

On the Matter of Racism in the United States

We live daily the sordid history of racial violence, practiced with impunity. Violence against persons of color, violence against people who protest racial violence, in the form of murder, assassination, terror, intimidation. On the occasion of the murder of George Floyd, the Institute for the Study of the Americas adds its voice to the swell of national indignation and renews its commitment to confront the malignancy of racism so profoundly embedded in the culture. To draw to the attention of the community of a global research University that the dimensions of white supremacy reveal themselves in many forms: as ethno-nationalism, as nativism, as xenophobia. And to recognize that the continuum of racist violence extends deeply inside the United States and reaches widely outside into the world. These are truths that must inform knowledge of ourselves.