

# Race and Racisms: Examining Spaces of Racism in 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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Scientific Racism- Legacy today

# Week 1: Landscape, Race and Nation: Who Belongs Here? (UK): Flag shaggers of 2025

- 1995 (Kinsman), thirty years later, our summer of 2025 was consumed with the flooding of thousands of vernacular landscapes with the union flag and the St. George's flag, with the intent of striking fear into the hearts of those with a cultural sense of being 'outsider' or indeed 'non-citizen'.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JrMtohPzQu8>



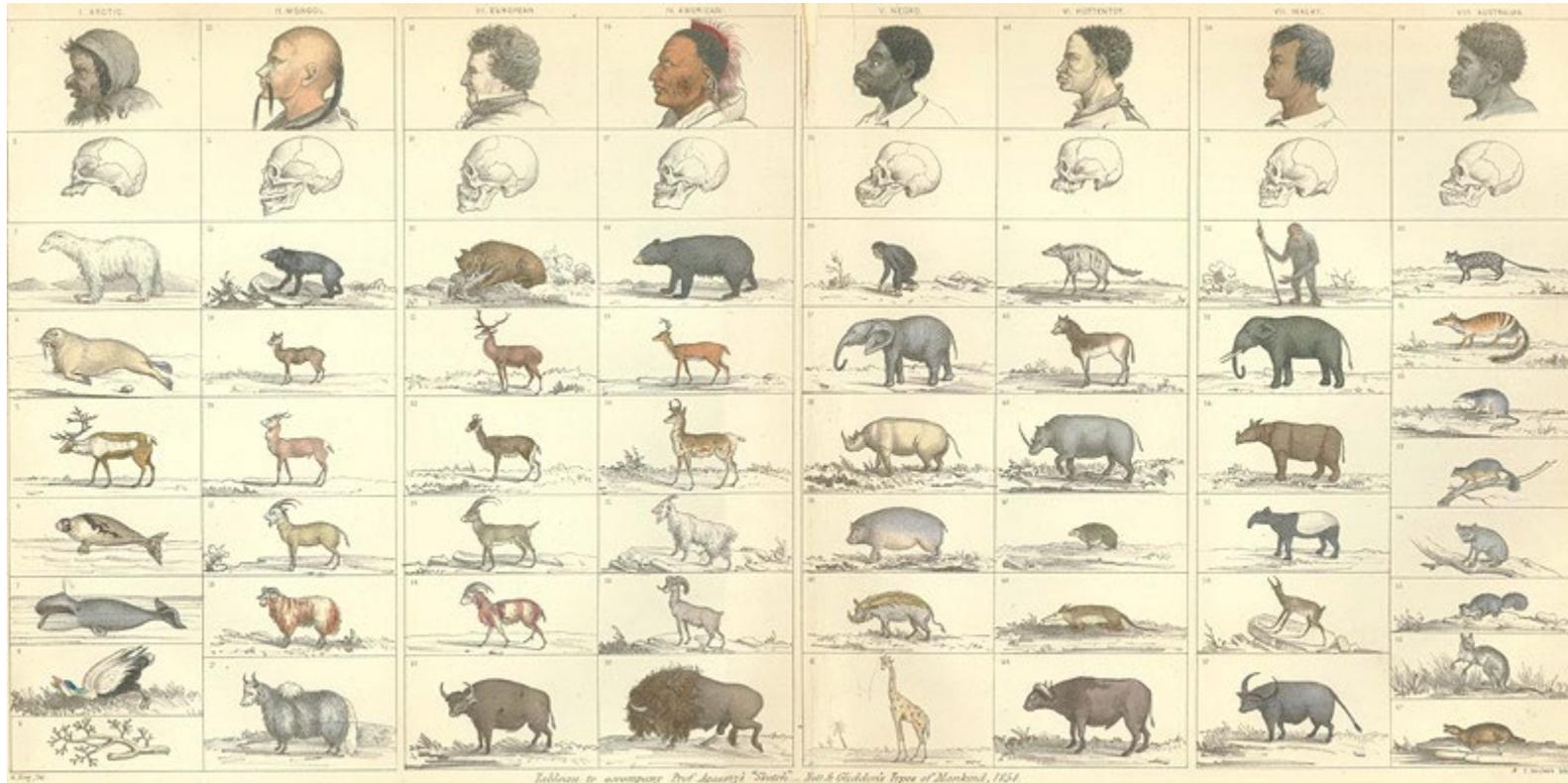


The *flag shaggers* parade of summer 2025, illustrated the rise in far-right nationalist populism, defying (see Lowenthal, 1994). This could be framed as an emotional landscape of feelings of post-Empire; representing the disempowerment of Britain, where engulfing the space left by imperial power is a voluminous loss, frustration and a resulting reactive nationalism (see Baker, 2024). In the absence of unity and pride in a more inclusive Britishness. The contestation of Black Britishness and the rise of populist nationalism is nothing new (see Hall, 1997; 2004; Hartl, 2021).

- His body was buried in Diospolis, Palestine where Christians soon came to honour him as a martyr



# Week 2: Imperial/ Colonial Views of Race: The Great Chain of Being: people in their place



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Institute for Historical Biology (<http://www.wm.edu/as/anthropology/research/ihb/index.php>)

## Session 4: Outline

- Geography's Role in Policing, Judiciary, Prison Systems
  - Gilmore, Jefferson, Yarwood, Bonnett
- UK
  - Riots 1981; 2001; 2011
  - (2025) Stephen Lawrence
  - McPherson Report (1999)
  - Baroness Casey: Sara Everard (2023)
  - Oct 2025 (Panorama investigation- no change)

# Race and Racisms: Spaces of the State: Prison, Policing and Judiciary USA / UK

The aim of this session show that racism is not only a US problem. Rather, racism is endemic and pervasive in the UK context, manifesting at every level of policing. From stop and search, to deaths after police contact, the authors highlight long-standing and widespread racist disparities in UK policing.

The Black Lives Matter protests of 2020. Whilst the catalyst was the death of George Floyd in the United States, the aim is to explore what the protests mean in the UK Policing Judiciary and Prison context. To do so, the authors draw upon recent high-profile examples of police racism, before situating those events within a wider landscape of racist policing.

The McPherson Report (1999) is examined as demonstrating that UK policing has to be understood as institutionally racist. The session takes up the challenges set by this Black Lives Matter moment and offers a critical take on policing that seeks to push the realities of UK racism.

The Brixton Riots 1981; Burnley, Bradford and Oldham 2001 riots; and the London Riots of 2011 are engaged with through Geographers and Sociologists account of the issues in depth. A close look at witness statements and BBC reports are engaged with. Ash Amin's response within the UK Government Enquiry is outlined and critiqued.