



# ORIENTALISM IN MEXICAN IMAGINARIES OF INDIGENEITY

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# ORIENTALIZATION IN THE AMERICAS



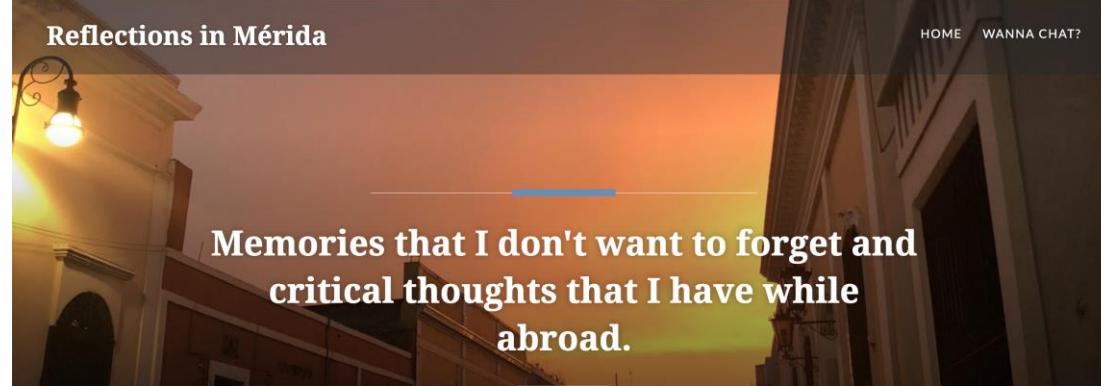


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IN THE AMERICAS**

*How does this manifest today?*

# Mérida, Yucatán, MX





Reflections in Mérida

HOME WANNA CHAT?

## Memories that I don't want to forget and critical thoughts that I have while abroad.

### Reflecting more on Luna Maya

November 10, 2018 We're starting to think about final projects for my public health class, the prompt of which is to focus on a public health issue of our choosing, delineate the

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### San Cristóbal: Día de los Muertos and la Luna Maya

October 31 – November 4, 2018 My favorite excursion of the whole semester was our

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### Yaxunah, and a lot of internal conflict (long post)

October 12-14, 2018 Easily the most controversial activity

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### Hoy en tu comunidad: Xaxcabá

Saturday, September 22 2018 An associated, but not mandatory, part of my public health class was a volunteer program called Hoy en tu

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### Uxmal! and Chinatowns?

September 2, 2018 Today we had an excursion (part of the program) to Uxmal, another archeological site of Mayan ruins. It's a very well known



### Brief thoughts on Independence Day

September 15, 2018 Happy Mexican Independence Day!



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Orientalism

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Orientalism

Imaginaries of  
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Mestizaje

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