



TOWARDS QUEER SOCIAL JUSTICE



14 October 2021

17:00 - 19.00 (UK Time)

Michaelmas 2021

Theme 1: Queerness/Sexuality and Race

On Sexuality and Race:
Reading and Discussion Group with



Professor Sonja Mackenzie
Santa Clara University /
University of Cambridge



Dr Rachell Sánchez-Rivera
University of Cambridge



In this session, we will discuss how sexuality and race are co-produced. We will draw on two significant cases: the Black AIDS epidemic in the US (discussed by Prof Sonja Mackenzie), and the use of 'race science' in the national eugenic project in Mexico (analysed by Dr Rachell Sánchez-Rivera). These cases demonstrate how hierarchies of privilege are constructed through the use of two interconnected categories, sexuality and race, and how these are embedded in the structural and the social.

Recommended Readings:

- Mackenzie, Sonja. 2013. Structural Intimacies: Sexual Stories in the Black AIDS Epidemic. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press. Chapter 3: Never a Black Brokeback Mountain: Sexual Silence and the 'Down Low' in the Age of AIDS, pp.41-71. (An additional recommendation: the introduction Chapter 1: Storytelling Sexuality in the Black AIDS Epidemic, pp.1-18). - e-book available through Cambridge University Library
- Sánchez-Rivera, Rachell. 2021. The Making of 'La Gran Familia Mexicana': Eugenics, Gender, and Sexuality in Mexico. Journal of Historical Sociology, 34: 161-185. Doi: 10.1111/johs.12308.

Register here:



* If you don't have access to the readings, please email us at towardsqueersocialjustice@gmail.com.

** The event will be held online on Zoom, and the details will be circulated to pre-registered participants.

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