



**Sociology-Anthropology-Geography Graduate  
Students Association**

Presents

**Dr. Mazen Labban**

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***“Capital vs the law: permanent sovereignty over  
natural resources, nationalization and  
postcolonial economic development”***

Dr. Labban discusses the processes by which the sovereignty of postcolonial states was constituted by asymmetries of political and economic power. He examines the development of the doctrine of permanent sovereignty over natural resources in the postwar period, particularly in the debates in the United Nations General Assembly between 1952 and 1974. He focuses on the contradictions between sovereignty doctrine qua basis for independent economic development and the continued dependence of resource-rich states, oil-producing states in particular, on foreign capital. He concludes by discussing the different contractual forms that were devised to negotiate this contradiction and mediate the relationship between oil-producing states and transnational oil companies.

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**1-3 pm LC 110**

**FIU- Modesto Maidique Campus**

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