The goal of the UCLA International Institute's Black Lives Matter: Global Perspectives webinar series is to facilitate cross-cutting conversations about the urgency of our political moment and its connections to past and ongoing uprisings against racial injustice and state violence around the world. The series aims to provide a platform for scholars, students and activists to deepen our collective understanding of the structure and experience of racial oppression and the long struggle for racial justice worldwide.

Among the questions the series will explore are: How are racial justice movements around the world similar and distinct? How are they connected to one another and to other struggles for social justice? How have struggles over trauma, memory and representation played out in different countries? And how do we build locally and globally on the momentum of recent Black Lives Matter protests to bring about a more just and equal world?

Students are especially encouraged to the webinars, as they directly touch on the theoretical frameworks taught in the study of the processes of colonialism, imperialism, internationalism and globalization.

**Friday, October 23**
4:00 p.m.
**Contextualizing BLM in the History of Slavery and Segregation**
"Black Lives Matter: Historical Roots," Brenda Stevenson, Professor and Nickoll Family Endowed Chair in History, UCLA
“Can Black Lives Matter in a Black Country? Notes from Jamaica,” Deborah Thomas, R. Jean Brownlee Professor of Anthropology and, Director, Center of Experimental Ethnography, University of Pennsylvania
Moderator: Jenny Sharpe, Professor of English, Comparative Literature and Gender Studies, UCLA

**Thursday, November 19**
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
**Global Movements against Racial Capitalism:**
**Conversations across Latin America and Asia and the Pacific**
“‘Gulag’ North Korea? Black Antifascist Critique of U.S. ‘Police Action’ in Korea,” Christine Hong, Associate Professor, Literature Department and Critical and Ethnic Studies, UC Santa Cruz
“Racial Capitalism and Solidarity Movements from the Americas to the Globe,” Anne Garland Mahler, Associate Professor of Spanish, University of Virginia
Friday, January 22, 2021
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Abolitionist and Emancipatory Futures: Anti-Racist Struggles and Climate Justice
“Southern Africa is Burning – Strategic Disruption and The South African Climate Justice Charter,”
Vishwas Satgar, Associate Professor of International Relations, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa; environmental scholar-activist; editor, Democratic Marxism book series
“Abolition and Climate Justice in Transnational Perspective,” Malini Ranganathan, Associate Professor, School of International Service, American University
Moderator: Kian Goh, Assistant Professor of Urban Planning, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs

Friday, January 29, 2021
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
From Ethnography to Ethno-Graphic: Representing the Work of the Police
Didier Fassin, James D. Wolfensohn Professor of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University; and Annual Chair in Public Health, Collège de France
Discussants: Asli Bali, Professor of Law, UCLA School of Law; Faculty Director, UCLA Law Promise Institute for Human Rights
Aomar Boum, Associate Professor of Anthropology, UCLA

February 12, 2021
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Spy, Patrol, Police: Black Life and the Production of Epidemiological Knowledge from Atlanta, Georgia to Freetown, Sierra Leone
Adia Benton, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences, Northwestern University

April 16, 2021
10:00 – 11:45 a.m.
Black Lives Matter in Belgium: Reckoning with Legacies of Colonialism, Violence and Contemporary Racism
Debora Silverman, Distinguished Professor of History and Art History, UCLA, and University of California Presidential Chair in Modern European History, Art and Culture
Stef Craps, Professor of Literature and Director, Cultural Memory Studies Initiative, Ghent University, Belgium; past holder of the Antoon Van Dyck Chair for the History and Culture of the Low Countries at UCLA
Sibo Kanobana, Ph.D. student in sociolinguistics, Department of Translation, Interpreting and Communication, Ghent University, Belgium
Friday, May 7, 2021
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Book Talk: “African Europeans: An Untold History”

Olivette Otele, Professor of the History of Slavery and Memory of Enslavement and Chair, Race Equality Commission, Bristol University; Fellow and Vice-President, Royal Historical Society

Discussants: Dominic Thomas, Madeleine L. Letessier Professor and Chair, Department of European Languages and Transcultural Studies, UCLA

SA Smythe, Assistant Professor, Departments of African American Studies and Gender Studies, UCLA