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WASTE OF A WHITE SKIN

THE CARNEGIE CORPORATION
AND THE RACIAL LOGIC OF
WHITE VULNERABILITY

TALK: Racialized Paths to Proletarianization: Myths about Black Economic Competition, Cheap Labor, and White Vulnerability

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The presentation discusses a key historiographical intervention about so-called “cheap labor”. What did calls for the protection of “civilized labor” and a “white wage” mean to the history of race and class in apartheid South Africa? How did depicting African workers as “cheap” and “inefficient” laborers “encroaching on white jobs” characterize African women and men as having a purely ornamental function in the history of South African industrialization? What does this legacy suggest about contemporary post-apartheid struggle in South Africa?

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