



## JAPAN'S CULTURAL DIVERSITY: THE STORY OF LATINOS

BY PROF. ARACELI TINAJERO

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Beginning in 1990, thousands of Spanish speakers emigrated to Japan. Professor Araceli Tinajero's book A Cultural History of Spanish Speakers in Japan (2021), published in English and Spanish, focuses on the intellectuals, literature, translations, festivals, cultural associations, music (bolero, tropical music, and pop, including reggator), dance (flamence, tange and salsa), radio

including reggaeton), dance (flamenco, tango and salsa), radio, newspapers, magazines, libraries, and blogs produced in Spanish in Japan by Latin Americans and Spaniards who have lived in that country over the last three decades. Based on in-depth research in archives throughout the country as well as field work including several interviews, Japanese-speaking Mexican scholar Araceli Tinajero uncovers a transnational, contemporary cultural history that is not only important for today but for future generations. In this talk, Prof. Tinajero will give an overview of the cultural production of Hispanics in Japan.

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