Barrio Redevelopment from an Asian Perspective: The Case of Barrio Logan

Thursday, May 19, 2016
3-4:30 PM, Deutz Room in the Copley International Conference Center, Institute of the Americas Complex, UCSD

Numerous ethnic enclaves have thrived for a long time in the United States. However, in recent decades many of them have suffered an inexorable decline and have become neighborhoods of nostalgia, losing their original identity as the consequence of modern gentrification and the creation of middle-class enclaves. Barrio Logan, located southeast of San Diego, is one of the largest Mexican-American communities in the West Coast since 1940. The local Chicano community in Barrio Logan has struggled to maintain a vibrant ethnic neighborhood for almost a hundred of years. But the ongoing redevelopment and expansion of downtown San Diego has brought many changes to the barrio, and the community is now rising against the gentrification. This talk seeks to explore how the Mexican-American community in Barrio Logan preserves the barrio identity and survives the impacts of contemporary urban progress.

Yuening Hu received her MA in Spanish from the Universitat Rovira i Virgili in Spain. She is an interpreter and researcher at the Central Compilation and Translation Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party in China. She has interpreted for Chinese leaders in several meetings with Latin American presidents. Currently, she is a Visiting Scholar in CILAS, UCSD.

*CILAS website [http://cilas.ucsd.edu/events/index.html](http://cilas.ucsd.edu/events/index.html)*