

Interrupting Weaponized Care: Anti-Racism and Decolonial Worldmaking



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In our current moment during which anti-Asian racism has elicited responses of care and benevolence, the panelists at this event critically consider the multiple ways in which such gestures of concern too often occlude and even participate in reproducing ongoing forms of racism, violence, and settler colonialism. Do sentimental proclamations of the need to stop hate actually disrupt the structures of the institutionalized settler state and white supremacy? How does expressing “care” and “kindness” for some, enable the making of a racialized zone of killability and killing? How might solidarities across differences be built without reliance upon the liberal capitalist logics of private property, militarization, and accumulation, but instead draw from Asian diasporic feminist expressive cultures and indigenous geo-ontologies such as aloha ‘āina? The panelists will discuss these and other related matters around “care” and decolonial worldmaking through three presentations: “How to Have Solidarity with a Ghost: Haunting as Care in Chisato Hughes’ “Many Moons” (Prof. Hong); “Becoming Hoa: Hawaiian Political Thought and the Question of Settler Aloha ‘Āina” (Prof. Maile); and “How Colonial Racial Capitalism Gets Things Done (Administrating Killability as Care) and the Doings that Undo It” (Profs. Melamed and Reddy).

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