Professor Meruane will integrate concepts of memory and post-memory with an elaboration of the themes of her short novel *Cercada* (2000), in which the daughter of an ex-torturer meets the sons of one of her father’s victims. This work is part of the collection of contemporary fictional writings which explore the Chilean dictatorship, and its effects.

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