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cordially invite you to a talk on

Refugee Camps in America, 1975-1982, and beyond?

by **Jana K. Lipman** (Tulane University)

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Venue: Faculty of Social Sciences of the Charles University
Smetanovo nábřeží 6, room 215

In 1975, the United States established refugee camps on several military bases in the aftermath of the U.S. War in Vietnam. In 1980, the U.S. again turned to military bases to house Cubans during the Mariel Boatlift. These camps raised questions about the relationship between humanitarianism and protection, on the one hand, and militarism and detention, on the other. Moreover, refugees on the bases were far from passive. They maneuvered for resettlement, protested, engaged in hunger strikes, and sought legal allies in the United States. This talk will consider U.S. refugee camps in Guam, Arkansas, and southern Florida in the 1970s and early 1980s, raising questions about detention and the limits of U.S. refugee and asylum policy today.

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Refugees in Current Research

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