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El Caribe vagabundo de **Manuel Zapata Olivella**



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A talk by

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About the talk: Colombian author Manuel Zapata Olivella (1920-2004) used to present himself as a vagabundo and refer to his profession as vagabundaje. By exploring the several meanings that these words might evoke, this talk will show how Zapata Olivella destabilizes the conception of the Caribbean as a fragmented space, divided-both geographical and culturally-between islands, languages, and nations.

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