



## Navigating Insecurity: Crisis, Power, and Protest in Puerto Rican Communities.

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Hurricane Maria and the enduring economic crisis have thrown into sharp contrast the forms of insecurity that many Puerto Ricans on the archipelago and in the diaspora live with. The 2018 conference of the Puerto Rican Studies Association Conference asked how insecurity may be considered a persistent aspect of *puertorriqueñidad*. Colonial rule, military service, migration, natural disasters, low wages, unemployment and recurrent debt crises have generated immediate and lasting forms of insecurity for Puerto Ricans. The conference invited submissions that discussed how Puerto Ricans experienced, negotiated, challenged, and/or prevailed over conditions of insecurity both historically and in the contemporary moment. Further, we encouraged submissions that not only outlined conditions of

insecurity but also show how Puerto Ricans persevered and thrived in these conditions, building vibrant communities and forging solidarity with other marginalized groups. We especially encouraged cultural producers and scholars of art and culture to engage with this year's theme of navigating insecurity.

We invite fully developed, research-based article-length submissions from participants in the October 2018 PRSA conference to be considered for publication in this issue of Centro Journal. Authors that did not participate in the conference may submit articles for consideration as well as long as they engage with the call's themes.

The CENTRO Journal is a peer-reviewed publication and the selection criteria for the special issue will include:

- Quality of scholarship
- Innovation of research
- Relevance of the work
- Use of evidence
- Clear presentation of arguments

Submissions will be accepted in English or Spanish and in any field of work, but priority will be given to works that focus on the experience and response of crisis as framed by the call described above. Submissions should be no longer than 6000 words, including endnotes and reference matter (about 23 double spaced pages).

**Send manuscript submissions in MS Word format to: [centro-journal@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:centro-journal@hunter.cuny.edu).**

**For submission guidelines go to *CENTRO Journal's* page (<https://bit.ly/2JMciw6>).**

**The deadline for manuscript submission is August 1, 2019.**

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