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Elusive Homecomings:

Embodying Return Migration to the Philippines

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Dr. Manalansan's lecture will focus on the phenomenon of second and 1.5 generation Filipino youth from the U.S., Canada, Australia and Europe returning to the Philippines with aspirations of becoming stars in the Filipino entertainment industry. Manalansan will examine the unique challenges these young people face as they are commoditized and perceived as sexy, cosmopolitan, "whitened" subjects, who must then become "localized" (e.g., learning the Tagalog language, developing typical bodily comportment, etc.) if they want to remain marketable in the industry. This lecture will offer a complex picture of return migration and ethnic homecoming in a globalizing world.

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