

THE CONSORTIUM ON RACE, GENDER & ETHNICITY, THE MARYLAND POPULATION RESEARCH CENTER & ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES *present*



# QUALITATIVE RESEARCH INTEREST GROUP

**“RACE-ING” ACROSS BORDERS:  
SOUTH KOREA, KOREAN AMERICA, &  
BEYOND** *a talk with Dr. Nadia Y. Kim*

Drawing on multi-site research in Seoul, South Korea and Los Angeles, California this talk investigates how US (neo)imperialist power has racialized, in American fashion, a Korean society and done so through relational constructions involving nation, gender, and class. US military power on the peninsula has yielded not just masculine White American dominance over Koreans/Asians but a racially triangulated and multi-tiered system of inequality also involving Black Americans. Korean-descent people navigate this “imperialist racial formation” through a subordinate social position, through local cultural lenses, and across a transnational terrain that extends to Los Angeles. The broader implications of Dr. Kim’s findings are that immigrants, especially in recent decades, engage, affirm, resist, and remap American “race” and relational hierarchies before they depart for the United States and, as a transnationally racialized people, especially do so in their new racial landscape.

**MONDAY OCTOBER 24, 2011**

**10:00-12:00**

**St. Mary’s Hall | Maryland Multipurpose Room**

A light lunch will be served.

The **QUALITATIVE RESEARCH INTEREST GROUP (QRIG)** is a working interdisciplinary group of faculty & graduate students who use qualitative methodologies in their research. Questions? Contact Beth at [bdc1@umd.edu](mailto:bdc1@umd.edu) or go to [www.crge.umd.edu](http://www.crge.umd.edu).