

PROPOSITIONS

Attached to the thesis

'Feminisms and Migration into Italy: the intersectionality of gender and race'

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1. Examining how gender and race influence the boundary between those who belong to the nation and those who do not helps to reveal processes of naturalization of the national community and of the construction of cross-border migration as an object of governmental power (this thesis).
2. That Italians are seen as white is implied by how internal and external blacks are treated as Others (this thesis).
3. Throughout the history of formation of the Italian nation-state heterogeneous women's and feminist politics in Italy have been influenced by and in various ways party to the subtle processes of reproducing long-standing patterns of racialization of Italians (this thesis).
4. The categories of gender and race can function as political tools to name particular relations of inequality within and among social groups, and to characterize social actors by allocating responsibilities and assumed features that explain the relations of inequality identified (this thesis).
5. The governing of irregular migration produces effects at multiple scales: the intimate level is as important to consider as the transnational, national and local levels (this thesis).
6. As researchers we are deeply affected in all the phases of an investigation by our own life experiences. Being transparent and reflexive about our personal involvement creates the basis for a relation of trust with our readers.
7. Theory may serve to propel political organising by producing analyses and interpretations of relevant phenomena and processes. Political organising may serve to produce theory by establishing the societal relevance of specific phenomena and processes and making visible marginalised perspectives.
8. To study the complexity of our social world, we must accept the limitedness of our own categories of thought and learn the historical, period- and context-specific, nature of such limitedness.
9. Qualitative interpretative research engages with the "cultural nature" of human beings (Rogoff, 2004).
10. Researching the social world is also about opening the possibility of alternative futures.
11. The earth is not whole anymore: borders have created canyons