Across the Caribbean diaspora remittances are a faithful source of capital that has been a vital social safety net and source of local economic investment for many individuals and communities. But recent efforts by governments to leverage control over these flows of financial capital threaten this lifeline in ways that constitute a ‘war’ on remittances. In this talk, I examine the impulses behind this emerging regulatory infrastructure by identifying the strategies, regulations and procedures at work in an emerging financialization and securitization nexus that is reinvigorating new forms of coloniality, imperial control and abandonment in the Caribbean.

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