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**SAVE THE DATE!**

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH  
**Historical and Ongoing Impact of Colonialism**  
**PROMESA Law Video Dialogue**

Thursday, October 13, 2016  
2:00 pm MDT  
Live Video Streaming with Public Engagement



Puerto Rico has been a unincorporated territory of the U.S. since 1917 and Puerto Ricans are the second largest Latino group in the United States. This video dialogue will discuss a highly contested issue among Puerto Ricans, Latinos and people in the U.S.: the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act (PROMESA). PROMESA grants a seven-member oversight board with the power to require balanced budgets and fiscal plans in Puerto Rico. The controversy of PROMESA has centered on what it can really promise and the kind of relationship it will solidify between the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Join students with the Initiative for Transformative Social Work (ITSW) to learn about the history, protests, and challenging issues surrounding economic relations between the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

**Panelists:**

Nelson Denis, author of *War Against All Puerto Ricans*, writer/director of *Vote For Me!*  
Frederico De Jesus, founder of FDJ Solutions  
Dr. Gisela Negron Velazquez, director of the Universidad de Puerto Rico Social Work Dept

This dialogue is an online, live video streaming discussion, available on a computer near you.  
**Please RSVP to [itsw@utah.edu](mailto:itsw@utah.edu) by October 7<sup>th</sup> to receive a video invitation.**

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