



This module surveys the development of American ideas about race and ethnicity from 1940 to the present day. This is a class in intellectual history and will appeal to students who are interested in the methods of this historical approach. However, we will relate the ideas we encounter to their broader political and social context; in this case, particularly as they pertain to the history of American racism, the struggle for racial equality, and the history of American immigration. The primary readings will be works by American intellectuals who shaped debate on these issues such as Gunnar Myrdal, Kenneth and Mamie Clark, Amy Uyematsu, and Ta-Nehisi Coates.