



Bavarian American Academy  
Student Conference:

# **Structural Racism in the U.S.**

July 23/24, 2021

12 pm – 6.30 pm via Zoom

Keynote lectures are open for  
public, guest listeners are  
welcome to join.

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# Keynote Speakers

Friday, July 23, 2021 | 12.30 pm

Dr. Rosalind Hampton (University of Toronto):  
“Canadian Academia as Colonial Continua”

Discussing the development of higher education in the settler colonizing of Canada and in the transnational context of empire building, the talk will address contemporary contexts and take up notions of continua to critique social relations and the cycles through which coloniality is reproduced, as well as resisted and interrupted, within academia.



[Dr. Rosalind Hampton](#) works as an assistant professor of Black Studies in the Department of Social Justice Education at the University of Toronto. Her current areas of research, teaching and supervision include Black radical thought, arts, and activism; social relations in Canadian academia; student activism; informal and non-formal learning; and critical-creative praxis in Black Studies research and pedagogy.

# Keynote Speakers



**Dr. Cedric Essi** is a post-doctoral scholar at the collaborative research center “Law and Literature” at Osnabrück University (SFB 1385 “Recht und Literatur”). He graduated from the University of Würzburg, received his PhD in American Studies from FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg and also taught at the University of Bremen. Essi’s work focuses on critical race theory, cultural legal studies, as well as queer studies. He has been supported by research fellowships at Harvard University, UC Berkeley, and the University of Southern Denmark.

Saturday, July 24, 2021 | 12.30 pm

Dr. Cedric Essi (Osnabrück University):

“It’s all in the Family:

Kinship, Property, and Structural Racism after Trump”

The rise of Barack Obama to the White House was accompanied by national debates about the possibility of an imminent “post-racial” era in the United States. But in the wake of the Trump presidency, “structural racism” has become the new key term in mainstream diagnoses of the state of the Union. My talk traces how this shift has been shaped by changing notions of American kinship and highlights how historical links between kinship and property continue to determine racism in the Biden era.

# Conference Schedule | Friday, July 23, 2021



- 12.00 pm      **Welcome and Opening** (Heike Paul, Director of the Bavarian American Academy)  
**Introduction** (Grit Grigoleit, University of Passau)
- 12.30 pm      **Keynote lecture**  
**rosalind hampton** (University of Toronto): Canadian Academia as Colonial Continua
- 1.30 pm – 1.45 pm      **Coffee Break**
- 1.45 pm – 4.00 pm      **Session 1: Settler Colonialism & the Legacy of Enslavement**  
Chair: Stefanie Schuster (Ludwig Maximilians University)
- Judith Heilmann** (LMU): The Historical Reappraisal of Slavery at American Top Universities – The Examples of Harvard and Georgetown  
**Haley Snyder** (LMU): U.S.-Higher Education Institutions' Navigation of Race and Racial Justice: Emory University as Case Study  
**Anna-Angelica Nickel & Jonas Unold** (UP): Re-inventing Slavery?: the War on Drugs and Mass Incarceration of African Americans



**Betty Schaumburg** (LMU): College Athletes and the Equity Gap in Sports

**Franziska Baumann** (FAU): Defamiliarization in the Neo-Slave Narrative: Re-Conceptualizing the Past in Colson Whitehead's *The Underground Railroad*

4.00– 4.15 pm

Coffee Break

4.15 – 6.30 pm

Session 2: Representations on Stage and Screen

Chair: Alexandra Hauke (University of Passau)

**Lisa Oberhauser & Lorenz Weinberger** (UP): Black Directors in Hollywood & the Progress of the ‚Mammy‘: Black People on Both Sides of the Camera

**Lisa Schneider** (FAU): Color-Conscious Casting: A Case Study of *Hamilton*

**Marius Heise** (FAU): A Tale of Two Brothers: Negotiating Black Identity in *The Boondocks*

**Linda Bau** (LMU): *Dear White People* Taking up Space – Socially In and Outside the Show

**Nina Weiß** (FAU): The Revolution Will Be Black and Queer



12.30 pm

## Keynote lecture

**Cedric Essi** (University of Osnabrück): It's all in the Family: Kinship, Property, and Structural Racism after Trump

1.30 – 1.45 pm

## Coffee Break

1.45 – 4.00 pm

## Session 3: Exclusionary Practices

Chair: **James Baldwin** (University of Texas A&M)

**Anna Dettlaff & Lisa Woldrich** (UP): Who Can Rise 'from Rags to Riches'? How the Myth of the Self-Made Man Perpetuates Color-Blind Ideology

**Theresa Friede** (LMU): Diversity Work in Higher Education. A Transatlantic Comparison

**Olivia Ianniccheri** (LMU): Native Americans in U.S.- Higher Education

**Isabella Ziegler & Feyona Wentholt** (UP): African Americans during the Covid-19 Pandemic: A Case Study of Systemic Racism in U.S. Health Care

**Ingo Schwarz** (LMU): H.B.C.U. Basketball Players in the NBA



4.00 – 4.15 pm Coffee Break

4.15 – 6.30 pm Session 4: Achieving Social Justice?  
Chair: Jeffrey Opaleye (Prairie View A&M University, TX)

**Christoph Dorrance** (LMU): Democracy through Aristocracy? Debates on the Role of Education in *The Crisis*. How to Gain Recognition and Respect in a Systemically Racist Society

**Stefanie Frühwald & Vera Hönig** (UP): The Interest Convergence Theory Applied to the MeToo-Movement

**Kjell Brügge & P. Joaquín Suárez-Anzorena Demarchi** (UP): What has Changed? Analyzing Joe Biden's Attitude Towards the Black Lives Matter Movement through the Lens of Interest Convergence Theory

**Hana Vrdoljak** (FAU): Girls in the Hood: Black Feminist Thought in Contemporary Hip Hop Culture

**Yvonne Gräber & Dorothee Meyer** (UP): 'Kayne Western': the Impact of Microaggressions on Campus and How to Solve it

6.30 pm Wrap-Up & End of Student Conference