

ICS Presents

Professor Rachel Buff

**First World, Third World, New World:  
Im/Migration, Gender and Empire in and around the  
20th Century United States**

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201A Student Union

How do narratives of immigration, gender, and empire frame issues of race and public policy in the post-WWII U.S.?

How is a synthesis of the politics of empire, gender, and sexuality central to framing discourses and public policy about race, labor, and immigration?

In this talk, Dr. Buff considers the entwined politics and culture of "first, third and new worlds." Specifically focusing on im/migration policy in the post-1945 period, she argues for the centrality of gender and empire in reconfiguring the relationship between the United States and the world during the Cold War. The talk specifically focuses on the domestic, racial politics of immigration during the Cold War, and the involvement of Asian-American and African-American political organizations in contemporary debates on immigration. At the same time, Dr. Buff considers the way that Cold War internationalism and immigration relied on gender as an organizing principle.

Rachel Ida Buff is Associate Professor of History at BGSU and currently a fellow at ICS. Her book, *Immigration and the Political Economy of Home: Caribbean Brooklyn and American Indian Minneapolis, 1945-1992* was published by the University of California Press in 2001. Currently, she is working on two projects: "*Marrying In: War Brides, Imperial Policy, and Cultures of Occupation, 1945-1975*" and "*Model Cities: Im/migrant Brooklyn and Municipal Empowerment, 1964-1980*". She is also the author of diverse essays and articles, and is currently a nominee for inclusion in the *Pushcart Anthology: Best of the Small Presses*, 2003.

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