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The idea of race continues to be controversial. In spite of different historical developments in various parts of the world, the meaning of race and its significance remains an open issue.

Some of the questions this conference seeks to address are: Why do the issues that surround race continue to be important? Is race a useful construct? How are systems of racial classification and identity manifested in social institutions and relationships? What are the parameters of race, racism, and the teaching of “race” in higher education? We seek individual papers, panels, workshops, and posters from multiple disciplinary perspectives that can include but are not restricted to the following topics: Race and identity in different cultures; Race, gender, ethnicity, color, and class; Race in the Obama era; Race and diversity in higher education; The concept of post-racialism in history and society; Race and popular culture; Race and urbanization; Race changes: Racial formation, then and now; Race and identity in local and global perspective; Race, continuity, and change; Implications of racial discourse; Race and ethnicity: similarities and differences; Race and power; Race, Gender, Class; Race and Labor; Race in Politics. Confirmed Speakers: Dr. Robin D.G. Kelley, University of Southern California; Dr. Paul Finkelman, Albany Law School; Dr. Isar P. Godreau, University of Puerto Rico, Cayey; Puerto Rico; Dr. Irene Silverblatt, Duke University; Dr. Rogers Smith, University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Tera W. Hunter, Princeton University.

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