



#### Bio

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#### Summary of Talk

Questions of identity and belonging have (re)emerged in the United States ever since our founders established a hierarchy of membership through the notion of citizenship. This talk traces a series of immigration laws over a period of more than two hundred years to the present to illustrate how Latinos are presumptively excluded from entering the United States. Amarante incorporates her family history and draws parallels with other insider-outsider populations, including Palestine, to illustrate the sometimes-harrowing consequences of inclusion by exclusion.