

[Understanding Race and Caste: Convergences and Divergences](#)

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About the Book

Historically, changing socio-economic and geo-political conditions have led to increased interactions between so-called Western nations and the majority world,^[1] thereby expanding opportunities to step into unchartered territories, exploit resources, and advance unequal politico-legal relationships. As there is only one human race, hierarchical superiority of whiteness is a social construct.^[2] Even though the term “racism” fuelled Nazi antisemitic ideology and policy against Jews, the “one drop” rule became a tool of white supremacy to sustained segregation and entrenched discrimination against Black people in the United States.^[3] The philosophical basis of *Karma* and other subjugating superstitious reasoning which validates segregation by a small dominant group reflects an integral part of the *caste* system in India. The caste is an engrained hierarchical social stratification fortified by patriarchal endogamy for thousands of years. Segregation in the caste system assigns ritual status and occupation, where *untouchability* is fundamental to

[4] the persistence of differential treatment of certain citizens under the law in India. ___
In Spite of Constitutional intervention in creating an egalitarian society, caste still plays a dominant role in accessing and accumulating resources in India. Across the continent of Africa, Asia, South America, the Caribbean, and all other places the act of slavery festered, a second class of discrimination exudes from white supremacy: colourism (skin tone discrimination). ___ [5] Although the collective identity of being Black is complex, CLR James laments the “rotten and corrupt slave society of San Domingo during the Haitian revolution, “[h]ad the monarchists been white, the bourgeoisie brown, and the masses of France black, the French Revolution would have gone down in history as a race war.” ___ [6] In essence, “blackness is a reflection of a mental attitude and not the pigmentation of one’s skin” ___ [7]

Topics to Consider

Focusing on research on racism and the casteism, the book aims to understand the similarities and divergences constituting horizontal and vertical spectra of discrimination, exclusion, and segregation. The editors are particularly interested in empirical studies, case studies, theoretical exploration, comparative discourse (and more) on racism and casteism at it relates to:

- Patriarchy
- Gender
- Education
- Health
- Employment
- Inequality
- Migration
- Politics
- Science
- psychology/mental health and more.

Authors are encouraged to explore innovative approaches to unraveling the complexities of racism and casteism.

Publication

The book proposal is currently under review by a major publishing house.

Manuscript Preparation Guidelines

- The chapter should be an original unpublished work and the title and content **must** focus on racism and casteism.
- The chapter should be no more than 8,000 words including footnotes.
- Each chapter should contain a title, name(s) of authors with affiliation(s) and email address(es), a 250-word abstract, and a 150-word biography.
- The citation format is Chicago Style of Manual, 17th edition (full-note)
- Font is in Times New Roman with a font size of 12, 1.5 line spacing, 2.54 cm page margins, justified. Footnotes should be in Times New Roman with font size of 10, single spacing, with both sides of the margins justified.
- Please **do not** use a cover page, header, footer, page numbering, border, or any formatting.
- The chapter should be written in British English.
- All submissions shall be in Microsoft Word.

NB: The publisher shall own the copyright of the book while authors retain copyright of their chapters.

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Timeline

- 250-word abstract: **31 March 2023**
- Acceptance of abstract: **30 April 2023**
- Full chapter: **31 July 2023**
- Peer review feedback **30 September 2023**
- Revised chapter: **15 October 2023**
- Final chapter submission: **15 December 2023**
- Proposed book publication: **March 2024.**

Submission

Submit 250-word abstract to pagia@tuki-tumarankeh.org by 31 March 2023.

All enquiries should be made to: pagia@tuki-tumarankeh.org

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— From Steve Biko's evidence given at the SASO/BPC Trial, 3 May 1976, available at: < <https://www.sahistory.org.za/archive/quotes-steve-biko>>.

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