



What does Race owe to Religion?

Islam, Christianity, and Judaism in Medieval Spain and North Africa

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Today it is common to think of race and racism as originating in modernity, and especially in European colonization of the “New” world. But the word race itself was first applied to humans in medieval Spain, as a way of stigmatizing converts to Christianity from Judaism or Islam and their descendants. And long before Christians in Spain began to imagine that Judaism and Islam were reproduced biologically, Muslims in Spain and North Africa had developed similar ways of thinking about the deficiencies of people descended from converts. This lecture will explore the medieval encounters between Christianity, Islam, and Judaism that produced these reproductive logics, and trace their influence in later Muslim and Christian systems of enslavement and racial hierarchy in sub-Saharan Africa and the Americas.

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