

Philosophers on race : critical essays / edited by Julie K. Ward and Tommy L. Lott

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Abstrak

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Philosophers on Race contributes to the increasing debate on the subject of race by elucidating the philosophical origins of race in Greek and medieval thought and the subsequent development of racial categories in modern Western philosophy.