Theories of Nation and Post/Colonialities

Rationale: These readings elaborate on, deconstruct, and challenge the category of “race” in relation to nation-based and colonial power structures. Scholars in this list explore how concepts of race politically inform the establishment of the “nation,” but also how this category continues to evolve in the context of post-colonial conditions, migration and other mobilities. These readings will inform my research by providing key definitions for concepts such as race, racism, post-colonialism, and nation.


**The Body and Biopower**

*Rationale:* Readings in this list inform my questions about the relationship between “race” and the “body,” and particularly what it means to exercise a theory of biopower that is informed by an attention to race. These readings also help to explore multiple locations of racialized state power, through attention to questions of the body, science, and violence.


Global Cultures, Politics, and Representation

**Rationale:** Readings in this list help to address questions about formations of “race” within global contexts, and the extent to which this concept is able to “travel” between cultures. These readings provide a grounding in debates about globalization, representation, culture politics, and belonging.


