

★ an introduction to theories & representations of race

★ to understand the importance of race for  
feminist theory & analysis

★ to develop tools for inter-cultural communication  
& for anti-racist thought & activism

# GNDR 332

## *What's Race Got To Do With It?*



### **GNDR332 What's Race Got to do With It? Theories of Race and Racialization**

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#### **Course Description:**

This course is being redesigned and updated to better address contemporary developments. It begins by exploring feminist and other theories of race, racism and racialization. It is a forum to study the history of race as an idea, racist discourses and racialization as a social process in order to reflect on how these ideas and processes have shaped society and everyday experience. The class will read excerpts drawn from foundational as well as current texts written by leading scholars. Weekly films are also assigned to illustrate how race and racism shaped foundational historical developments and current events. Course themes include imperialism, settler colonialism and anti-Indigenous racism as well as anti-Black racism, anti-Asian racism, antisemitism and anti-Arab racism.

#### **Objectives:**

This course provides students with the following learning opportunities:

- To understand the centrality and importance of race/racism for feminist theory and practice.
- To develop a more robust understanding and application of intersectionality
- To gain an introduction and immersion into the language and theories of race
- To understand how race functions as a conduit for the distribution of power
- To consider critical interpretations of representations of race in popular culture and their links to the material world
- To foster and hone skills and facility in inter-cultural communication
- To build intellectual and practical tools for anti-racist thought and action

#### **Key Readings for course:**

All course readings will be available online through the library website without additional cost to students.

#### **Evaluation:**

Students will be given opportunities to discuss the course material with each other on our online learning forum, to write about the course material and to create an anti-racist teaching tool.