



French 403 Studies in Colonialism and Postcolonialism

“Race in/and the Republic”

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“Race has no place in the Republic.” This statement by former President François Hollande reflects both France’s representation of itself as a “colorblind” society, and its paradoxical relationship to multicultural difference. In a country whose demographics, politics and culture are marked by a long history of colonialization, racial issues continue to be at the core of numerous controversies and debates in the public sphere. Using fiction, film, art, social media and a range of sources from popular to “high” culture, the course will enable students to gain a better understanding of the visibility/invisibility of race, and in particular of blackness, in the French everyday, while relating it to wider debates about the articulation of migration, ethnicity, sexuality and citizenship in the new Millennium.

Course taught in French

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