

From slavery to #BlackLivesMatter

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Course type: online course – 18 hours – 5 ECTS

Language of instruction: English

Course description and objectives:

In the wake of the recent deaths of George Floyd and other African American citizens, the Black Lives Matter movement, initiated in 2013, has gained international coverage. This course will help you understand how the movement came about by looking back at the Black American struggle for equal rights. Topics covered will include slavery, the Reconstruction era after the Civil War, Black Codes, Jim Crow laws, lynching and the Ku Klux Klan, the NAACP, the Civil Rights Movement (1954 to 1968) and ensuing legislation, the history of incarceration and other aspects of systemic racism in the USA.

Teacher:

This course will be taught by a native English speaker, specialized in the Civil Rights Movement. Michèle Balouka has studied and taught in both American and French universities.

Online teaching method:

This online course is designed to be interactive. The learning management system Moodle will be used. Mandatory readings and videos to watch will be published on Moodle. Each week different students will be asked to give presentations on topics announced during the first class. Class discussion and input from the professor will follow.

Assessment:

Attendance and participation during the online classes will be assessed, in addition to the presentations and the essay students will be asked to write during the last class.