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The Emotional Ecosystem of the “African Atlantic”: On Vulnerability and Resilience

This presentation construes the “African Atlantic” as a discrete “environment” or “habitat” with networks of interaction among individuals - and between individuals and their environment - that are principally, but not exclusively, emotionally based and driven. It differs from the analogous “black Atlantic” paradigm to the extent that the organizational dynamics coalesce around the experiential rather than the structural processes of African enslavement and its aftermath. Fundamental to this perspective is the idea that emotions, society and cultural meaning are interwoven and help to shape political and social lives. Join us for a discussion of the theoretical framework underpinning Peters’ current project, an intellectual history of race and identity in the Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking world.

Thursday, April 16, 12:30-2:00 pm

Eigenmann Hall Conference Room 301

Light Refreshments will be served. RSVP to: ias@indiana.edu



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