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Dismantling Whiteness: Critical White Theology

Hosted by the Oxford Centre for Religion and Culture

Saturday 17th April 2021

A day conference to be held online

Call for Papers

'Whiteness is a claim to power, it's a claim to rightness, it's a racialized claim and there is no such thing as being white and being a Christian, you have to resist that identity.' (A.D.A. France-Williams, 2020)

'We are immersed in the privilege and narrowness that whiteness has afforded practical theology... The work of white scholars critically assessing white racial projects in theology more broadly and practical theology in particular is in a nascent stage, requiring more attention from a broader range of scholars' (Beaudoin and Turpin, 2014)

'White English Christianity must commit to a radical and ruthless critique of its Whiteness' (A. Reddie, 2020)

This conference, hosted by the Oxford Centre for Religion and Culture, will lead to a special issue of Practical Theology in 2021. It will be the first of its kind in the UK as we begin the vital work of examining the implications of White Studies for Theology.

The conference will be held online, on a Saturday, to ensure the widest participation possible.

Book your place via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dismantling-whiteness-tickets-134884137085>

We welcome offers of papers from both practitioners and academics, interrogating Whiteness in church communities, ministerial practice, political engagement, and theological production.

As well as academic papers, contributions are welcome in other forms:

- responses to events
- interviews
- “soap box” articles (where an author shares a strong opinion)
- case study reports or shorter accounts of practice
- auto/biographical reflections
- poetry or short stories
- book reviews
- creative pieces utilizing art, music, video etc.

Length of contributions: 25 minutes

Abstract: 150 words

Deadline: **31st January 2021**

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