



## SCOOPS Lecture

### Sterilized by the State: Eugenics, Race and the Population Scare in Twentieth Century North America

**Guest speaker: Desmond King**, University of Oxford, UK

**Discussants: Jenny Andersson**, Sciences Po, CEE/CNRS and

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**Desmond King** is the Andrew W Mellon Professor of American Government at the University of Oxford and a Fellow of Nuffield College Oxford since 2002. His research falls into two main areas: the politics of race in the United States and the comparative political economy of labour market policy and responses to the 2008 economic crisis. His publications include *Sterilized by the State: Eugenics in North America* (with Randall Hansen) (Cambridge, 2013), *Still A House Divided: Race and Politics in Obama's America* (with Rogers M Smith) (Princeton, 2011) and *The Unsustainable American State* (with Lawrence Jacobs) (Oxford, 2009). He is presently finishing a

book examining the causes of persistent material racial inequality in the United States and a project with Lawrence Jacobs about the Federal Reserve's response to the economic crisis of 2008. He was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 2003 and during 2013-14 he was a Straus Fellow at the NYU School of Law.



**Jenny Andersson** is CNRS fellow and researcher at the Centre d'études européennes at Sciences Po. She has published on the transformations on social democracy in the post war period, on the political economy of the knowledge economy and the origins of futures studies. Since 2012, Jenny Andersson is directing her ERC funded project on the political history of the future (Futurepol). She recently published "Governing the future: science, policy and public participation in the construction of the long term in the Netherlands and Sweden", in *History and Technology*, 2014, 30(1-2) (with Anne-Greet Keizer).



**Vítězslav Sommer** is junior researcher at the Centre d'études européennes at Sciences Po. As a member of the ERC project Futurepol, he is currently working on the institutional and social background of the Czechoslovak "future studies". His main research topics are state socialism and post-socialism and governance in socialist and post-socialist East Central Europe. He recently published "The 'Club of Politically Engaged Conformists'? The Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, Popular Opinion and the Crisis of Communism, 1956" in *CWIHP Working Paper*, March 2013, 66 (with Kevin Mc Dermott).