

Transmission and Resistance: Towards a Pluralistic Society

Thursday May 4 10:30-12:30 The Little Theater, LaGuardia Performing Arts Center 31-10 Long Island City, NY

Call to Discussion

Kicking off the Third Edition of **The New York Forum of Amazigh Film** on May 4-5, our <u>Call to Discussion</u> will address challenges facing transnational North African Amazigh communities and their creative solutions. Impacted by nationalism and globalization, and spread across North Africa from the Spanish Canary Islands to the Egyptian oasis of Siwa, these communities continue to transmit their heritage and build pluralistic societies. How do their lives relate to ours in a rapidly changing America? What can we learn about their acts of political and cultural resistance? Join us in a discussion and Q & A with invited experts.



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