

POLICING RACIAL CAPITALISM





“We continue to find that the prison is itself a border..
There is a very specific political economy of the prison
that brings the intersections of gender and race,
colonialism and capitalism, into view.”
— Angela Davis and Gina Dent



ABOUT THIS MODULE

- What are prisons? How is state violence linked to extraction and accumulation? Should the police be abolished?
- This module examines the relationship between racism, capitalism, and state violence. Drawing on black Marxism, post/decolonial theory, (trans, queer) feminism, and critical indigenous studies, together we explore the colonial and interconnected history of borders, detention centres, prisons, police, and surveillance. By moving from the local to the global and back again—from Grenfell to Guantanamo, Windrush to Palestine, Yarl’s Wood to Standing Rock—we think about how state violence has been a constant feature of racial and colonial capitalism. In doing so, we ultimately explore what an abolitionist world without prisons, police, and borders might look like.

Race Today

VOICE OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN FEBRUARY/MARCH 1982
PRICE 70p



TOPICS

- Police, property, political economy
- Bobby to Babylon: imperial boomerangs
- Captive genders: policing sexuality
- Surveillance, mass incarceration, and the neoliberal city
- Borders and the criminalisation of mobility
- Sexual violence, carceral feminism
- Extraction and the control of nature
- Architectures of occupation: Palestine to Standing Rock
- Abolitionist futures



WHY TAKE THIS MODULE?

- A critical and interdisciplinary approach to the study of racial capitalism
- Focused on the colonial history of policing, bordering, surveillance, and incarceration
- Strong emphasis on abolition and global resistance to state violence
- Case studies drawn from around the world
- Interactive and creative learning materials: we'll work with music, poetry, zines, podcasts, and more!



MODULE ORGANISATION

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- Structure
 - Weekly 3-hr seminar
- Assessment
 - Book review (1,000 words)
 - Essay (3,500 words)
 - Group presentation/
podcast

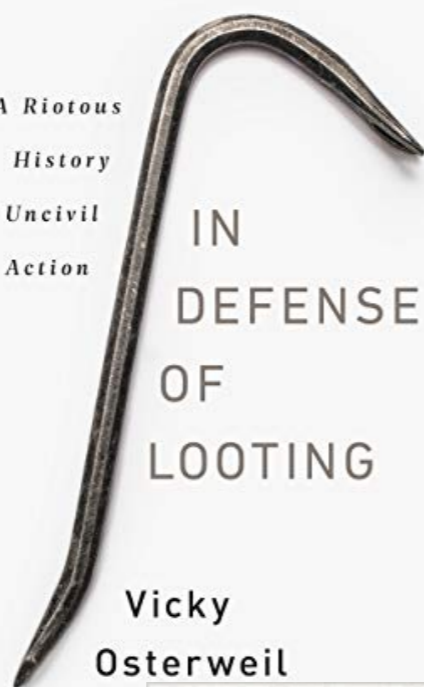
CRITICAL SOCIAL STUDIES

POLICING THE CRISIS

Mugging, the State, and Law and Order



A Riotous History of Uncivil Action



IN DEFENSE OF LOOTING

Vicky Osterweil

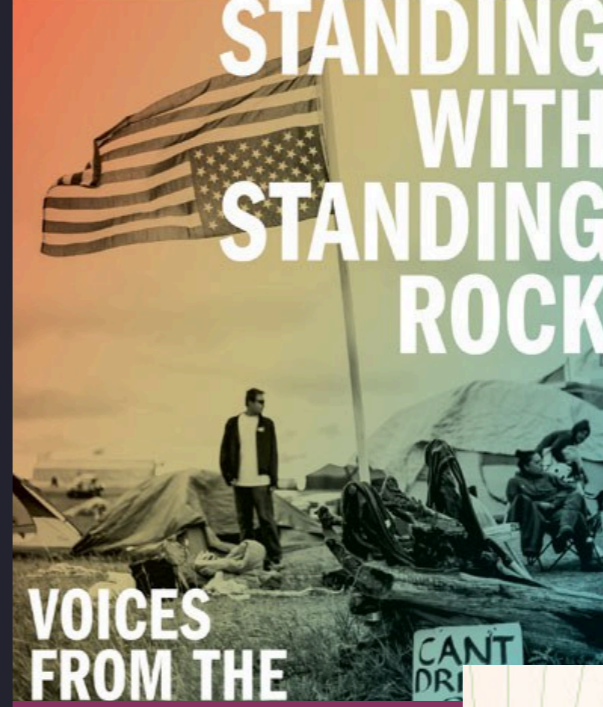
BECOMING ABOLITIONISTS

POLICE, PROTESTS, AND THE PURSUIT OF FREEDOM



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STANDING WITH STANDING ROCK



VOICES FROM THE

BLACK RESISTANCE TO BRITISH POLICING

ADAM ELLIOTT-COOPER

WE DO THIS TIL WE FREE

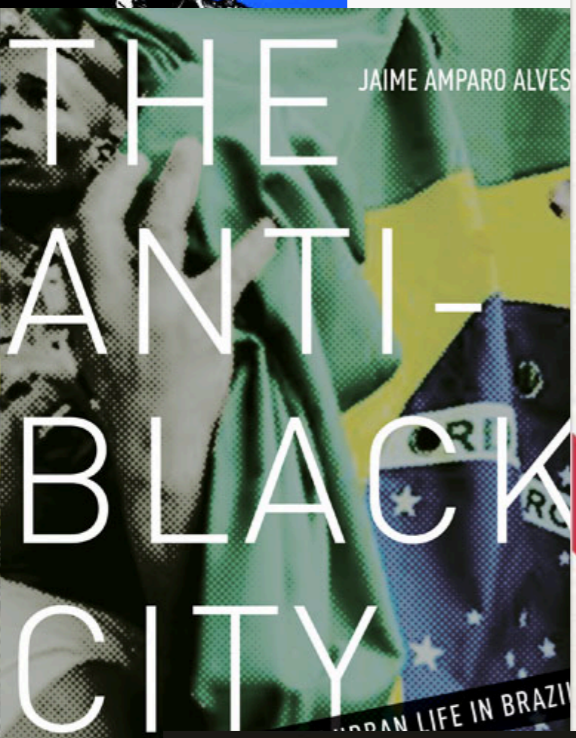
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ABOLITIONIST ORGANIZING AND TRANSFORMING JUSTICE

FROM SLAVE TO CRIMINAL WITH ONE AME

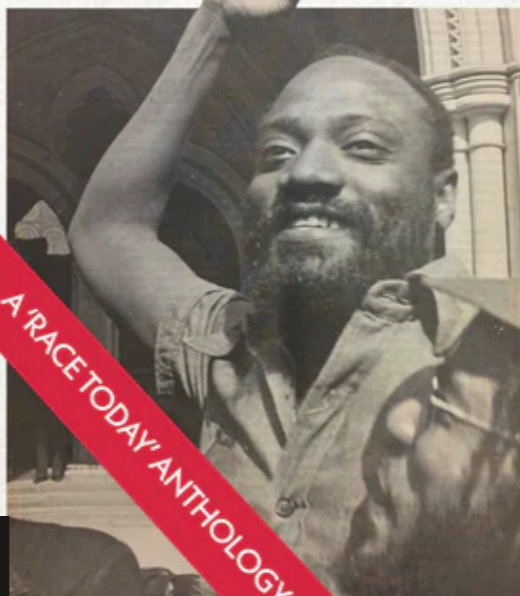
THE ANTI-BLACK CITY

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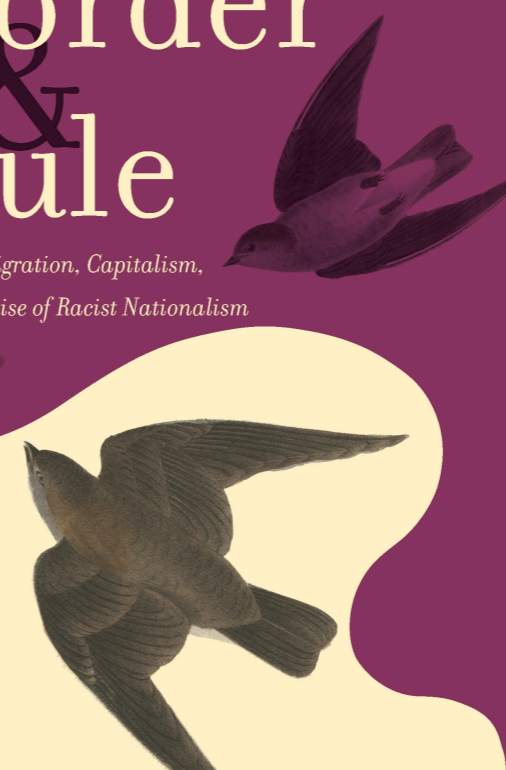
HERE TO STAY HERE TO FIGHT



A RACE TODAY ANTHOLOGY

Border & Rule

Global Migration, Capitalism, and the Rise of Racist Nationalism



RINALDO WALCOTT

ON Property



WHITE BORDERS

The HISTORY of RACE and IMMIGRATION in the UNITED STATES from CHINESE EXCLUSION

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CAPTIVE GENDERS

trans embodiment and the prison industrial complex



MODULE CONVENOR

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I'm a lecturer in Gender and Global Political Economy in the Department of International Relations. My research focuses on racial capitalism, state violence, and anti-colonial political thought. If you have questions about the module, please don't hesitate to get in touch—I look forward to hearing from you!

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CAN YOU HEAR IT?

A CHANGE IS COMING

NOW!