Critical Ethnic Studies and Visual Culture

This new book series from the University of Washington Press engages insights from critical ethnic studies and visual culture, and encourages innovative interdisciplinary antiracist work that challenges and transforms our understandings of race, ethnicity, and the visual. With new interdisciplinary programs and increasing attention at national and international conferences, these fields are growing, involving scholars, students, archivists, activists and artists nationally and globally.

Focusing on art, new media, art history, visual anthropology, visual culture, craft, fashion, and other forms of cultural expression, the series brings together works that engage decolonization and social justice with an interdisciplinary and intersectional emphasis on race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, disability, and gender. The series will include books that center visual arts and media by, for, and about people of color, and themes engaged will include anti-capitalism, reparations, abolition, sovereignty, and the afterlife of slavery. Books will also feature critical work on white supremacy, settler colonialism, land dispassion, resource extraction, and cultural appropriation. Aligned with the dynamic character of critical ethnic studies, new work may also engage themes of borders, migration, diasporas, and transnational work, and the relationship of the visual to these movements.

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