

POLITICAL SCIENCE COLLOQUIUM

Unincorporated Subjects: Political Apartheid and the Origins of the Territorial Fiscal Crisis

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The colonial status of contemporary overseas territories means that millions of U.S. citizens are unable to participate fully in the American political system. This presentation considers how systems of American state authority designed in the early twentieth century to enforce racial hierarchies continue to sustain the dramatically unequal relationship between the United States and its territories. One result, I suggest in this presentation, has been to turn territorial residents into subject citizens, who must seek permission or favor from a state that is unaccountable to territorial residents. Drawing on new archival research, it focuses on the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands to illustrate how this system of political apartheid has led to the current fiscal crisis in the territories.

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2:30 – 4:00 pm

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