



## THE RACE TO EQUALITY PROJECT: A CROSS-COUNTRY PURSUIT

### CALL FOR SPEAKERS

### A DISCUSSION ON THE RISE IN ANTI-ASIAN VIOLENCE AND HATE

#### **R2E Overview:**

In light of shows of injustice that people of color have experienced all around the world, we have come together to spotlight the Black Lives Matter Movement, Anti-Asian Violence, Racial Discrimination, and other related topics. We invite students, academics, and other interested parties of **all ethnic backgrounds** to contribute their work (whether poetry, artwork, media content, or written pieces) to our virtual anthology project. We want people of color to share their unique racial experiences, whether these have occurred in the United States, Europe, Asia or elsewhere, in order to build an informative and inclusive forum that is easily accessible and is able to stand the test of time. No experience is insignificant, as we know that racial prejudice is not limited to violent actions but includes microaggressions inter alia. **We value every experience.**

#### **Event structure:**

Following COVID-19 we have witnessed a rise in hate crimes towards Asians around the world which has exposed the deep rooted discrimination against the Asian community in general. We want to highlight and sensitize persons regarding the specific discriminations that Asians have felt following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some topics we would be interested to be highlighted would be:

- Accounts of violence faced by Asians following the outbreak
- The historical background regarding Anti-Asian racism
- How persons outside of the Asian communities can be allies against Anti-Asian violence and racism
- Which calls to action for the end of racism against the Asian communities that can be made

We invite individuals from the Asian community, including academics who have contributed scholarship on the topics, to join us for an insightful discussion online on **Sunday, 9 May 2021 from 3 to 4 pm BST**. The first half of the event will be dedicated to the speakers, their thoughts, experiences and messages. The second half will be a panel discussion where we will take questions from the audience and discuss how we can take action by working towards supporting the Asian community and combating Anti-Asian violence and hate.

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