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"José Martí: Resisting Melancholia for the Image of the Cuban Hero"

Lecture by Emilio Bejel

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Emilio Bejel guides us to analyze Martí's visual images as practices of ideological power and not just simple views that awake our unreflective emotional reaction to them. The function of this type of analysis points to the possibility of social and political agency that can be acquired when we increase our critical sophistication as rational and sentient people who can think and feel in new ways about the foundations of our own patriotic feelings and our place in the social and political globalized universe we inhabit today.

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