DUST & DIGNITY: Domestic Employment in Contemporary Ecuador

AN AFTERNOON WITH ERYNN MASÍ DE CASANOVA
Moderated by Chiara Sabina, Department of Women & Gender Studies

Drawing on workers’ stories of lucha, trabajo, and sacrificio—struggle, work, and sacrifice—Dust and Dignity offers a new take on an old occupation. From the intimate experience of being a body out of place in an employer’s home to the common work histories of Ecuadorian women in different cities, to the possibilities for collective action at the national level, the book shows how and why women do this stigmatized and precarious work and how they resist exploitation in the search for dignified employment.

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