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COLOURED, CATEGORIZED, CAPITALIZED: IDENTITY, TRAUMA, AND RACIAL CAPITALISM IN POST-APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA

This presentation examines the complex formation and lived realities of *Coloured* identity in South Africa, tracing its origins in colonial and apartheid-era racial categorization. I explore how these categories have been structured and maintained through the logics of racial capitalism, producing both social and economic hierarchies. The analysis highlights the ongoing violence embedded in these systems and the ways individuals and communities navigate, resist, and work through the traumas associated with marginalization. Drawing on empirical findings, this research situates *Coloured* identity not as a fixed category but as a socially and economically mediated process, revealing how historical logics of race continue to shape contemporary experiences. The presentation offers insights into the interplay between identity, structural inequality, and resilience in a context shaped by racialized economic relations.



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