

# Call for Papers: Sixth Annual ACGS Conference

## Racial Orders, Racist Borders

17-18 October 2019, University of Amsterdam

### Keynote speakers:

- **Gargi Bhattacharyya** (University of East London, UK)

Gargi Bhattacharyya is a Professor of Sociology at the UEL's Centre for Migration, Refugees and Belonging and the author, most recently, of [\*Rethinking Racial Capitalism: Questions of Reproduction and Survival\*](#) (2018).

- **Barnor Hesse** (Northwestern University, Evanston, USA)

Barnor Hesse is an Associate Professor of African American Studies, Political Science and Sociology and the co-editor, most recently, of [\*After #Ferguson, After #Baltimore: The Challenge of Black Death and Black Life for Black Political Thought\*](#) (2017, with Juliet Hooker).

- **David Lloyd** (University of California, Riverside, USA)

David Lloyd is Distinguished Professor of English and the author, most recently, of [\*Under Representation: The Racial Regime of Aesthetics\*](#) (2018).

### Description:

Around the world, racist discourses, attitudes, and practices have moved from the fringes into the mainstream, putting core democratic values under pressure. Familiar racial orders have resurfaced and reinforced racist borders, both metaphorical and material. The sixth annual conference of the [Amsterdam Centre for Globalisation Studies](#) (ACGS) invites papers that examine how forms, discourses and practices of racism have materialized in various institutional contexts. Organized in cooperation with the collaborative research centre [Dynamics of Security at the Universities of Giessen and Marburg, Germany](#), the conference's main conceptual focus is on the institutional dimensions of racism. How and by whom has racism been 'mainstreamed' in different countries and regions around the globe? What kinds of discourses, techniques, strategies and tactics have been mobilized to mainstream racism? And how does this take shape in diverse institutional settings, including politics, education, international institutions, the media,

cultural foundations, the police, and the legal system? In the wake of unrestrained, state-led xenophobia and populist nationalism, the function of race as a building block of culture, education, finance, nationalism and democracy can no longer be dissolved into ethnicity, nationalism and religion. Thus, the function of race cannot be hidden behind modernity, the Enlightenment, multiculturalism or civilization, deferred to the histories of 'other' places and 'other' peoples, or relegated to a past that was ostensibly erased with the end of the Holocaust and the birth of modern institutions such as the European Union and the United Nations. We need to employ the full range of research tools and approaches to take stock of how race and racism have continued to underscore state histories and institutions, as well as everyday practices, habits, gestures, affects, languages, aesthetics and representations alike.

Avenues of inquiry may include, but are not limited to:

Histories of institutional racism  
Racism and populist governance  
Intersectional perspectives on race and racism  
Intersections between different practices of racism  
Whiteness  
Racism and #metoo  
Racism and social media  
Race, immigration and refugee flows  
Race (and) wars  
Borders and bodies  
Race, racism and the digital  
Race and technology  
Legalizing race and racism  
Teaching race and racism  
Race, policing and profiling  
Globalization and neoliberalism  
Nationalism and the nation-state  
Race and popular media  
Fake news and the crisis of journalism  
Multiculturalism and cosmopolitanism  
Colonial legacies, decolonization and neoimperialism  
Aesthetics of race and racism  
Race and cultural institutions  
The politics of color-blindness

Contributions from across the social and political sciences and the humanities are welcome. Please submit an abstract (max. 250-300 words) and a short bio (max. 100 words) by 15 May 2019 to [acgs-fgw@uva.nl](mailto:acgs-fgw@uva.nl). Submissions for pre-constituted panels with a maximum of four papers are also welcome.

Notice of acceptance will be sent by 15 June 2019. Draft papers should be submitted before 15 September 2019 and made available for internal circulation among conference participants.

Conference fee: 50 Euros (25 Euros for PhD students). Conference dinner: 25 Euros.

**Organisers:**

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**Web link to the call for papers:**

<http://acgs.uva.nl/content/news/2019/03/call-for-papers-sixth-annual-acgs-conference.html?origin=CEEhSjNZQj%2BccyR%2BqriZWg>