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**A CRITICAL ETHNIC STUDIES SYMPOSIUM**

**FEBRUARY 6-8 2019 BLOOMINGTON**



**WEDNESDAY**

**6:00-8:00PM**

**OPENING KEYNOTE & RECEPTION**

**Itza Amanda Varela-Huerta - "Politics in the Feminine:**

**Participation and Representation among AfroMexican Women, a Contemporary Agenda"**

PhD in Social Sciences with mention in Communication and Politics (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, UAM). Master in Latin American Studies (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México) and a degree in Social Communication (UAM).

My doctoral research focuses in culture and the past as central resources in the construction of the political subjectivity of the black-Afro-Mexican population, in addition to thinking about other activisms based on dances, food and spaces of cultural activism. My research interests are related to ethnic movements, Afro-descendant populations, women's struggles, human rights, postcolonial criticism and cultural studies. I also work in the newspaper La Jornada as an editor and in the Miguel Agustín Pro Juárez Human Rights Center as a communication strategist for human rights. Currently I'm developing a research on the role of women in the process of ethnic construction of black-Afro-Mexicans as part of a postdoctoral position in the CIESAS Pacífico Sur.

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