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BLACKNESS IN BRITAIN 2015

'The Black Special Relationship'

African American scholarship and its impact on Black intellectual life in Britain

30 -31 October 2015
Birmingham City University

Confirmed Keynotes:
Professor Patricia Hill Collins
Dr Barnor Hesse
Professor Gus John
Professor Denise Ferreira De Silva

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The Blackness in Britain conference series is concerned with the past and future histories and narratives of Black populations in the UK and the wider African diaspora. In our second interdisciplinary conference we invite scholars, intellectuals and activists to examine how Black British intellectual life has been influenced by African American scholarship. Despite the absence of Black Studies programmes in British Universities, Black communities in the UK have a long history of community activism that has been deeply engaged with the scholarship of Black America. From as early as the Pan-African Congress 1945 to current day community and online activism, Black individuals and communities in Britain have created dynamic intellectual spaces outside of the academy to engage in debates and to organise political activity around the ideas of Black Feminism, Black Nationalism, Black theology, Black Psychology, Afrocentricity, Pan-Africanism and Garveyism in order to resist and strategize against, imperialism, colonialism and racialised forms of oppression.

The conference invites a broad range of papers on Black experiences in Britain, with no limit on topics of the presentations.

Topics can include but are not limited to:

Conceptualising Black Studies in Britain	Black Nationalism
Black feminist activism and scholarship	Faith, theology, religion and blackness
Pan-Africanism in Britain	Black philosophies
Community organising and activism	Black space, black geographies
Blackness, sexualities and sexual politics	African diasporic borders
Gender politics	Blackness and education studies
The legacy of 'New Ethnicities'	Blackness and health studies
Black music and popular culture	Blackness, socialism and social class
Scholarship and activism	Black activism online
Racisms	African centred thought
Neoliberalism, colonialism, imperialism	Decolonial politics

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