

# Diversity and Equal Opportunities

## Racism in Higher Education

### Invitation to the information and discussion event on the topic of „Racism in higher education – a critical reflection”

What invisible barriers shape daily academic life, and how is racism present within it? How can we, as part of our faculty and institution, contribute to reducing racism, and the racial stress it produces? Learn what racial stress is, how it is institutionalized and what the effects of everyday racism can be.



**Monday, March 23, 2026**

4.30 to 6 p.m., followed by an Apéro

#### Location

VonRoll, Fabrikstrasse 8, 3012 Bern  
Room C102

#### Registration

Voluntary registration at: [Link](#)   
or directly to [florence.epiney@unibe.ch](mailto:florence.epiney@unibe.ch).  
Event in **person** or via **Zoom** (the link can be obtained by contacting Florence, see mail above).

#### Input

- MSc. Lalitha Chamakalayil (FHNW; diversity representative of FHNW)

#### Dialog with

- Lalitha Chamakalayil (FHNW)
- India James-Licher (representant of the student association Students of Color of the African Diaspora SCAD)
- Moderation: Gina Vega (Office for Equal Opportunities: Antiracism at the University of Bern)

Followed by an open discussion with the audience.

*This event is part of the action week against racism at the University of Bern.*