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Dear all,

As a Minorities and Philosophy group, we wanted to draw your attention on the recent events in the US, state our position and suggest some reflections.

Too many people have lost their lives as a consequence of systemic racism on Black people. The unjust murder of George Floyd is yet another proof of how pervasive and dangerous racism is. We stand in solidarity with our Black students and staff and Black communities all around the world. As a MAP branch, we want to state our tireless support in fighting injustice, violence and racial discriminations.

The dehumanization of Black lives that we now see exposed in the media is not a problem limited to the US, it affects our society and everyday reality too. Remaining silent is to be complicit. Silence and passivity contribute to the perpetuation of racial injustice and systemic violence and for this reason we all need to take responsibility. Change requires continuous action and dismantling structural oppression takes time. Right now, we should all devolve our time and energy to be agents of that change, starting from our local environment. We should all take this time to reflect, research and listen to the voices of Black Communities.

Thus, as a group intended to support minorities, we invite non-black people to educate themselves, their families and friends to the history of racism, understand its deep-rooted implications and recognize the prejudices and bias that affect our society. We ask them to join our purpose to create a community of active allies, using their privilege to raise awareness and bringing change. On the other side, we invite black people to share experiences, thoughts and reading suggestions giving the society the occasion to reflect on impacts and deep implications of racism in all its forms.

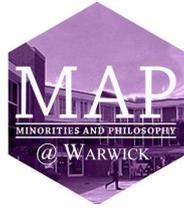
We share in the following some useful links and resources to take action in promoting justice and equality. We also invite our friends and members to let us know about relevant testimonies and useful resources to expand the present list and suggest ideas to create appropriate occasions of discussion for now and future.

◊ Some [petitions](#) to sign:

<https://blacklivesmatters.carrd.co/?fbclid=IwAR3GYZcFC16KT17Ph5q0NxM-m4le7kVFN5MZfaLzGBpJS53IqEEu9acDlw4#petitions>

◊ Different ways to [donate](#) to the BLM movement, if you can:

[https://blacklivesmatters.carrd.co/?fbclid=IwAR1UI5DJJOWdEAXYtOHAD86Mc9viah2r76wHGrg\\_wE3GouPOla5VOo-vINs#donate](https://blacklivesmatters.carrd.co/?fbclid=IwAR1UI5DJJOWdEAXYtOHAD86Mc9viah2r76wHGrg_wE3GouPOla5VOo-vINs#donate)



- ◊ A list of [list of UK-based racial justice organisations](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mZu6UAXnanWUMHGz3m6zgsFSEQE3IXG8AfuGxV_PuTM/edit#gid=0) :  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mZu6UAXnanWUMHGz3m6zgsFSEQE3IXG8AfuGxV\\_PuTM/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mZu6UAXnanWUMHGz3m6zgsFSEQE3IXG8AfuGxV_PuTM/edit#gid=0)
  
- ◊ A [report about race inequality](https://equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/healing_a_divided_britain_-_the_need_for_a_comprehensive_race_equality_strategy_final.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3NttaaA3golz-kKtr37dREM7RVgbdr8Yb7QfAjj7bLDQ7auZ26UWvZUy8) in Great Britain:  
[https://equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/healing\\_a\\_divided\\_britain\\_-\\_the\\_need\\_for\\_a\\_comprehensive\\_race\\_equality\\_strategy\\_final.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3NttaaA3golz-kKtr37dREM7RVgbdr8Yb7QfAjj7bLDQ7auZ26UWvZUy8](https://equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/healing_a_divided_britain_-_the_need_for_a_comprehensive_race_equality_strategy_final.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3NttaaA3golz-kKtr37dREM7RVgbdr8Yb7QfAjj7bLDQ7auZ26UWvZUy8)
  
- ◊ Some [statistics on the criminal justice system and ethnicity](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/849201/race-cjs-2018-infographic.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1pWw49MUvZXuvx3Hbo8Xp2IEhVE7e5gQVKOQGGBKYw8Ax-8glWOTKKjPA) in the UK (2018) :  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/849201/race-cjs-2018-infographic.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1pWw49MUvZXuvx3Hbo8Xp2IEhVE7e5gQVKOQGGBKYw8Ax-8glWOTKKjPA](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/849201/race-cjs-2018-infographic.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1pWw49MUvZXuvx3Hbo8Xp2IEhVE7e5gQVKOQGGBKYw8Ax-8glWOTKKjPA)
  
- ◊ A list of different [anti-racism resources](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BRIF2_zhNe86SGgHa6-VIBO-QgirITwCTugSfKie5Fs/mobilebasic?fbclid=IwAR3n2U3rfa5t2I3XInal3aam_S60FV-xx9sVSr9Si017NysyDWvWeXT97Lk), books, podcasts and movies:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BRIF2\\_zhNe86SGgHa6-VIBO-QgirITwCTugSfKie5Fs/mobilebasic?fbclid=IwAR3n2U3rfa5t2I3XInal3aam\\_S60FV-xx9sVSr9Si017NysyDWvWeXT97Lk](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BRIF2_zhNe86SGgHa6-VIBO-QgirITwCTugSfKie5Fs/mobilebasic?fbclid=IwAR3n2U3rfa5t2I3XInal3aam_S60FV-xx9sVSr9Si017NysyDWvWeXT97Lk)