

Social, political and economic domination in the modern world depend on the continuous production and reproduction of persons relegated to degraded forms of labour and life on the basis on allegedly inherited characteristics (Robinson, 1982). This winter school will examine processes of racialization not only in the Americas, but in a comparative framework that includes a variety of forms of descent-based subjection across the globe. Hence our use of the more capacious "inherited inequality." We thus follow recent developments in the historical and sociological study of race and racialization, arguing that racialization is a global and transhistorical process (Da Silva, 2007) that deserves far greater comparative and interdisciplinary attention, especially from scholars and students of and in the global South (Comaroffs, 2012).

Students at the school will examine how "durable" inherited inequalities shape modern political, social and economic power, on one hand, and are at once key nodes of cohesion in social and political movements for justice. Young scholars from a diverse set of educational backgrounds and areal specializations will be provided with a set of rigorous comparative tools, drawing on the historical, sociological and anthropological perspectives and foci of the faculty, to understand pervasive and enduring forms of domination—and solidarity—in the modern world.

Participants will engage in a weeklong program comprising lectures, seminars and workshops, reading and working groups, and field trips. The school is intended for experienced MA students, and PhD students in the early stages of their degrees.

Faculty

Prof. Thomas Abowd, Tufts University; Prof. Demetrius Eudell, Wesleyan University; Prof. Keith Feldman, University of California, Berkeley; Prof. Peter James Hudson, University of California, Los Angeles; Prof. Jemima Pierre, University of California, Los Angeles; Dr. Nathaniel Roberts, Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen; Prof. Rupa Viswanath, Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen

Application

Advanced Master's students as well as early PhD candidates from relevant humanities and social science fields are invited to apply. Applications are due by September 1, 2017. For further information, including funding, visit: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/inherited-inequality/568586.html>



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