

**Beyond Black & White:
Intercultural Relations of Asians in NYC and the Americas
Saturday, June 15, 1991**

Program

- 9 - 9:30 am Registration
- 9:30 - 10 am Introduction: *Race in the Americas: Theories and Frameworks*
Michael Omi (Asian American Studies, UC Berkeley)
Clara Rodriguez (sociologist, Fordham University)
- 10 am - 12 pm *Asians & Race Relations in Latin America and the Caribbean*
Facilitator: Celia Alvarez (Teacher's College, Columbia Univ.)
Panelists:
Walton Look Lai (historian and activist researching Asian migration to the non-Hispanic Caribbean & 1990-91 Rockefeller Fellow, A/AC)
Humberto Rodriguez (anthropologist working on Chinese labor in Peru & 1990-91 Rockefeller Fellow, A/AC)
Basdeo Mangru (historian studying East Indian migration to British Guiana & 1990-91 Rockefeller Fellow, A/AC)
M.A. Samad-Matias (activist & specialist in migration studies, City College, CUNY)
Commentator: Aisha Khan (anthropologist, CUNY Graduate Ctr.)
- 12 - 1:30 pm Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30 - 4 pm *Re-thinking Inter-Group Relations in New York City*
Facilitator: Lourdes Marzan (Filipino activist)
Panelists:
Jenny Sook Nam Choo (Korean Americans for Social Concern)
Frankie Ramdar (Indo-Caribbean activist in NYC)
Roger Sanjek (anthropologist working on group interaction in NYC, Queens College, CUNY)
Monona Yin (Co-Chair, Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence)
- 4 - 5 pm Closing: *Challenges for the Future*
Dana Y. Takagi (sociologist, UC Santa Cruz & 1990-91 Rockefeller Fellow, A/AC)
Ruth Messinger (Manhattan Borough President)
John Kuo Wei Tchen (historian & Acting Director, A/AC)

The Asian/American Center is dedicated to the development of community-oriented research analyzing the multicultural experience of Asians in the Americas.

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In the United States race relations have been mainly thought of in Black-and-White terms. But the 1990 Census certainly proves--with the great increase of Latinos, Asians, and Caribbeans, among others--that this simple bipolar model no longer fits. New York City and the nation have become much more diverse and complex. Yet, our ways of describing and understanding this multi-cultural reality have not kept up with the changes. How can we better understand the intercultural relations of Asians and other New Yorkers? Are there other race relations experiences in Latin America or the Caribbean which better describe New York City today? How can alternative models help us formulate strategies for the coming years?

As concerned members of our various communities, we are usually too busy to stop and talk about these critical questions. This symposium offers a unique opportunity to begin this dialogue among diverse Asian doers and thinkers, along with concerned non-Asian New Yorkers. We seek to bring together community activists, scholars, students, cultural creators, human service providers, journalists, policy makers, and others to jointly explore these issues.

Admission is free. We only ask for your active participation during the day. Background readings are available in advance. Tables will be set up for anyone to bring flyers, literature about your organization, or display copies of publications. Please RSVP.

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