Migranthood: Youth in a New Era of Deportation

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Lauren Heidbrink is an anthropologist and Associate Professor of Human Development at California State University, Long Beach. She is the author of *Migrant Youth, Transnational Families, and the State: Care and Contested Interests* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014), an ethnography on unaccompanied child migration and detention in the U.S. Her recent book *Migranthood: Youth in a New Era of Deportation* (Stanford University Press 2020) examines the migration and deportation of Indigenous youth to Guatemala.

**Discussant: Seth M. Holmes, (PhD, UC Berkeley, MD, UC San Francisco)**
Seth M. Holmes is Associate Professor in the Division of Society and Environment and the Joint Program in Medical Anthropology at UC Berkeley. A cultural and medical anthropologist and physician, he has conducted community-engaged work on social hierarchies, health inequities, and the ways in which such asymmetries are naturalized, normalized, and resisted in the context of transnational im/migration, agro-food systems, and health care. He has received national and international awards from the fields of anthropology, sociology, and geography, including the Margaret Mead Award.

*Migranthood* chronicles deportation from the perspectives of Indigenous youth who migrate unaccompanied from Guatemala to Mexico and the United States. Across communities of origin and return, zones of transit in Mexico, US detention centers for children, and government facilities in Guatemala, Heidbrink traces how young people negotiate everyday violence, prioritize limited resources, make difficult decisions, and develop and sustain relationships. Often cast as objects of policy, not participants, Indigenous youth are not passive recipients of securitization policies and development interventions. Instead, they draw from a rich social, cultural, and political repertoire of assets and tactics to navigate precarity and marginality in Guatemala.

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