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Dr. Dena Montague

Political Economy of Racial Inequality in “Colorblind” Republican France

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France has relatively low levels of income inequality. Yet due to the strength of its “colorblind” ideology, race is not accounted for in data measuring inequality and poverty.

In this talk, Dr. Montague evaluates the impact of labor market segmentation, dualism in the labor market, inequalities produced by the structure of the French welfare state, and data on poverty. She argues that there is evidence that France has high levels of intergroup inequality and persistent poverty disproportionately impacting Blacks.

If so, “colorblind” political and economic policies may be institutionalizing bias, ultimately sustaining racial inequality.