From the colonial period to the present, Latin American racial ideologies have been shaped by the ongoing negotiations of state actors, institutions, corporate bodies, and individuals. The shifting scale of these negotiations—from daily social interactions to national political movements—contributes to complex landscapes in which race takes on overlapping and occasionally conflicting meanings. This symposium explores the construction of race and racism in Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx perspectives. Its speakers draw on a diversity of contexts—interpersonal relations in the Andes, urban spaces and community life in Puerto Rico, migration and racism in the Caribbean and US, Afro-Latinx religion, Brazilian political movements—to demonstrate how local, regional, and national processes produce distinctive racial identities and ideologies. Going beyond the national, special focus is also given to the transnational construction of race and racism in the comparative context of the Caribbean and the United States.