Racial Encounters in Research Seminar  
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In this seminar we seek to enable discussion about encounters in research which concern marginalized voices and attempts to make them heard. We posit that interrogation of the position of the researcher can generate understanding of how gendered, raced and classed identities are thought about in the research process. We will demonstrate this through discussion of qualitative research, with women by women, carried out with therapeutic groups for victims of torture and teenage mothers with traumatic childhood experiences. We suggest that ongoing, reflexive analysis of researcher positionality in research, affords insightful and in-depth understanding of the often covert, overt and nuanced processes of race and racism in practice. Key ideas considered throughout are insider/outsider status, white privilege, inter-racial/intra-racial dynamics and othering.