



**ACTION WEEK  
AGAINST RACISM  
MARCH 12-22, 2009**

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**7<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON  
RESEARCH AND ACTION ON DISCRIMINATION  
CROSSED WORDS : RETHINKING ACTION ON DISCRIMINATION**

**March 12 - 22, 2009, Montreal**

Centre de recherche de Montréal sur les inégalités sociales et les discriminations (CRÉMIS)  
1250 Sanguinet, Room 461, Montreal

Montreal, Thursday, March 12, 2009 — CRÉMIS (Centre de recherche de Montréal sur les inégalités sociales, les discriminations et les pratiques alternatives de citoyenneté), and Images Interculturelles present, as part of the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Action Week Against Racism, the **7<sup>th</sup> International Workshop for Research and Action on Discrimination and Inequalities (RADI)**. Each year, the workshop brings together in Montreal some 30 young adults from Francophone countries to discuss issues around discrimination, profiling and ghettoization and to design strategies for action.

This year, the event welcomes thirty young activists engaged in the struggle against discrimination and for the respect of human rights. Ranging in age from 18 to 35, they come from a number of ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Fifteen are from Quebec, and sixteen, from France. The theme for this year's international group retreat will be **cross-discrimination**. The focus will be on relations between minority youth, police and the justice system. The event will feature participants already working on these concerns in the Quebec context. Action on the ground is also planned, including approaches to the media and meetings with community and academic groups. **RADI will sponsor a public lecture on Monday, March 16 at 11:30am at the CRÉMIS offices.**

Racism lives in the everyday—around the house, at school, in workplaces and businesses, and in the legal system. By taking a closer look at the everyday and what happens there, we find that being a woman, being young—or not so young, being jobless, on social assistance or homeless, can also result in violence and exclusion. Racism is not a “stand-alone”; it is crossed with other identity-based discrimination. Taking action against racism means recognizing the “crossed-words” that slip so easily into everyday life. -- Christopher McAll and Carminda McLorin, project heads

The results of the International Workshop will be announced at an **Expression Forum on Friday, March 20, 2009 at 5pm at the Théâtre Plaza**. Citizens will be invited to express themselves on the theme of **cross-discrimination**, followed by the Thinking Artist's Action Cabaret, **Solidarythmé**.

**International Workshop on Research and Action on Discrimination and Inequalities (RADI)**

In the struggle against racism, RADI events have led to some one hundred recommendations to the government of Quebec and the United Nations Special Rapporteur (2004), the production of radio programs on racism (2005), and the development of a Toolbox (2006) for use in building “Racism-Free Zones”.

RADI 2009 is an initiative of CRÉMIS (Centre de recherche de Montréal sur les inégalités sociales et les discriminations), Images Interculturelles/ Inforacisme.com, Les Offices jeunesse internationaux du Québec (OJIQ) and the Office Franco-québécois pour la Jeunesse (OFQJ).

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