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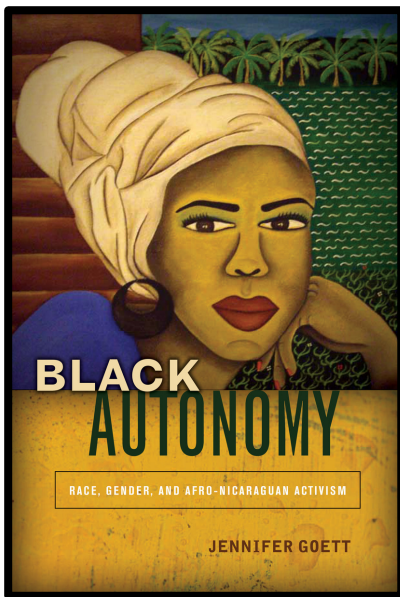
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After Territorial Recognition: Afro-Nicaraguan Autonomy and Racialized Dispossession



Since the end of Nicaragua's civil war three decades ago, statutory reforms have paved the way for the recognition of multicultural territorial rights. Some 30 percent of national territory is now titled to indigenous and Afrodescendant communities. This achievement is a product of powerful ethnic movements that challenge mestizo racial rule and embrace alternative histories, values, and forms of sociality and autonomous self-organization. For the state, however, recognition has become a governance strategy to advance capitalist intensification and more sophisticated forms of territorial encompassment. The result is racialized dispossession for Afro-Nicaraguan communities, revealing the entrenchment of the racial state and the limitations of the rights-based model of recognition.

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