

Silencing the Present: African Refugees in Italy

a talk by Heather Merrill,
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The growth in the number of refugees and asylum seekers who have come to Italy from former African colonies over the past decade has met with political, popular and scholarly silence. Professor Merrill will discuss the reception and treatment of these refugees, their expulsion and containment in what she calls “black spaces” – detention centers, abandoned hospitals, homeless shelters, etc – and how their existence as human beings is effectively erased from the Italian social imagination.

Lecture is free of charge, donations welcome. For information contact Kim at kodomenico@verizon.net, or 735-4825