

Racial Justice, Equity and Power (RJEP) Conference



Rethinking Racialisation, Theory and Anti-Racist Practices
9 July 2025, 9.00am–5.00pm

Institute for Social Justice and Crime (ISJC)
School of Social Sciences and Humanities

University of Suffolk, Waterfront Building, 19 Neptune Quay, Ipswich, IP4 1QJ

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Conference Programme

TIME	AGENDA	LOCATION
9.00–9.25am (20 mins)	Registration and refreshments	Waterfront Foyer Waterfront Building
9.30–9.40am (10 mins)	Welcome and introduction Dr Linda Cooper Associate Professor and Deputy Director of the Institute of Social Justice and Crime	Room W1.29 First Floor Waterfront Building
9.40–10.30am (50 mins)	Keynote presentation <i>Unmuting marginalised voices: decolonising praxis and everyday resistance</i> Professor Khadija Mohammed Associate Dean, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, University of the West of Scotland	Room W1.29 First Floor Waterfront Building
10.40–12.00pm (80 mins)	Morning parallel panels	Waterfront Building

PANEL 1: Anti-racist practices and education in global contexts

Chair: Chrissie Da Costa

Leila Mouhib and Zehra Colak

Toward critical anti-racist praxis in education: resistance and transformative possibilities

Sharon Porter

Anti-racism and racial literacy training in schools

Michael Cole, Nariell Morrison and Mark Anderson

Reflections on launching a university-wide anti-racism in STEMMB special interest group

Room W1.14

First Floor

Waterfront Building

PANEL 2: Lived experience, intersectionality and racial justice

Chair: Ngozi Fulani and Katherine Allen

Alison Wiggins

Exploring the experiences of black and black-mixed women teachers working in London secondary schools and colleges

Jamila Thompson

Interrogating the experiences of race, racism and misogyny by black girls in education

Ania Couchinho

Intersectional power and identity dynamics in shaping black women's maternity

Room W4.18

Fourth Floor

Waterfront Building

PANEL 3: Dismantling knowledge and power

Chair: Lauren Smith

Saffron East

Antiracist education at the margins of the university: the Centre for Contemporary Cultural Studies and the Free Black University

Ibtihal Ramadan

Rethinking decolonisation: the vicious trap of interest convergence and interest divergence

Brent Cunningham

Diverse computing pioneers

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Waterfront Building

PANEL 4: Migration and mobility

Chair: Ufuoma Egbegbedia

Zakia Essanhaji

Whiteness as the academy's orientation: discursive drawings of Dutch academia's racialised and gendered boundaries

Soniya Ganvir

Is the migrant still melancholic? Producing the British South Asian

Mohammed Dhalech

Walking Hadrian's Wall: race, nature and historical memory

Room W4.19
Fourth Floor
Waterfront Building

TIME	AGENDA	LOCATION
12.00–12.50pm (50 mins)	Lunch	Waterfront Foyer Waterfront Building
12.50–1.40pm (50 mins)	Keynote presentation <i>Decolonising pedagogies: safe spaces for courageous conversations</i> Professor Heidi Safia Mirza Professor Emeritus Equality Studies in Education, Institute of Education, UCL, University of London	Room W1.29 First Floor Waterfront Building
1.50–3.10pm (80 mins)	Afternoon parallel panels	Waterfront Building

PANEL 5: Anti-oppressive theories, methodologies and pedagogies

Chair: Shamser Sinha

Rupesh Shah

The line and the circle – experiences of working on racial injustice in universities

Alison Wiggins

The Black Girls research collective project: using Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) to connect black and black mixed girls in school with the next generation of teachers

Sakina Jafri

Mapping the river of life: navigating identity construction among South Asian heritage teachers in London primary schools

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Waterfront Building

PANEL 6: Art, media and representation

Chair: Lauren Smith

Jamila Thompson

Social media as site for black feminism: black women's digital diaspora, collectivity and resistance

Victoria Burgher

Hosting change: porcelain as a tool for liberatory anti-racist practice

Marie Casafina-Orwin

Photovoice an act of resistance from Black women in academia in the UK

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Waterfront Building

PANEL 7: Lived experience, intersectionality and racial justice

Chair: Alina Rzepnikowska Phillips

Zana Vathi, Daniel Sage and Alexander Hay

Tiered, placed and gendered? The impact of nationality on academic careers in the UK

Sherelle Davids

The racialising implications of representative staff models: The enactment of widening access for Black students to elite universities

Siobhan O'Neill

Racially minoritised students' perceptions and experiences of racism in UK HE

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PANEL 8: Institutional policies, interventions and evaluations

Chair: Pere Ayling

Tré Ventour-Griffiths

Subatomic racism: anatomies of microaggressions

Natalie Quinn-Walker

Justice denied: racial bias and systemic failures in Central Park Five investigation. What have we learned? (Online)

Penny Rabiger

Against completion culture: permanent anti-racism in resistance to permanent racism (Online)

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3.10–3.30pm (20 mins)	Break	Waterfront Foyer Waterfront Building
3.30–4.30pm (60 mins)	PLENARY Chair: Chrissie Da Costa Leila Mouhib <i>Teaching as resistance: towards an abolitionist and decolonial praxis in university education</i> Remi Joseph-Salisbury <i>The limits of reform: critical race theory, abolitionist theory, and the fight against police in schools</i>	Room W1.29 First Floor Waterfront Building
4.30–4.45pm (15 mins)	Poetry performance Abe Gibson	Room W1.29 First Floor Waterfront Building
4.45–5.00pm (15 mins)	Final remarks and conference close	Room W1.29 First Floor Waterfront Building

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