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Formations of difference. How Italians map, imagine, and learn to categorize other groups based on descent

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The seminar will be available also in streaming. Registration at: segreteria.srs@unitn.it

The sociological *doxa* about racism tells that the “new” racism targets cultural difference and has got rid of the old idea of “race”. However, if we look behind public statements and beyond the superficial structures of language, we discover a different story. To do that, however, it is necessary to use an analytical framework that distinguishes between the concepts, rhetoric and grammar that govern statements on others. Using different strategies to make people speak about difference, we can uncover a fragmented map populated by paradigmatic figures and configurations of difference, that articulate ideas of culture, biology, and temperament in sometimes unexpected ways.

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