This presentation explores the coming of age of a new, multidisciplinary academic field centered on the histories, cultures, and experiences of people of African descent in Latin America. How has this field evolved? What are its key questions? What do we learn about race and racism when we study them from Latin America? The field has developed in tandem with a variety of racially defined social, cultural and political movements that, taking advantage of democratization processes since the 1980s, have transformed how Latin Americans think about their region, culture and history. These movements have challenged traditional discourses on race and nation and demanded legislation and policies to address discrimination. As knowledge producers, how are activists shaping the research agendas of the future?


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