

Critical Race Theory (CRT)

Questions how society organizes itself along racial lines & how that transforms it.

Studies race ↔ power ↔ racism dynamics.

- How does CRT differ from traditional civil rights or ethnic studies?

activism component - effect change.

questions step by step program
combats more subtle forms of racism

Precursors:

- ① law/legal 1970s
 - ② radical feminism
- > CRT.

Key terms & concepts

microaggressions

critical white studies

structural determinism ★

legal indeterminacy

interest convergence

Structural
inequities

Systemic
racism

Derrick Bell

CRT Black Studies.



Asian American
Studies



Latino-critical
"LatCrit"



indigenous
Studies

5 important theses of CRT:

- ① racism is ordinary, not aberrational
ordinary + thus difficult to combat. normal/invisible
- ② interest convergence / material determinism / intersectionality.
- ③ social constructionism: race is a construct ^{not biological}
a product of social relations
- ④ differential racialization
- ⑤ voice-of-color thesis / legal storytelling