

# ON GRAFTING: GENEALOGIES OF RACE AND NATURE



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In this talk I want to trace alternative biologies of race and racism, not through the most common routes of blood, skin or gene, but through other biologies, particularly those related to grafting (asexual inheritance, trait and milieu) that have been continuously present but are rarely discussed with respect to modern forms of racism. I will also discuss the possibilities and dangers of excavating past and futurist biologies of race.

This is part of a larger project of defining the contours of a critical natural history approach to questions of environmental politics and difference.

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