

500 YEARS

Life in Resistance

Film screening and a post
viewing discussion



Thursday October 4, 2018 4:30pm

Thomson Hall 101

Join us for a film screening of **500 years - Life in Resistance** and a post viewing discussion with co-directors **Paco de Onís & Pamela Yates**, and **Dr. Irma Alicia Velásquez**, Mayan scholar and activist.

From a historic genocide trial to the ousting of a president, mounting resistance played out in Guatemala's recent history, through the actions 500 Years tells a sweeping story of and perspectives of the majority indigenous Mayan population, who now stand poised to re-imagine their society.

In 500 Years, the Mayans lead Guatemala to a historical tipping point, from the genocide trial of former dictator General Rios Montt to the citizens' uprising that toppled President Otto Pérez Molina. While indigenous peoples of Guatemala are no strangers to oppression, change finally seems possible with these recent popular movements.

Photo: Irma Alicia Velásquez Nimatuj (Maya K'iche') is the lead protagonist in 500 YEARS. She is a social anthropologist, journalist, and author. Photo credit: Melle van Essen / skylight.is

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