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ASIA_V 516 - Race and Ethnicity in Asian Studies

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Modernity, Capitalism and Globalization are racialized and gendered formations, they have been defined as inextricably linked to colonialism, slavery and violence by anti-colonial Third World, Indigenous and Critical Race intellectual traditions. This interdisciplinary Graduate Seminar introduces students to major theoretical approaches to the study of race, racialization, Indigeneity and coloniality in Asia and Beyond. Special attention will be paid to how race, Indigeneity and coloniality intersect with gender, sexuality, class, caste and nation in specific Asian contexts.

Course assignments are designed to provide maximum flexibility for students to focus their study of course topics as these relate to the area of their graduate program.

NOTE: This seminar counts for the pan-Asian theory course requirement for Asian Studies PhD students.

Mode of Delivery: Online

Sample Readings

Bhambra, G. (2021) 'Decolonizing Critical Theory? Epistemological Justice, Progress, Reparations', Critical Times. 4:1. 73-89.

Quijano, A. (2007) 'Coloniality and Modernity/Rationality', Cultural Studies. Vol. 21, Issues 2-3. 168-178.

Maitland, P. (2019) 'Black Buddhist: The Visual and Material Cultures of the Dalit Movement and the Black Panther Party', in Bachetta, Paula, S. Maira and H. Winant (eds.) Global Raciality: Empire, PostColoniality, DeColoniality. New York: Routledge. 171-194.

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