The annual conference of Millennium: Journal of International Studies will take place on 22-23rd October 2016 at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

From ‘Rhodes Must Fall’ and ‘Black Lives Matter’ to Charlie Hebdo and Cologne, from the riots in Gujarat and urban London to the persecution of the Uyghurs and the Roma, from the global refugee crisis to the growth of extremism and Islamophobia—the past years have shown that race and racism are woven into the fabric of international politics.

In the academic field of International Relations (IR), race nonetheless continues to be seen as a domestic issue—or alternatively, as a historical phenomenon, as something that was relevant in bygone eras but which the discipline has sufficiently dealt with. Indeed, while there has been a drive for more global and non-Eurocentric IR scholarship, little has been done to interrogate, problematise, and confront what W.E.B. du Bois described as the problem of ‘the global colour line’. In light of this, Millennium aspires to open new and critical grounds for debate and discussion regarding the imprints and effects of race and racism in contemporary world politics.

This conference aims to interrogate and theorise what it means to live in a racialised world. Where is race in IR theory and why is it so rarely addressed? Can modern social and political thought be “unwhitened”? How do racial differences, cultivated by slavery, conquest, colonialism and genocide, continue to inform debates on democracy, good governance, military intervention, and liberal empire? What is the link between race and capitalism? Have multiculturalism, liberal tolerance, and secularism failed? How does race feature in discussions on immigration, security, environmental politics, and global distributive justice? How do racial identities interact with notions of gender, class, ethnicity, and nationality? What are the genealogies and hidden histories of race in IR as a profession? Where and how are conceptions of race contested?

Aiming to develop critical, philosophical, empirical, and normative thought, Millennium welcomes the submission of abstracts (250 words maximum) and panel proposals (with a minimum of 3 abstracts) on these and related topics. A selection of the conference papers will be featured in Millennium: Journal of International Studies, Vol. 45, No. 3.

Keynote Lecture: Robbie Shilliam (Queen Mary, University of London)

Opening Address: LHM Ling (New School, New York) and Himadeep Muppidi (Vassar College, New York)

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