Anti-Racist Horizons: Zapatista Kuxlejal Politics and Indigenous Autonomy

An in-depth conversation with Dr. Mariana Mora on her book *Kuxlejal Politics: Indigenous Autonomy, Race, and Decolonizing Research in Zapatista Communities*

Over the past two decades, Zapatista indigenous community members have asserted their autonomy and self-determination by using everyday practices as part of their struggle for *lekil kuxlejal*, a dignified collective life connected to a specific territory. This in-depth ethnography summarizes Mariana Mora’s more than ten years of extended research and solidarity work in Chiapas, with Tseltal and Tojolabal community members helping to design and evaluate her fieldwork. The result of that collaboration—a work of activist anthropology—reveals how Zapatista *kuxlejal* (or life) politics unsettle key racialized effects of the Mexican neoliberal state.

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Light lunch will be served

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