

A CRITICAL SYNERGY: CRITICAL RACE THEORY AND DECOLONIALITY



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Prof. Dr. Ali Meghji will present the theme of his new book *A Critical Synergy: Race, Decoloniality, and World Crises* (Temple University Press, 2023), namely the convergences and divergences between critical race theory and decolonial thought. He argues that they have explicit divergences in the way that critical race theory commits to a presentism and methodological nationalism, compared to decolonial thought's historical and transnational focus. Despite these differences, he asserts that the two approaches can be used in tandem with one another, and demonstrates this using the case study of the rise of far-right populism in Brexit Britain and Trump America. In total, this talk advocates for a 'synergy' between critical race theory and decolonial thought, which pays attention to both national racialized social systems and global coloniality.

Dr Meghji is Associate Professor of Social Inequalities in the Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge. He is the author of *Decolonizing Sociology* (Polity Press, 2020), *The Racialized Social System: Critical Race Theory as Social Theory* (Polity Press 2021) and *Black Middle Class Britannia: Identities, Repertoires, Cultural Consumption* (Manchester University Press, 2019). He is editor-in-chief of *Sociology Compass*, and sits on the editorial board of *Cultural Sociology* and the *British Journal of Sociology*.

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