AFRIC 821
Race and Inequality

MONDAYS | 2PM – 4:40PM
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This course will examine the relationship between racialized identities and institutions that create inequality. We will also analyze how institutions perpetuate inequality based on the intersection of identities such as race, class, and gender. We will problematize the role of the institution of capitalism on development and the role of capitalism on nation building. Students will also explore how institutions shape racial identities and how African descendants are marginalized based on these institutions. While we will focus on the history of the relationship between Europe and underdevelopment on the continent of Africa, we will examine historical roots and contemporary manifestations of inequality in other contexts such as the United States and Brazil. In this class students will analyze various forms of inequality including wage and wealth inequality, political inequality, and social inequality such as educational inequality and unequal incarceration rates. Students will be expected to analyze how institutions shape inequality and will explore policy solutions to inequality adversely affects African descendants.

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