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Unthinking the Nation-State: Towards a Critical Ethnic Studies Project

This session gathers scholars working on a variety of themes pertaining to the field of Ethnic Studies, the objective of this session is to raise a conversation about an approach to racial knowledge that moves beyond the identity-based paradigm and its investment in the nation-state, in terms of symbolic and legal recognition. Instead, this approach would invest in the formulation of intellectual and political strategies that target directly the matrix of power -- constituted by capitalism, conquest/settlement, heteropatriarchy, and white/European supremacy. Because this is a work-in-progress, the papers in this session introduce some of the concerns, themes, and analytical tools that can be used in this task.