

## **RACE AND RACISM IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

### **ABSTRACT:**

The ways in which race and racism have explanatory power in international relations has predominantly been overlooked by the discipline of IR. The course aims to remedy this situation by focusing on the discussions on the significance of race and racism in the formation of the discipline of IR and in understanding international relations. There have been numerous works on race and racism in disciplines such as history, anthropology and sociology. The course will firstly discuss the insights of these works in understanding the constructions of race and manifestations of racism. The second part of the course will discuss how race and racism permeate our understandings of international relations at present.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

Students taking the course for 3 credits will be assessed based on participation and the submission of 6 worksheets answering the questions for each session to be submitted before the specific week.

**Questions : (starting week 5) How do the articles define race and whiteness? Do you agree with their definition? How are the specific concepts of the week – sovereignty, global health, international relations – racialized? How are they white? Can you think of examples from Germany that fit these analyses?**

Students taking the course for 6 credits will be assessed based on participation, the submission of 6 worksheets and book review comparing two books. The details of the book reviews are online.

#### **1. INTRODUCTION (5 May)**

#### **2. RACIAL FORMATIONS (12 May)**

Steve Garner, Racism: An Introduction, ch.1 and 2 and 7

Savages – In the Heart of Human Zoos, Available at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6y66N1zVVuw>

#### **3. WHITENESS (19 May)**

Garner, Steve (2007) Whiteness: An Introduction, 1-80

Michelle Christian (2018) A Global Critical Race and Racism Framework: Racial Entanglements and Deep and Malleable Whiteness', *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, 1-17

Margaret Talbot (2018) 'The Myth of Whiteness in Classical Sculpture' <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2018/10/29/the-myth-of-whiteness-in-classical-sculpture>

Doll Test : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkpUyB2xgTM&t=221s>

#### 4. **INTERSECTIONALITY** (26 May)

Crenshaw, Kimberle. "Mapping the margins: Intersectionality, identity politics, and violence against women of color." *Stanford law review* (1991): 1241-1299.

Uma Narayan. "The Project of Feminist Epistemology: Perspectives from a Nonwestern Feminist". p. 256-269

Intersectionality and Sociology: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qnr9VK\\_o-3k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qnr9VK_o-3k)

#### 5. **RACISM IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS** (9 June)

Randolph Persaud and RB. J Walker (2001) *Race in International Relations. Alternatives*. 26: 373-376

Roxanne Doty, *The Bounds of 'Race' in International Relations*, Millennium

Branwen Jones (2008) 'Race in the Ontology of International Order', *Political Studies*, 56: 907-927.

#### 6. **RACE IN THE GLOBAL WORLD ORDER**

Nisha Kapoor (2019) *Citizenship deprivation at the nexus of race, gender and geopolitics*, <https://www.versobooks.com/blogs/4250-citizenship-deprivation-at-the-nexus-of-race-gender-and-geopolitics>

Alexander Barder (2019) *Scientific Racism, race war and the global racial imaginary*. *Third world Quarterly*

Hilbourne Watson (2001) 'theorizing the Racialization of Global Politics and the Caribbean Experience', *Alternatives* 26: 449-483

Recommended Watching:

Africa for Norway: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJLqyuxm96k> & <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pkOUCvzqb9o>

## 7. RACIAL SOVEREIGNTY AND WHITENESS (23 June)

Nisancioglu, K. (2019). Racial sovereignty. *European Journal of International Relations*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354066119882991>

Shilliam, R. (2006) 'What about Marcus Garvey? Race and the Transformation of Sovereignty Debate', *Review of International Studies*, 32 (3), 379–400.

Turner, J. (2018). Internal colonisation: The intimate circulations of empire, race and liberal government. *European Journal of International Relations*, 24(4), 765-790.

## 8. RACE AND CLASS (2 June)

Bhambra, GK (2017) Brexit, Trump, and 'methodological whiteness': On the misrecognition of race and class. *The British Journal of Sociology* 68(1): 214–232.

Roediger, D (2017) Who's afraid of the white working class?: On Joan C. Williams's 'White Working Class: Overcoming Class Cluelessness in America'. *Los Angeles Review of Books*, 17 May. Available at: <https://lareviewofbooks.org/article/whos-afraid-of-the-white-working-class-on-joan-c-williamss-white-working-class-overcoming-class-cluelessness-in-america/>

Robbie Shilliam (2020) 'Redeeming the 'ordinary working class'', *Current Sociology*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0011392119886862>

## 9. GLOBAL HEALTH (30 June)

Warwick Anderson (2014) Making Global Health History. *Social History of Medicine*.

Nicola De Martini Ugolitti (2020) 'We Are in This together' <https://discoversociety.org/2020/04/08/we-are-in-this-together-covid-19-the-politics-of-emotions-and-the-borders-of-humanity/>

Rageshri Dhairyawan and Darren Chetty (2020) Covid-19, Racism and Health Outcomes', *Discover Society*, <https://discoversociety.org/2020/04/15/covid-19-racism-and-health-outcomes/>

Abraar Karan (2019) Ist Time to End the Colonial Mindset in Global Health', *NPR*: <https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2019/12/30/784392315/opinion-its-time-to-end-the-colonial-mindset-in-global-health>

Global Health Security and Pandemics: Slums, Informal Settlements and COVID-19  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ppst4HacizY>

10. **RACE AND POPULAR CULTURE** (7 July)

Winona Landis (2019) Ms. Marvel, Qahera and superheroism in the Muslim diaspora, *Continuum*, 33:2, 185-200

Linsay Cramer (2019) Whiteness and the Postracial Imaginary in Disney's Zootopia. *Howard Journal of Communications*,

Burqa Avenger: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XahbqLdCVhE&t=13s>

11. **CONCLUSION** (14 July)