

Hello,

This message is to extend an invitation to racialized scholars and community members to attend “Imagining Otherwise,” a conversation regarding the actions and dialogues that are currently animating FSAC’s commitment to enacting anti-racist and decolonial principles within its association. Our meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 2nd at 4:30pm EDT following a presentation by Dr. Rosalind Hampton titled “Colonial Continua.” Dr. Hampton is author of *Black Racialization and Resistance at an Elite University* (UTP, 2020).

Attendees of “Imagining Otherwise” are encouraged to also attend Dr. Hampton’s presentation, for it will offer our discussion a vital entry point and energy source. FSAC’s decision to pull out of Congress 2021 in solidarity with the BCSA this past February was, a decision to do otherwise—to hold a free and independent conference—and recognition that divesting in the project of whiteness requires us to reject the inertia and entrapment of the status quo.

Resources:

- FSAC statement in solidarity with the BCSA: <https://bit.ly/2RKHjFw>
- “The Black Canadian Studies Association and Changing Academia: Thoughts on Congress” by Dr. Rosalind Hampton: <https://bit.ly/3cbRJVR>
- “Colonial Continua” registration link: <https://bitly.com/>

The occasion of “Imagining Otherwise” is not to suggest that racialized scholars need FSAC when, in fact, the opposite is true: FSAC needs the contribution of racialized scholars. As such, this meeting does not aim to check boxes or produce an action plan, the sort of mining of intellectual and emotional labour that often undergirds institutionalized Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) practices. Instead, “Imagining Otherwise” openly greets the possibilities of non-productivity. If the result is idleness, all the better! By getting together, our primary goal is to fuel an impetus for getting together again.

This meeting is reserved for those who identify as Black, Indigenous and/or racialized and will be hosted by me, Matthias Domingo Mushinski. I am a Filipino-Canadian and chair of FSAC Anti-Racism and Decolonization (AR-D) working group.

“Imagining Otherwise” description and registration link: <https://bit.ly/3bQD6qM>

Hope everyone is thriving with summer just around the corner!

All the best,

Matthias