

## Call for Papers

### **The Stubborn Persistence of Racism: Confronting Racial Inequality through Education and Action**

24<sup>th</sup>—26<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Centre for Education for Racial Equality in Scotland, University of Edinburgh, UK

While recent years have witnessed important developments in the politics of 'race', there is widespread agreement that racism is on the increase in almost all liberal democracies. Studies in Western nations including Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands and the United States, to name but a few, have identified pervasive structural inequalities and forces that continue to exclude (racial) minorities from mainstream activities. Collectively, this research has demonstrated that minorities have less access to participation, citizenship, power positions, jobs, housing, education and so on, and thus eventually fall toward the bottom of the structural arrangements in society. This conference aims to address the unequal relations of power that exist in European countries and elsewhere by inviting contributions that can be effectively grouped under the following thematic streams:

#### **Stream 1: Race in Higher Education**

Universities have the potential to be important spaces for critical debates about a range of topics that affect us locally and globally. However, the ability for universities to be at the forefront of pioneering discussions is undermined by the persistent underrepresentation of minority groups, women, people with disabilities and LGBT groups in leadership and professorial positions. The lack of diversity in university leadership is mirrored by the absence of diversity in student populations in particular disciplines and, most strikingly, at elite universities. This stream welcomes contributions about the place of race and other categories of difference within academia. We particularly welcome contributions that link the theme of race with the current internationalisation agenda.

#### **Stream 2: Teachers, Schools, and the Future of Anti-Racist Education**

Schools can be important sites for children and young people to critically encounter social justice ideas and practices. However, with policy trends emphasizing the marketisation of education and competition between schools through exam results, social justice in general and anti-racist education in particular are being increasingly marginalised. This stream welcomes papers examining ways in which teachers, school leaders and pupils are pushing the boundaries to preserve and extend anti-racist education in schools and classrooms.

#### **Stream 3: Organising and Mobilising for Social Justice**

In the current context of austerity and welfare retrenchment, we are witnessing a backlash against multiculturalism and an increase in popular support for populist, far right and illiberal political parties, groups and causes. This stream welcomes traditional academic papers, activist narratives and project reports documenting and critically analysing grassroots, national and/or international actions for anti-racism and social justice. We particularly encourage contributions focusing on the dilemmas of solidarity work and coalition building in these uncertain times.

#### **Stream 4: Contemporary Racist Discourse**

The social taboos against the free expression of racist sentiments have led to the development of discursive strategies or 'ways of talking' that enable majorities to present negative views about minority out-groups, whilst avoiding the damaging charge of being prejudiced. This stream welcomes papers that report samples of majority talk found in parliamentary debates, election campaigns and the media, as well as in everyday conversation and interpersonal communication in order to explore how racism is expressed through a more subtle and covert rhetoric.

## Keynote Speakers

Jane Elliott, Anti-racist activist and educator (To be confirmed)

Professor Gloria Ladson-Billings, University of Wisconsin Madison, USA

Professor Constant Leung, King's College London, UK

Professor Ninetta Santoro, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow and formerly Charles Sturt University, Australia

## Abstract Submission

Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be emailed to [ceres@ed.ac.uk](mailto:ceres@ed.ac.uk) by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014. When sending the abstract please state the title of proposed paper, author(s) name(s), affiliation, full contact details and specify for which stream you would like your abstract considered. You will be informed by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 whether your paper has been selected for the conference.

## Registration Fees

- Early Bird Three-day conference delegate registration (£200)

The Early Bird rate is only available till Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015. This applies to all online bookings and purchases orders received on or before 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

Registration fee includes conference delegate pack, evening reception on 24<sup>th</sup> June, lunch and refreshments. An additional fee of £32 will be charged for the conference dinner (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June). Conference dinner is optional.

- Three-day conference delegate registration (£275)

Registration fee includes conference delegate pack, evening reception on 24<sup>th</sup> June, lunch and refreshments. An additional fee of £32 will be charged for the conference dinner (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June). Conference dinner is optional.

- Day attendance Thursday (£170)

Registration fee includes conference delegate pack, lunch and refreshments. An additional fee of £32 will be charged for the conference dinner (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June). Conference dinner is optional.

- Day attendance Friday (£170)

Registration fee includes conference delegate pack, lunch and refreshments.

- Community voluntary organisation (£100 per day) Limited spaces

Registration fee includes conference delegate pack, lunch and refreshments. An additional fee of £32 will be charged for the conference dinner (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June). Conference dinner is optional.

- Student rate (£70 per day) Limited spaces

Registration fee includes conference delegate pack lunch and refreshments. An additional fee of £32 will be charged for the conference dinner (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June). Conference dinner is optional.

Please note that delegates are responsible for organising their own accommodation.

Further information on the programme and accommodation will be placed on the website [www.ceres.education.ed.ac.uk](http://www.ceres.education.ed.ac.uk) in the next few weeks.