

Racialisation and Publicness in Africa and the African Diaspora Conference

African Studies Centre,
University of Oxford,
UK.

27th – 28th June, 2019

**Venue: St Antony's College, 62, Woodstock Road,
Oxford, OX2 6JF, United Kingdom.**

Programme



Convenor: *Wale Adebawwi, Rhodes Professor of Race Relations, African Studies Centre, Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, University of Oxford, UK;*
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DAY 1: 27th June, 2019

Venue: Investcorp Building, St Antony's College,

University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

Registration: 9:00 – 9:30 am

MORNING PLENARY: 9:30-11: am - Investcorp Building Hall

Convener's Welcome Address: **Professor Wale Adebani** (Rhodes Professor of Race Relations and Director of African Studies Centre, Oxford University)

- Chair: **Professor Patricia Daley**, Professor of the Human Geography of Africa, Oxford University, UK
- Introduction of Keynote Speaker: **Dr Joy Owen**, Associate Professor, Anthropology Department, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa and Mellon Global South Visiting Professor, TORCH, Oxford University
- Keynote Lecture (I): 'Navigating Racialisation's Dangerous 'Glocal' Terrain: **Africana Feminisms in Transnational Counterpublics**' By **Professor Faye V. Harrison**, Professor of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

Question & Answer

Gratitude (on behalf of the Convener, Hosts and Sponsors): **Alexa Viridi, DPhil Student, Oxford University, UK**

BREAK: 11:00-11:30 AM

27th June, 2019 PANELS

11:30 am - 1pm: Dahrendorf Room

Panel 1: Black Studies, Blackness, and the Question of Race/Racialisation in Africa

The African Origins of Racial Capitalism
Peter James Hudson, UCLA, USA

Colonialism's Returns: On Racial Capitalism and Resource Extraction in Ghana
Jemima Pierre, UCLA, USA

Becoming Diasporically African: Capoeira and Racial Self-Making in West Africa

	<p>Celina de Sá, Dartmouth College, USA</p> <p>Between Black and White Africa: Mapping a New Nation in South Sudan Zachary Mondesire, UCLA, USA</p> <p>Chair/Discussant: Mónica Moreno Figueroa, Cambridge University, UK</p>
<p><u>11:30 am - 1pm: Deakin Room</u></p> <p>Panel 2: Racializing Muslims: Possibilities and Limits of Global Muslim Solidarity</p>	<p>Muslim humanitarians in Black, Brown, and White: Racializing the white saviour complex in Africa Rhea Rahman, Brooklyn College of CUNY, USA</p> <p>“They Still Call Us Slaves” - Sudanese Migrant Genealogies in Lebanon Anna Simone Reumert, Columbia University, USA</p> <p>From <i>Toubab</i> to <i>Cisse</i>: Shifting Racial Formations amongst African and African American Muslims in Senegal Samiha Rahman, University of Pennsylvania, USA</p> <p>“It is in their <i>Asl</i> (Origins)”: reproducing and maintaining global racialized categories in Morocco Lewis Addison Bradford, Indiana University Bloomington, USA</p> <p>Care as ownership: Racialisation and objectification of the “African child” Ezgi Guner, University of Illinois, USA</p> <p>Chair/Discussant: Shobana Shankar, Stony Brook University, NY, USA</p>
<p><u>11:30 am - 1pm: Investcorp Building Hall</u></p> <p>Panel 3: Race, Dehumanisation and Corporate Public Façades in Africa</p>	<p>Racialized Humanitarianism and the Dehumanization of Refugees in East Africa Patricia Daley, Oxford University, UK</p> <p>Diamond Crème and the ‘Masque of Global Death’ Kerrie Thornhill, Oxford University, UK</p> <p>A Decolonial Critique of the Racialized Localwashing of Extraction in Central Africa Amber Murrey, Oxford University, UK & Nickolas Jackson, Coventry University</p>

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Fighting Racism in The Era of Robotics and Transhumans

Horace Campbell, Syracuse University, USA

Chair: David Pratten, Oxford University, UK

Discussant: Joy Owen, University of the Free State, South Africa/Oxford University, UK

LUNCH BREAK: 1:00-2:00 PM

2:00-3:30 pm: Deakin Room

Panel 4: Histories of racialisation and ethnicisation in today's post-slavery Societies: Continuities and Discontinuities

Limits of citizenship in navigating “racial differences” in the Gulf States: a case study of young citizens in Dubai

Idil Akinci, University of Sussex, UK

Kirdi, slaves and “sons of the people”. Genealogies and ethnicities in a Sahelian post-slavery context

Valerio Colosio, University of Sussex, UK

Racial constructions in post-2011 Tunisia: between black rights activism and slave descendants' communities

Marta Scaglioni, University of Bayreuth, Germany/University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy

“Black People, White Hearts”: Origin, Race, and Colour in Contemporary Yemen

Luca Nevola, University of Sussex, UK

Chair/Discussant: William Beinart, Oxford University, UK

2:00-3:30 pm: Investcorp Building Hall

Panel 5: Racialisation and Knowledge-Production

Afrocentricity and Afrocentric Racial Identity: A Response to Racialisation in the African American Thought

Mai Tarek, Cairo University, Egypt

‘Native’ speakers and the racialisation of knowledge production

Malami Buba, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Global Campus, Yongin, Korea

The data is gold, and we are the gold-diggers’: Reflections on race and new data collection practices in eastern DRC

Gauthier Marchais, University of Sussex, UK

Body marking, ritual scarification and the historical formation of stereotypes about Africans in colonial Brazil (Eighteenth century)

Aldair Rodrigues, University of Campinas-UNICAMP, Brazil

Chair/Discussant: Jemima Pierre, UCLA, USA

2:00-3:30 pm: Dahrendorf Room

Panel 6 - Colonialism, Apartheid and Racialised Bodies

Racialisation and Politicization of the Gĩkũyũ in Colonial Kenya Before the “Mau Mau Emergency, 1915-52

Ben Knighton, Oxford University, UK

Racialisation in Law: Portuguese Charter of the Natives (1954) as the Juridification of the Other

Rui Alexandre Verde, Oxford University, UK

New Chains, Mew Mountains: Towards a Poetic Hauntology of the Criminalized Body in the Cape

Javier Perez, University of Cape Town, South Africa

Bodies as/of Documents: On Biometric Technologies and their Histories of Racialisation

Irene Fubara-Manuel, University of Sussex, UK

Plus ça Change, Plus c'est la Même Chose!
Historicizing Contemporary Racialisation of Blacks in Africa

W. Alade Fawole, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria

Chair/Discussant: Lily Owusu-Darkwa, Oxford University, UK

BREAK 3:30-4:00 PM

4:00-5:30 pm: Investcorp Building Hall

Panel 7 - Notions of Diaspora and Homeland: The Impact of the Contemporary Emergence of Racism(s), Antisemitism(s), Nationalism(s) and White Supremacy in the Age of Globalisation (1)

Homeland and Diaspora Models for an Authentic Dual Identity: A Hermeneutical Tool for Reimagining the Other in White Supremacists Religion and Religiosity in the African Diaspora
Lawrence Amsel, Columbia University, USA

A Tool for Reimagining the Other in White Supremacists Religion and Religiosity
Harold V. Bennett, Morehouse College, USA

Zionism and Pan-Africanism: A Common Journey to Recapture Ethnic Self-Realization
Ansel Brown, North Carolina Central University, USA

The African in the American: Sites of Memory-Contested Histories
Valerie Ann Johnson, Bennett College, North Carolina, USA

The Impact of Racial Formation on Afro-Religious Imagery and Hierarchy in Cuba and the United States
Carlton Long, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy & Lawrence and Co Educational Consulting, USA

Chair/Discussant: Yossi Shain, Tel Aviv University, Israel

4:00-5:30 pm: Dahrendorf Room

**Panel 8 – Racialisation
in (post)colonial Bermuda:
Past and Present**

They Called Us Hoodlums: Media, Desegregation and the 1959 Bermuda Theatre Boycotts

Dana Selassie, Independent Scholar

‘Goin’ dahn de road’: Racialised dialect parody in Bermuda

Rosy Hall, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway

Bermuda gombey (re)connections: Covering and recovering indigeneity in the Black Atlantic

Sydney Hutchinson, Syracuse University, USA and **Dorothea Hast**, University of Connecticut, USA

‘MY NAME IS SUE’: The Mother of Mary Prince and the Racialised Abdication of Bermuda in the Authentication of Her History

LeYoni Junos, Independent Scholar

Memories Lost in the Triangle: An Exploration of Bermuda’s Social Conditioning Through Racial Amnesia

H. Alicia Kirby, Goldsmith’s, University of London, UK

Chair/Discussant: Kristy Warren, University of Leicester, UK

Evening Plenary

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm: Investcorp Building Hall

- **Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Professor Wale Adebani**
- Keynote Lecture (II): ‘**Nanoracism: Reflections on Bodies and Borders**’ by **Professor Achille Mbembe** (WISER, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa)
- **Question and Answer**

DAY 2: 28th June, 2019

Investcorp Building Hall: 10:00-11:00 am

Dialogue: Professor Wale Adebaniwi, Rhodes Professor of Race Relations, African Studies Centre, Oxford University, UK **and Professor Achille Mbembe**, WISER, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

- *Everyone is welcome to attend*

BREAK: 11:00-11:30 AM

Investcorp Building Hall - 11:30 am - 1pm

Panel 9: Africa and Race in South-South Globalisation (I)

“They call me Habshi”: Figurations of contemporary anti-blackness and pre-colonial relations in Delhi, India

Ethiraj Gabriel Dattatreyan, Goldsmiths, University of London, UK

Public-ising African-Indian Racial Imaginaries

Shobana Shankar, Stony Brook University, NY, USA

This Smile is not about you: Black Migrancy and the Emotional Landscape of São Paulo, Brazil

Derek Pardue, Aarhus University, Denmark

Chair/Discussant: Nayanika Mathur, Oxford University, UK

Dahrendorf Room - 11:30 am - 1pm

Panel 10: The Politics of Racialisation in the Black Atlantic

A Battle of Worths: Symbolic boundaries, blackness and notions of progress

Melissa Valle, Rutgers University-Newark, USA

The Politics of Race and the Social Construction of Black Africans in Canada

Olabanji Akinola, Algoma University, USA

Black Muslim Cosmopolitanism: Islam and the Reconstruction of Race and Geography in the Black Atlantic

	<p>Rasul Miller, University of Pennsylvania, USA</p> <p>Chair/Discussant: Mónica Moreno Figueroa, Cambridge University, UK</p>
<p><u>Deakin Room - 11:30 am - 1pm</u></p> <p>Panel 11 - Race, Empire, and Geographies of Threat: the ‘War on Terror’ in Africa and beyond</p>	<p>Race, empire and counter-terror: the (re)production of stratified vulnerabilities within and across Tunisia's borders Corinna Mullin, New School, NY, USA</p> <p>Target Somalia: Between the imaginative and grounded geographies of the East Africa Warscape Samar Al-Bulushi, University of California, Irvine, USA</p> <p>Being Arab/Being Muslim in the Greater Horn of Africa: The War of Terror and the Shaping of Opportunities in Djibouti and Ethiopia Samson Bezabeh, Makerere Institute of Social Research (MISR), Uganda</p> <p>Chair/Discussant: Patricia Daley, Oxford University, UK</p>
<p>LUNCH BREAK: 1:00-2:00 PM</p>	
<p><u>Dahrendorf Room: 2:00-3:30 pm</u></p> <p>PANEL 12 - Racialisation, Media and Publics</p>	<p>Beyond ‘racial outrage’: postcolonial publics, digital diasporas and mediated encounters Wendy Willems, LSE, UK</p> <p>Racialising Black Bodies in Media and Charity Representations Tunde Alabi-Hundeyin, University of Sussex, UK</p> <p>Migration and African diaspora: A racialised narrative perpetuated by media Benazir Hilali, Independent Scholar</p> <p>Blackness in the public sphere: racist imagery in Swiss and German public debates</p>

	<p>Thomas Blaser, Independent scholar</p> <p>Chair/Discussant: Harri Englund, Cambridge University, UK</p>
<p><u>Deakin Room: 2:00-3:30 pm</u></p> <p>PANEL 13 - Africa and Race in South-South Globalisation (II)</p>	<p>The stigmatization of the Congolese workforce in Sino-Lebanese companies in the DRC: the experience of black racialisation in white companies in Africa Milolo Nsenda Martin, University of Kinshasa, DRC</p> <p>To Be an African Student in the Turkish Capital: Challenges and Opportunities Farkhad Alimukhamedov, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Toulouse, France and Engin Akcay, <i>Journal of Human Security</i>, Switzerland</p> <p>Chair/Discussant: Adam Branch, Cambridge University, UK</p>
<p><u>Investcorp Building Hall: 2:00-3:30 pm</u></p> <p>PANEL 14 - Literature, Arts and Racialisation</p>	<p>Race Politics, Jurisprudential Discourse, and the Rhetoric of Nationhood in South African Legal Novels Zuhmboshi Eric Nsuh, University of Yaounde, Cameroon</p> <p>Signifyin(g): Racialising the Other in Joseph Conrad's <i>The Nigger of the Narcissus</i> Victoria Osei-Bonsu, University of Ghana, Ghana</p> <p>'Alterity and Temporality or Altered Temporality? Re-conceptualisations of Time in Post-Apartheid South Africa' Paulina Grzęda, University of Warsaw, Poland</p> <p>Demanding Recognition – White Curation of Black Art in Contemporary South Africa Vibe Nielsen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark</p> <p>Chair/Discussant: Elleke Boehmer, Oxford University, UK</p>

Seminar Room, African Studies Centre (13 Bevington Road): 2:00-3:30 pm

Panel 15 - The Politics of Conceptualizing “Race” and Difference in the Arab Middle East and Diaspora

The Racial Diacritics of MultiKulti Music-Making in Syrian Berlin

Shayna Silverstein, Northwestern University, USA

Between Local Authoritarianism and the Global “War on Terror”: Securitization and Racecraft in the Lives of Urban Youth in Contemporary Egypt

Darci Sprengel, Oxford University, UK

Chair/Discussant: Lily Owusu-Darkwa, Oxford University, UK

BREAK 3:30-4:00 PM

Investcorp Building Hall: 4:00-5:30 pm

Panel 16 - Racialisation and Publicness: Lessons from the Nineteenth Century

Rhodes Must Not Rise: An Alternative Afrofuturism

Harri Englund, Cambridge University, UK

From ‘Liberated African’ to ‘Coloured’: Abolition, law, and race in the Western Cape, c. 1808-1870,

Jake Christopher Richards, Cambridge University, UK

Historical arguments in debates about the Rhodes statue in Oxford, 2015-6

William Beinart, Oxford University, UK

Chair/Discussant: Tim Livsey, Oxford University, UK

Dahrendorf Room: 4:00-5:30 pm

Panel 17 - Gender, Biopolitics and Racialisation

Black women and Europeanisation in the 1990s,

Pamela Ohene-Nyako, University of Geneva, Switzerland

‘Black Zone:’ the Public Fear of the African Terrorist

Kirin Gupta, Harvard University, USA

Silence is Violence; An Intersectional Analysis of Police Violence against Black Women

Johise Namwira, Oxford University, UK

	<p>Utilizing Culturally Historical Activity Theory (C.H.A.T.) as a Tool of Analysis to Improve Methods of Healthcare Delivery and Outcomes for African Americans Lincoln D. Pettaway, Antioch University Midwest, USA</p> <p>Chair/Discussant: Joy Owen, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa & Oxford University, UK</p>
<p><u>Deakin Room: 4:00-5:30 pm</u></p> <p>Panel 18 - Notions of Diaspora and Homeland: The Impact of the Contemporary Emergence of Racism(s), Antisemitism(s), Nationalism(s) and White Supremacy in the Age of Globalisation (II)</p>	<p>Racecraft and an Expulsion from Diaspora K. Gibel Mevorach, Grinnell College, USA</p> <p>Immigration and Integration of the Ethiopian Jewish Community to Israel Avraham Neguise, Member of the Knesset of Israel</p> <p>The Legacy of Babylonian Exiles in Contemporary Diaspora Affairs: Jews and Blacks in our Time. Yossi Shain, Tel Aviv University, Israel</p> <p>Contemporary Discourse of Homeland and Its Impact on African and Jewish Diaspora Communities in Europe and North America Charles Asher Small, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy, USA</p> <p>Chair/Discussant: Valerie Ann Johnson, Bennett College, North Carolina, USA</p>
<p><u>Seminar Room, African Studies Centre (13 Bevington Road) 4:00-5:30 pm</u></p> <p>Panel 19 - A British National Dialogue on the Big Conversation of Racism: Beyond the Hidden Resistance</p>	<p>Llewellyn Simmons, Independent Scholar</p> <p>Radell Tankard, Independent Scholar</p> <p>Rolphe Commissiong, Independent Scholar</p> <p>Heather Whalen, Independent Scholar</p> <p>Chair/Discussant: Kristy Warren, University of Leicester, UK</p>