

# RESEARCH FORUM 2021-2022

Department of Political and Social Sciences

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**Dr. Edward Telles**

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*will present*

**American Exceptionalism and  
Interracial Marriage Across Four  
Continents**

## Abstract

This is the first systematic comparison of interracial marriage across a broad set of countries. Specifically, we compare black-white intermarriage in Brazil, Cuba, South Africa, the United States and United Kingdom and find interracial marriage differences vary widely across countries and educational attainment patterns are inconsistent. Despite increases in recent decades, U.S. black-white intermarriage levels are the second lowest. Controls for interracial exposure and commitment have only small effects. Theoretically, we find support for a Latin American system of greater interracial marriage, mixed support that racial rigidity affects intermarriage and little support that higher education portends greater racial intermarriage.

## Speaker's bio

Dr. Edward Telles is a Distinguished Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Irvine, and former professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara. A member of the Academy of Arts and Sciences, Professor Telles has reoriented the field of Sociology beyond the U.S. black-white paradigm through his research and writings on color, race and ethnicity globally, particularly in Latin America and for Latinos in the United States.

A recipient of numerous awards in the field of immigration and race, Telles' work has been hailed as path-breaking. The principal investigator on the Project on Ethnicity and Race in Latin America (PERLA), his work has been closely empirical and based mostly on social surveys, several of which he collected.

Professor Telles' work is well known in Latin America, and has been widely published in Spanish and Portuguese.