There are many ways to understand how the state regulates and controls those within its domain along and between the lines of race and mental health. Whilst these two categories cannot be disentangled from the myriad other ways in which we are called upon by the state, reading race and mental health together may allow us to revisit the ways the state positions many of us along the axes of atavistic and civilized, fragility and strength, capability and incapacity, malice and disinterest, redeemable and irredeemable. A close and creative analysis of these logics, their contemporary and historic manifestations, and forms of resistance to these such logics may help us to imagine the possibilities for a different type of future world. These will be the themes of this two-day symposium.
Whilst the first day is dedicated to engaging with policy and legal frameworks for understanding the interaction between the state (predominantly policing institutions) and civilians at the intersection of race, gender and mental health, the second day aims to examine ‘the state’ more broadly. Using a range of disciplinary perspectives from the humanities, arts and social sciences, the second day aims to critically examine the field of tension at the interface of the state logics of race and mental health.

Both calls are open to any discipline, though the first may perhaps speak more to law, social science, criminology and politics while the second may speak more to the humanities. For particularly outstanding contributions and some plenary talks, there may be a possibility of reimbursement for travel to London.

**Call 1: Policing at the intersection of race, gender & mental health**

Papers should examine issues in policing at the intersection of race and mental health, and where relevant, gender and migrant status. These foci are not exclusive, but they will be important for focusing the conversations. The focus of the paper will be on legal, policy and social-scientific analysis; however, papers from other disciplines will be considered. Activists and advocates are welcome to submit contributions, and these must not necessarily take the form of academic papers. Potential paper topics include:

- Contemporary issues or cases in law, policy and advocacy
- Analysis of patterns, structures and logics of policing at this intersection
- Empirical study of policing at the intersection of race, gender and mental health
- Race, psychiatry and criminology
- Race, mental health and criminal justice
- Institutional racism, mental health and state violence
- Review of policing programmes and structures

**Call 2: Imagining state encounters of race and mental health: Law, literature and the image**

Proposals for this call should not be exclusively law or policy oriented. The approaches may include but are not limited to the medical humanities, critical race theory, literary or cultural criticism, visual arts and psychoanalysis. Topics may include (non-exhaustive):

- Creative ways of exploring the role of the state in engaging with people at the intersection of race and mental health
- Analysis of photographs, film or music to engage with state logics the intersection of race and mental health
- Connections between the state logics at the intersection of race and mental health with colonialism, empire and exploitation
- Interdisciplinary approaches to analysing state logics at the intersection of race and mental health and exclusion based on gender, sexuality, religion, disability and migration status
- Exploration of utopian or dystopian futures

To submit a proposal, email an abstract of 500 words max. to Dr Eddie Bruce-Jones (e.bruce-jones@bbk.ac.uk) for Call 1 or Dr Monish Bhatia (m.bhatia@bbk.ac.uk) for Call 2 by Friday, 16th February. Early submissions may be confirmed prior to this deadline.