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What we mean when we talk about Race

Opening lecture in the framework of the event series "Racism in Academia"

Wednesday, 2nd December 2020, 12:00, via Zoom

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Why is race an issue worth to discuss in academic circles? The most obvious answer is that it poses severe social injustice. In order to understand why this is the case and more importantly how we can change it we have to understand how the concept "race" works in our language. What is its explanatory and epistemic role? Does "race" pick out a real entity and if so, what kind? In my talk, I will give a brief overview of the current debate, explain why we need to talk about "race" and what the epistemic costs are if we don't.

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Why this event series? – Earlier this year, people in the US and around the world came together to protest against institutionalized racism and racialized violence.

At the Zukunftskolleg, we decided that we cannot stay silent at such a moment and expressed our solidarity with this movement. In order to translate this solidarity into action, we set up a plan of action consisting of a number of commitments.

This event series is part of our commitment to address institutional racism in our place of work, in research and teaching, in academia.

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2 December '20	What we mean when we talk about Race	Opening lecture	Andrea Lailach
19 January '21	Racism in film (film tba)	Film screening	
2 February '21	In the shoes of the African Scientist: The strive towards global acceptance	Roundtable & exhibition	Abena Yalley Dr. Victor Araujo Prof. Silvioi Aleimda
March '21	Latin American and European antiracist approaches	Talk/Panel	tba
April '21	Unravelling unconscious bias	Talk	Pragya Agarwal
April '21	Diversity training	Workshop (internal)	tba
May '21	Being Black in Germany	Panel	tba
May '21	How institutions can combat discrimination – measures at Uni KN	Working group	
June '21	Decolonizing Research – the case of Anthropology	Panel discussion	tba
July '21	Diversifying and decolonising curricula	Panel discussion	tba

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