

# RACE AND PROPERTIZATION

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Begegnungsstätte Kleine Synagoge  
An der Stadtmünze 4 – 5, Erfurt



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This conference interrogates intersections of racialization and propertization, contributing to recent interventions in the fields of Black history and mobility studies as well as to ongoing debates on the interrelatedness of critical theory and new materialism. Engaging Tina Campt's theorization of a 'Black gaze' and 'adjacency' as "an intentional practice of *looking with and alongside*," the conference brings together critiques of liberal self-making and of racial capitalism at large (Campt 2019). From slaves' narratives as property to racialization in cars and the advent of redlining in automobile insurance issuance, the research presented questions humanist assumptions and foregrounds ethical imperatives for research on property. Thinking with and alongside keynote speaker Mia Bay, conference presenters and attendees will discuss racialized property regimes and means of redress.

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## Thursday, November 18

12:00 – 12:15	Welcome and Introduction <b>Helen Gibson, M.A.</b> and <b>PD Dr. Barbara Lüthi</b>
12:15 – 13:50	<b>Dr. Cedric Essi</b> , “Black Copyright: The Slave’s Narrative as Property”  <b>Samira Spatzek, M.A.</b> , “On Private Property, Liberal Self-Making, and the Ruse of Solidarity in Toni Morrison’s <i>A Mercy</i> ”  Moderation: Prof. Dr. Jürgen Martschukat
13:50 – 14:10	<i>Coffee Break</i>
14:15 – 15:00	<b>Cameron Seglias, M.A.</b> , “Benjamin Lay’s Settler Commonwealth”  Moderation: M.J. Packo, M.A.
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:20 – 17:00	<b>Professor Mia Bay</b> , “Moving Property: Race on the Road in the Automotive Age”  Moderation: Helen Gibson, M.A.
17:30	<i>Guided Tour of Erfurt</i>
19:30	<i>Dinner</i>

## Friday, November 19

9:00 – 10:00	<i>Arrival and Coffee</i>
10:00 – 11:35	<b>Helen Gibson, M.A.</b> , “Fugitive Driving: Redlining in Mandatory Auto Insurance Issuance”  <b>PD Dr. Simone Knewitz</b> , “Black Power, Black Capitalism? Debates on Property Regimes in the 1960s”  Moderation: Dr. Felix Krämer
11:35 – 11:55	<i>Coffee Break</i>
12:00 – 12:45	<b>M.J. Packo, M.A.</b> , “Thinking Redress and Reparations beyond the Nation State”  Moderation: PD Dr. Barbara Lüthi

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