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## CALL FOR PAPERS

### RACE-ISM

The next issue of *Etnofoor* is inspired by the central theme of the 2018 Dutch Anthropological Association Day (ABV): 'Anthropology in Troubled Times'. While times are of course eternally 'troubled', the issue focuses specifically on the increasing prominence of race and racism in today's world and contemporary mainstream politics. It asks how anthropology deals with, and positions itself, with regard to the rise of Alt-Right, white supremacy and police violence against people of colour, and means to examine populist movements that play on skin colour, religion, heritage, emotions of belonging and fear of the other. In reaction to these social and political dynamics, counter-movements are on the rise that increase awareness of structural forms of inequality, protest against state violence and the deportation of refugees, and call for decolonizing universities, curricula, museums and entire cities. The editors of *Etnofoor* invite authors to re-discover the 'classic' theme of race and racism and to explore what its relevance is in our discipline and classrooms today.

In particular, we mean to question what the role of anthropologists in increasingly polarizing discussions of race and racism is. Is it limited to de-constructing and contextualizing the term and its use and if so in what ways? Or is there a need, as Paul Stoller proposes in his recent call, for a more engaged public anthropology?<sup>i</sup> For example, how should we deal with racism in our classrooms today, and how to engage students in these debates regarding race. How 'coloured' are our own curriculum and teaching materials?

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Other questions that could be post for example concern whether there is a need to rethink race and racism, or do we consider ourselves well enough equipped to analyse current challenges, based on the long tradition of anthropological studies into these concepts? How is race avoided or used in research, for example in the sub-discipline of medical or forensic anthropology? What different forms of racism do we need to distinguish? Ghassan Hage's recent book *Is racism an environmental threat?* challenges us to rethink racism as solely a reaction of fear for the other, and to recognize how it is rooted in wider processes of domination and domestication. While he specifically zooms in on the ecological crisis, we invite authors to reflect on how racism relates to, and even exacerbates, global challenges more generally.

*Etnofoor* invites authors that engage with these issues, either in the form of an ethnographic case study or from a methodological, theoretical or more practical perspective, to submit an abstract of no more than 200 words to [editors@etnofoor.nl](mailto:editors@etnofoor.nl) before **April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. The deadline for authors of accepted abstracts to submit their full paper is July 1st, 2018.

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<sup>i</sup> See Huffpost 27 November 2017: [https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/doing-anthropology-in-troubled-times\\_us\\_5a1c4300e4b0e580b35371c5](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/doing-anthropology-in-troubled-times_us_5a1c4300e4b0e580b35371c5)