

Plenary 1: Representations of Immigrants in Film and Media  
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**Ana Ortiz, panelist** is an American actress, born and raised in Manhattan, NY. She began her acting career in theatre, but later transitioned to film and television. Ortiz broke out as Hilda Suarez in ABC's hit comedy *Ugly Betty*, earning both ALMA and Imagen Awards for Best Supporting Actress. In addition to her recurring roles on ABC's acclaimed *Boston Legal* and in the FX series *Over There*, Ortiz also starred in the ABC series *A.U.S.A* and *Kristin*. She is currently starring in Marc Cherry's hit show for Lifetime entitled *Devious Maids*.



**Diane Guerrero, panelist** a first generation American to Columbian born parents, born in New Jersey and moved with her family to Boston when she was three. Guerrero is best known for her role as 'Maritza Ramos' on the critically acclaimed, Emmy® award nominated Netflix series "Orange Is the New Black." Guerrero is currently working on the hit CW series "Jane the Virgin," where she stars as Jane's best friend 'Lina'. Diane recently completed filming the female lead role in the feature length drama "PETER & JOHN," and can be seen in the Lionsgate comedy feature "MY MAN IS A LOSER."



**Barkhad Abdi, panelist** is an actor and director, born in Somalia. Abdi made his debut in the 2013 film *Captain Phillips*. For his performance in the film he was nominated for an Oscar, Golden Globe and SAG Award and won the BAFTA and London Critics' awards. He has been working steadily ever since and will be seen in three feature films next year including *Eye in the Sky* starring with Helen Mirren and Aaron Paul, directed by Oscar winner Gavin Hood.



**Ligiah Villalobos, panelist** is the Writer and Executive Producer of the independent feature film *Under the Same Moon*, (*La Misma Luna*), an Official Selection at the 2007 Sundance Film Festival and the highest selling Spanish-language film in the history of Sundance. Villalobos has developed projects for multiple studios and networks, including NBC, ABC/Family, F/X, Showtime, BET, and HBO. And, she was the Head Writer on the hit children's show *Go, Diego! Go!*



**Maria Hinojosa, moderator** is an award-winning news anchor and reporter who covers America's untold stories and highlights today's critical issues. As the anchor and Executive Producer of NPR's only Latino news and culture show *Latino USA*, and anchor and Executive Producer for the upcoming PBS show *America By The Numbers with Maria Hinojosa*, she has informed millions about the changing cultural and political landscape in America and abroad. Hinojosa created the Futuro Media Group, an independent nonprofit organization producing multimedia journalism that explores and gives a critical voice to the diversity of the American experience.