



Locating Racism in Sociolinguistic Figurations of Asian Americans: Lessons from Comparative Racialization



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Asian Americans are commonly understood as not suffering from racism in the same ways as other racialized populations, as “minorities, yes; oppressed, no”, in Kitano and Sue’s (1973) famous formulation. In sociolinguistics, they have been positioned as not conforming to American paradigms of language and race because of their supposed lack of a distinctive ethnolect. Drawing upon work in raciolinguistics and comparative racialization, this presentation argues for the importance of analyzing how systems of racialization and their contrasting sets of figurations profit those in power. Lo examines how sociolinguistic representations of Asian Americans, which are constructed in relation to other racial formations, are foundational to American theories of assimilation and neoliberalism.

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