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3:30 - 4:30 pm

**LECTURE
THEATRE
9-200
(Medical Building)**

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NO FOOD OR DRINK
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Gender-in-the-making and the Politics of Conservation in the Maya Biosphere Reserve, Guatemala

Drawing from my research in the Maya Biosphere Reserve, a protected area in northern Guatemala, this presentation analyzes how the every day discourses and practices of conservation projects are instrumental in mapping ways of life that are gendered. I also ask how gender relations are reconfigured through the every day practices of conservation. I begin with an analysis of the ways in which conservation organizations represent and perform conservation. I then turn to my ethnographic research with the Women's Group for the Rescue of Itza' Medicinal Plants to trace how these women negotiate, appropriate and contest such representations and practices.