

The Department of American Studies at the University of Graz invites you to a special evening on

## Confronting Systemic Racism



**“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”**

**~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

### **Film Screening: *In His Own Home* (30 min)**

directed by Dr. Malini Johar Schueller, University of Florida

*In His Own Home* is a documentary about the March 2010 shooting of an unarmed disabled Black graduate student by campus police at the University of Florida and the failure of the administration to address the racism and overmilitarization of its police force. It tells the story of Kofi Adu Brempong, a Ghanaian graduate student, disabled by childhood polio, attacked by a campus Critical Incident Response Team bungled response to a 911 call from a neighbor. It is about students whose protests led the administration to drop fake charges against Kofi and whose continued activism challenges police brutality. *In His Own Home* speaks to police racism and the militarization of our campuses nationwide and to the continuing police brutality against unarmed Black people like Michael Brown and Eric Garner.

### **Panel Discussion “Black Lives Matter Everywhere”**

with Dr. Malini Johar Schueller (Professor of English, University of Florida), Dr. Ronald L. Jackson II (Professor of Communication, University of Cincinnati), Dr. Stefan L. Brandt (Professor of American Studies, University of Graz), Dr. Silvia Schultermandl (Assistant Professor of American Studies, University of Graz), moderated by Dr. Simone Puff (Assistant Professor of American Studies, University of Graz)

### **Project Presentation “Stories behind Color”**

presented by students from the Cultural Studies seminar “From Selma to Ferguson: The Cultural Politics of Protest” at the University of Graz

**Followed by an End of Semester Get-Together (food and drinks will be served)**

**“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”**

**~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**When:** Tuesday, June 23, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** HS 34.K1, University of Graz, Attemsgasse 25/II, 8010 Graz

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