Race Matters Seminar

Hypervisibility and Invisibility: The Indochinese Women’s Conferences, Global Sisterhood, and Asian American Women

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In March 1977, approximately 100 South Vietnamese women activists from throughout North America gathered in Vancouver and Toronto, Canada, to attend the Indochinese Women’s Conference. Women from the U.S. and Canada extended to meet a delegation of women from North and South Vietnam as well as Laos. The Indochinese Women’s Conference of 1977 represented the first mass gathering for large numbers of North American women to have direct contact with their Asian “sisters." This talk examines the motivations, experiences, and outcomes of the conference, particularly for Asian American and other women activists and the implications of these international exchanges for understanding the dynamics of global sisterhood. Dr. Judy Tzu-Chun Wu is Professor and Chair of Asian American Studies at UCI.

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