Imperial Oil Archives”

• Neena Mahadev (Yale, Singapore) – “Buddhist Territoriality and Pneumatic ‘Encroachment’ in Sri Lanka: Buddhist-Pentecostal Rivalries of Sovereignty, Sanctity, and Soil”

11:00-12:30

**Session 4:**

• Ali-Reza Bhojani (Oxford) - “Understanding Sharia across Boundaries: Moving from the Legal to the Ethical through Ethnography and Theology”

• Konrad Pędziwiatr (Cracow) – “Sacralizing the Nation in Today's Poland, and Muslim Minority Reactions to It”

12:30-1:00

**Closing remarks and final discussion:**

• Filippo Osella (Sussex)