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LASTARRIA'S MAPUCHES AND THE DISCURSIVE  
AFTERLIFE OF RACIAL SLAVERY IN CHILE

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Featuring:

**Williston Chase**

PhD candidate, UC Irvine

Respondent:

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Professor of Hispanic Studies, Texas A&M

Williston Chase is a PhD candidate in Comparative Literature at UC Irvine. Working between Latin American Studies, Black Studies, and European intellectual history, he researches the philosophical legacy of the transatlantic slave trade in the Americas. He is the co-director of University and State, a research cluster in the Humanities Center at UCI, and co-PI of a project on Latin American poststructuralism at the Instituto de Filosofía, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso in Chile, where he was a Fulbright scholar in 2021-2022. His talk will draw on his dissertation, "Institutional Alibis: Chilean Letrados, Black Study, and the Stakes of Thinking," in which he reads the statesmen and administrators often presumed to establish and safeguard an exceptional institutional order in 19th century Chile through theories of historical possibility in Black Studies, thus unfurling the epistemological (mis)adventures of these progressive lettered elites and staging the problematic historicity of racial slavery in the Southern Cone at the limits of Latin American republican thought.

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