

## **ADVANCED TOPICS IN CRITICAL RACE THEORY: ECONOMIC JUSTICE (INTENSIVE SHORT COURSE)**

**Course Number: 24 IRTS 777      Call Number: 000099**

**Teacher:** Houh

**Credit(s):** One (1) classroom credit

**Primary basis for grade:** Short writing assignments and class participation; Letter Grade

**Prerequisites:** None

**Type of class:** Short course

**Enrollment:** Open

**Meets Seminar Requirement?** No

**Meets Writing Requirement?** No

**Meets Client Counseling Requirement?** No

**Meeting Times:** TBA

**Location:** 100B

**Course description:** This course will explore how the law and the marketplace create and preserve economic inequality according to different social identity categories, with a particular emphasis on the identity category of race, while maintaining a stance of “neutrality.” The course will critically analyze the inter-relatedness of law, markets, and identity using frameworks from classic market theory, law and economics, critical race theory, and feminist legal theory. One objective of the course is to provide critical analytic skills to students so that they may develop contemporary critiques of classic market and legal structures for the purpose of aiding subordinated communities in the pursuit of economic justice. By so doing, students should be able to negotiate more effectively the societal tension between “efficiency” and “equality” in the law and in the marketplace. The course and the materials are designed for students who do not have formal training in economics, but who are interested in cross-cutting issues of discrimination and unequal wealth that results from the history of cumulative and synergistic discrimination.

### **Special Notes:**

**This is an intensive short course that will meet the week of August 16. The actual dates and times of the meetings that week will be announced on the website during the summer.**

**Students may take only 1 short course during this week.**