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Sentimental Adjustment Programs: Empathy as the Emotional Style of Neoliberalism

THURSDAY, OCTOBER. 24, 2024
RECEPTION: 5:00 PM LECTURE: 5:30 PM
ALUMNI HALL (room 104), UH HILTON



Presented by:
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The rise of empathy in human rights discourse, literary studies, and cultural politics corresponds to both economic neoliberalization and coordinated obstruction of Third Worldist efforts to reform the international order in the 1970s and 80s. Far from providing an antidote to neoliberal globalization, empathy has become its dominant emotional style for responding to human suffering, promoting personal expressions of care over political mobilization and collective solidarity.

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