

Thomas Craemer, Ph.D.

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Thomas Craemer is an expert on slavery reparations, racial bias and the psychology of racism.

Biography

Professor Thomas Craemer has used both traditional and new methods in survey research to investigate the psychology of race. In 2015, Craemer estimated the value of slavery in the United States at between \$5 and \$14 trillion. The often-cited statistic uses a different approach from most previous economic models, which calculated the benefit of the work performed by enslaved people to their owners. Instead, he calculated the cost of slavery to the enslaved people themselves. "What the slave owner gained was only the 10 or 12 hours that the slave worked per day," Craemer says. "But the enslaved lost all 24 hours of the day." He has also used reaction time measures to tap people's implicit racial attitudes and published a number of papers based on that research. His paper on "Implicit Closeness to Blacks, Support for Affirmative Action, Slavery Reparations, and Vote Intentions for Barack Obama in the 2008 Elections" received the International Society of Political Psychology's Roberta Sigel Award in 2010. Between 2007 and 2012, he accompanied Department of Public Policy graduate students to do research and volunteer for Hurricane Katrina relief in New Orleans. In 2012 and 2013, Craemer took groups of students to Haiti to volunteer for earthquake reconstruction and conduct research on racial stereotypes in the U.S. media coverage of the 2010 Haiti earthquake.

Areas of Expertise

Slavery Reparations, Diversity and Inclusion, Race Related Policies, Race Relations, Psychology of Race, Race, Public Opinion and Survey Research

Education

Stony Brook University

Ph.D. Political Science

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M.A. Political Science

University of Tuebingen

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