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Call for Papers: Special Edition on Race and Culture

The impetus given to the Black Lives Matter movement and to protests against racism around the world by the brutal killing of George Floyd by a white police officer in the US is an invitation to all of us to urgently examine our place in this struggle. This special edition represents an opportunity for systemic authors to describe the ways that colonialism, racism and structural inequalities are present in our lives and to delineate the ways that family therapy and systemic practice can respond.

We would welcome contributions to the special edition which:

- offer social/political analyses of how structural racism impacts upon the lives of systemic therapists and those who seek help from us and suggest responses
- deconstruct systemic practice and offer proposals for forms of practice that are more sensitive to the needs of people from different communities and takes greater account of the effects of racism
- explore the intergenerational impact of racism upon family systems
- provide examples of systemic practice that are culturally sensitive and address racism at the level of the individual, family, group or institution
- outline relevant research and findings that can contribute towards the development of systemic practice that will best meet the needs of minority communities
- develop systemic training, theory and practice in ways that address and tackle racist presuppositions and ideologies.

We welcome papers for this special edition which we anticipate will be published in August or November 2021. Please submit papers by January 31st, 2021.