The history of race in Africa is not only about white supremacy during European colonialism and apartheid in South Africa. Africans have negotiated complex relationships with Arabs, Indians, and Chinese over many centuries. They have also contended with ethnic and caste differences that have been used to divide African peoples from one another. Africans have also pioneered racial solidarity movements—including Pan-Africanism and anti-racist struggles. This course explores the complicated dynamics of race in Africa. Topics will include racial slavery, Pan-Africanism, negritude, Afro-Asian solidarity, gender, sexuality, and the politics of skin lighteners and hair.