

SO7046 *Racism and Resistance*

Module type	Optional (approved module: MPhil in Race, Ethnicity and Conflict)
Term / hours	HT / 22
ECTS	10
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Cap	5

Module description

We live in a world in which racism is opposed and denied as often as it is practiced. Viewing racism and anti-racism as collective political acts rather than expressions of individual understanding or ignorance, this module examines how politicised racism and anti-racism is articulated and practiced. The module examines key sites of contemporary racist and anti-racist political activism, drawing on examples such as the Black Lives Matter movement and pro- and anti-refugee solidarity activism in Europe.

Drawing on theories of social movements as well as interrogating the rhetoric of racism and anti-racism, the module firstly examines the rationale and practices of far-right and racist movements. Anti-racist groups have faced both the articulated racism of these groups as well as a more hidden but deeply embedded racism within society, and the module examines the issues such groups face – and how they have responded to these challenges. A key question is whether anti-racist groups have further embedded the language of race and racism in political life. The problems and possibilities of anti-racist activism are examined both with respect to theoretical discussions surrounding anti-racism and post-race, but also through critically analysing the vehicles through which anti-racism is practiced – NGOs and social movements.

Assessment

The module is assessed through a module diary (30%) and essay (70%). The module diary is three entries of circa 1,000 words. The essay is 2,500 words and in conventional academic style.

Indicative bibliography

Bonnett, Alastair, *Anti-racism* (Routledge, 2000).

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Lentin, Alana, *Racism and anti-racism in Europe* (Pluto, 2004).

Nagle, Angela, *Kill All Normies : Online Culture Wars from 4chan and Tumblr to Trump and the alt-right* (Zero Books, 2017).

Nyers, Peter, and Rygiel, Kim, *Citizenship, Migrant Activism and the Politics of Movement* (Routledge, 2012).

Pilkington, Hilary, *Loud and Proud: Passion and Politics in the English Defence League* (Manchester UP, 2016).

Snow, David, Soule, Sarah, and Kriesi, Hanspeter, *The Blackwell companion to social movements* (Blackwell, 2007).

Tarrow, Sidney, *Power in Movement: Social Movements and Contentious Politics* (Cambridge UP, 2012).

Tufekci, Zeynep, *Twitter and Tear Gas: The Power and Fragility of Networked Protest* (Yale UP, 2017).

Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- LO1 Identify and describe racist and anti-racist movements.
- LO2 Apply social movement theories to racism and anti-racism activism.
- LO3 Explain key contemporary conflicts surrounding racism and anti-racism.
- LO4 Analyse and reflect critically on contemporary far-right and racist movements.
- LO5 Evaluate contemporary debates surrounding anti-racism and post-race.