

# COURSE DETAIL

## RACE AND CULTURE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

**Country**

Brazil

**Host Institution**

Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro

**Program(s)**

Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

International Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

136

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

B

**UCEAP Official Title**

RACE AND CULTURE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

RACE CULTR INTL REL

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

**Course Description**

Conventionally, the discipline of International Relations tends to either obliterate or ascribe race and racism as categories to a subsidiary role in the mainstream scholarships that organize, structure, and regulate the borders of its field of inquiry, which has deep implications on how we imagine and articulate political interventions. In such framework, IR reiterates a view of world politics and of the interstate system that privileges the perspective of the Western and Westernized dominant powers and reifies the historical and cultural subject position of white and 'whitened' groups, globally. The course investigates world politics from the premise that the underlying condition of the international order, as we know it, and the (post)colonial geographies that it has historically been built upon is permanent racialized violence and multiple antiblack codes. Therefore, the aim is to explore the explanatory agency of race and racism as analytical categories in multiple international contexts and political conjunctures, drawing particularly from the African and Afrodiasporic scholarships, which also include the so-called Black studies. This epistemological and methodological move towards African and African diasporic intellectual traditions is premised upon the perceived need to question the persistent monopoly on author-hood over what can be said, known, and consequently done about the international, the global and the national time-spaces.

**Language(s) of Instruction**

English

**Host Institution Course Number**

IRI9776

**Host Institution Course Title**

RACE AND CULTURE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

**Host Institution Course Details**<https://www.puc-rio.br/ferramentas/ementas/ementa.aspx?cd=IRI9776>

**Host Institution Campus**

PUC-Rio

**Host Institution Faculty****Host Institution Degree****Host Institution Department**

International Relations

**Course Last Reviewed**

2025-2026

[Print](#)