



# Habits of a Colonial Heart

The Affective Grid of Racial Politics

Stoler argues that the management and re-channeling of sentiments and affect lay at the core of late colonial racial discourses, challenging the assumption that the mastery of reason and Enlightenment principles has been at the political foundation of nineteenth and early twentieth-century colonial regimes and should figure in critical accounts of them. Such a reassessment refigures what we imagine to be at the heart of empire, central to the work of colonial states and to what constitutes the terrain of politics.

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