

Indigenous Environmental Activism in Central America

A conversation with award-winning activists

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3:30 pm

Thomson Hall 317

Miriam Miranda

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Berta Cáceres

Two globally-renowned environmental justice activists will discuss their strategies and struggles to protect the land and natural resources of indigenous peoples in Honduras. Berta Cáceres, winner of the 2015 Goldman Prize, will share how she has rallied the indigenous Lenca people and waged a grassroots campaign that successfully pressured the world's largest dam builder to pull out of the Agua Zarca Dam. Miriam Miranda, winner of the 2015 Food Sovereignty Prize, will discuss a landmark legal case that brought Afro-indigenous Garífuna communities to defend their natural resources and land rights against corporate-led development projects.

Miriam Miranda



Executive director of Organización Fraternal Negra Hondureña and winner of the 2015 Food Sovereignty Prize will discuss a landmark legal case that brought Afro-indigenous Garífuna communities to defend their natural resources and land rights against corporate-led development projects. In 2014 she was kidnapped but thankfully was released. In November she will receive the Oscar Romero Award for her activism work.

Berta Cáceres



Winner of the 2015 Goldman Prize and general coordinator of the Consejo Civil de Organizaciones Populares e Indígenas de Honduras, will share how she has rallied the indigenous Lenca people and waged a grassroots campaign that successfully pressured the world's largest dam builder to pull out of the Agua Zarca Dam. She has encountered multiple obstacles but continues to amplify the voices of the Lenca community.

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