Global in the Middle of the USA: Unsettling how we understand refugee resettlement

Over 3 million refugees have been resettled in the United States since the refugee resettlement program formally began in the 1980s. As cities across the US have been made global by an ever-diversifying population, it is important to understand the resettlement space.

This session will focus on works from Dr. Emily Frazier and Dr. Odessa Gonzalez Benson that highlight the influence of neoliberalism in refugee resettlement; specifically, ideas about integration and self-sufficiency, the role of the state, and the function of non-government funded organizations. Their work provides distinct yet intersecting perspectives on the ideological and political complexities in the refugee resettlement program.

**DATE:** Monday, November 14, 2022  
**TIME:** 1-2:15 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Zoom

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