

How should we conceptualize the spousal relationships of 'mixed race' people?

Open lecture by Prof. Miri Song

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In studies of migration and immigrant adaptation, interracial unions (with White people) in North America and Europe have tended to be understood as a key litmus test of integration for the non-White partner. Drawing on a new study of three different mixed heritage populations in the US (American Indian-White, Black-White, Asian-White), I argue that theories of intermarriage need rethinking, especially in relation to part-White mixed people. What constitutes intermarriage (or out-marriage) for mixed people, since these theories are premised on monoracial individuals? Through a discussion of interviews with different types of mixed people, I explore the nature of racial and ethnic overlap between mixed individuals and their spouses, and what it may mean for how they experience and negotiate their relationships.



Professor Song joined the University of Kent, after completing her PhD at the London School of Economics (1996), MSW at the University of Wisconsin (Madison) and her BA at Harvard University (1986). After graduating from university, she worked for a few years for a newspaper, and in a women's homeless shelter in New York City.

Professor Song's research interests include ethnic identity, 'race' and 'mixed race', racisms, migration (in its many forms) and immigrant adaptation. Over the years, she has been involved in British, European and North American research networks, including IMISCOE (International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion), the American Sociological Association, and the British Sociological Association.



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