How can social change work for everyone if it does not address antiblackness?

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Antiblackness is…

All-encompassing in scale, temporally and scope

Black people dehumanised in modernity *(Mushonga et al., 2022)*

Pernicious and targeted *(Gordon, 2018; Grimes, 2020)*

Social Death *(Patterson, 2018)*
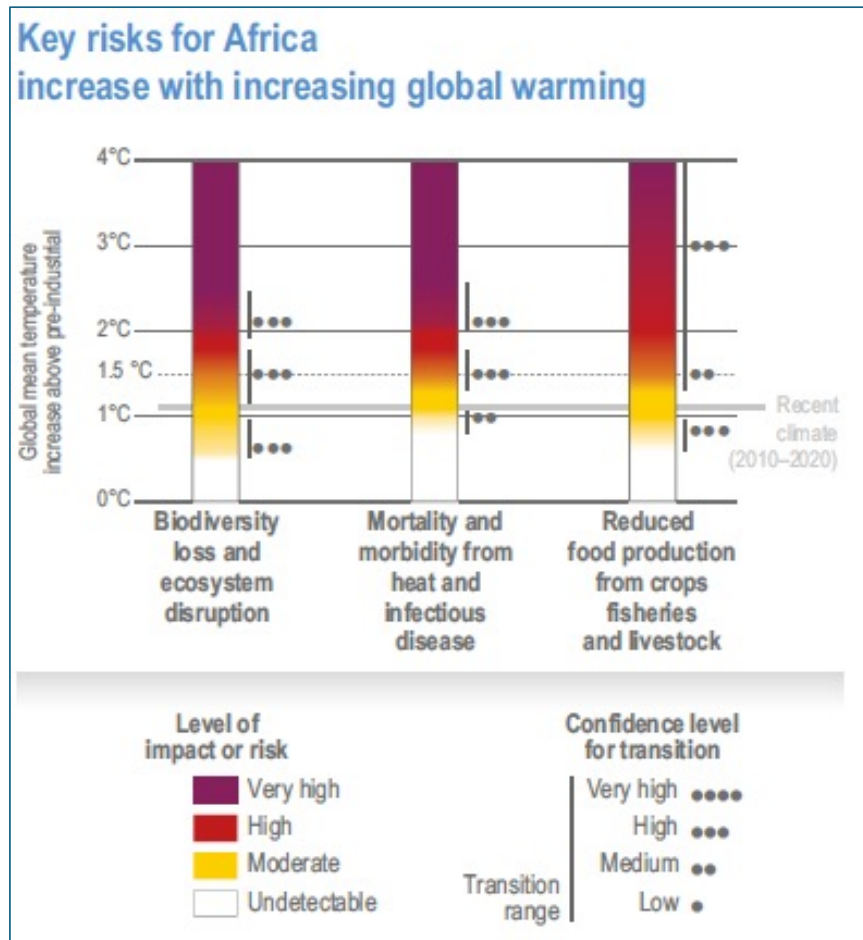
Has a non-anachronistic afterlife *(Hartman, 2007)*

Linked inextricably with Racial Capitalism
see Cedric Robinson, 2000; Bledsoe and Wright, 2018; Ruth Wilson Gilmore, 2021

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"Black death as a predictable and constitutive aspect of democracy"

James, J. and Vargas, J.C., (2013)

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Figure 1. burning embers figure for selected key risks from climate change in Africa
Source: IPCC WGII, 2022, p.1299

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The illusion of social change

Illustration:

Social equity in flood risk strategy and planning

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Social equity in national strategy and policy analysis - key findings

- **Explicit equity**
  - Mental health impacts
  - Community engagement

- **Implicit**
  - Recognition of resilience needs
  - Indirect reference to vulnerability

- **Missing**
  - Racial and intersectional inequities
  - Recognition and systemic inequality
  - Clear equity-based funding mechanisms

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How can engaging with concepts of **antiblackness** or **interrogating whiteness** enhance social change?

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