



# **White Spaces: Racialising White femininities and masculinities**

**White Spaces Collaboration**

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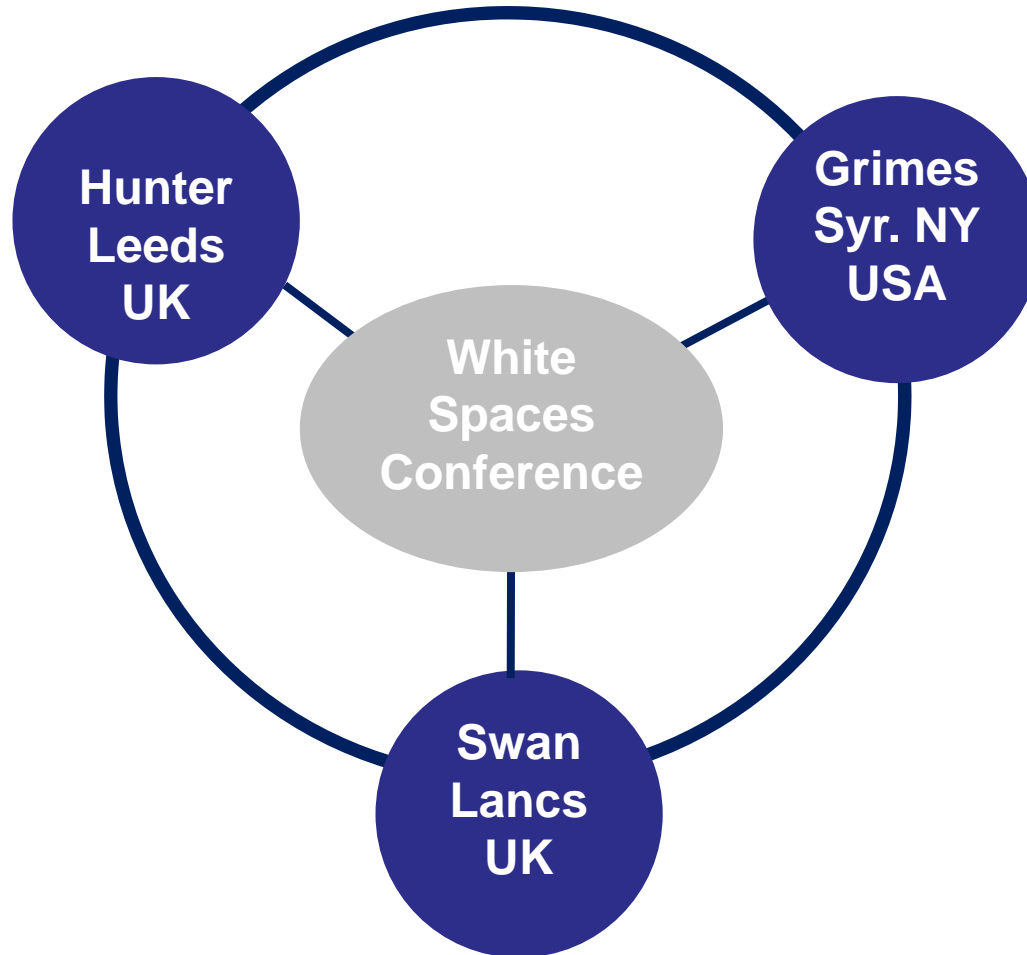
# White Spaces Research Network

- International/Interdisciplinary (humanities/social sciences) policy/politics/communication/organisational studies, sociology.
- Loose relations, engagements, ways of working
- Feminist/postcolonial/poststructural
- Rethink raced power & vulnerability as ambivalent and shifting.
- Rethink race, racism and ethnicity as more differentiated than only between Black and white
- Sensitivity to people's lived 'realities' (enacted through institutions/organisations/relational contexts)

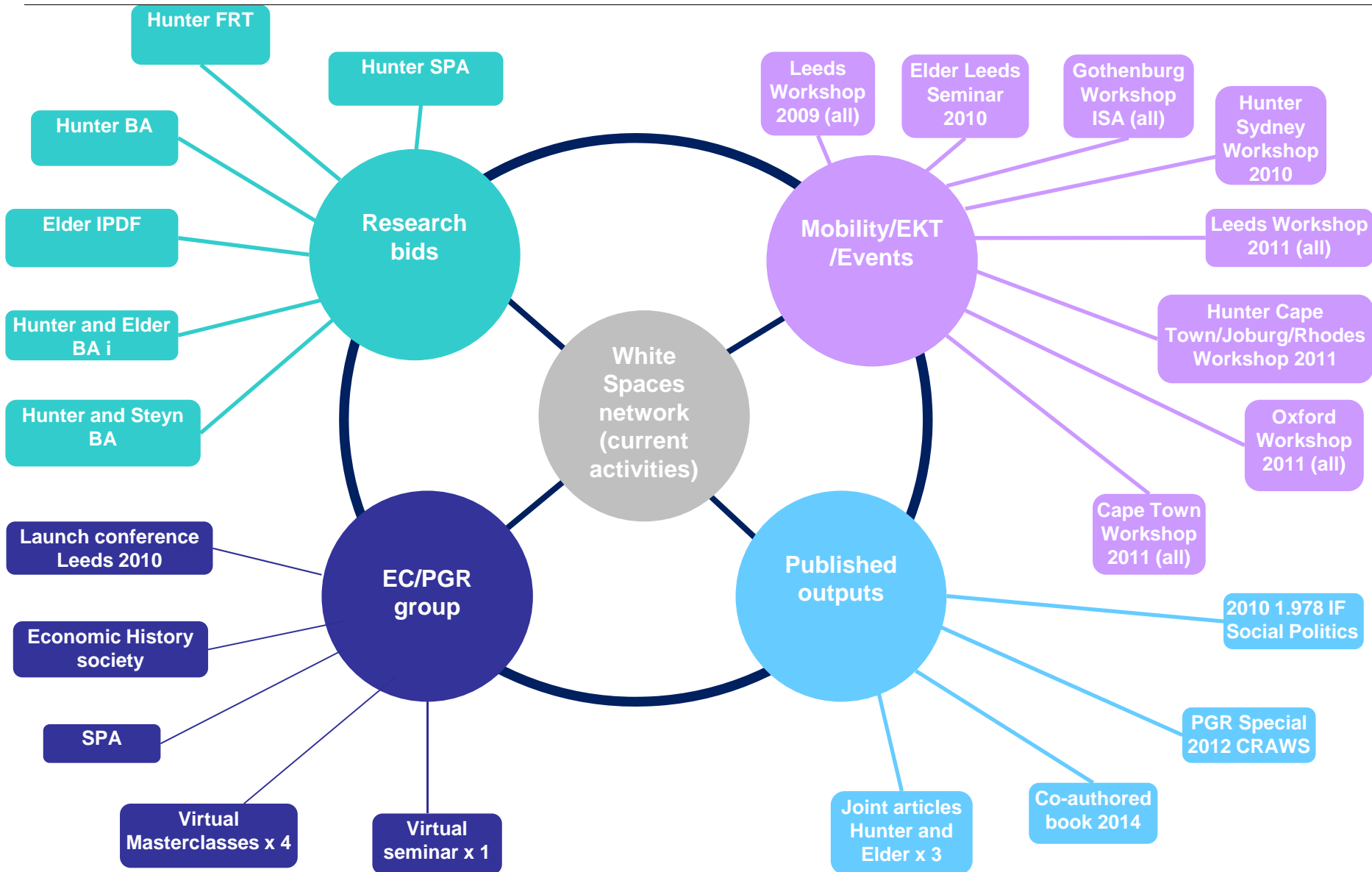




# Beginnings 2006-9

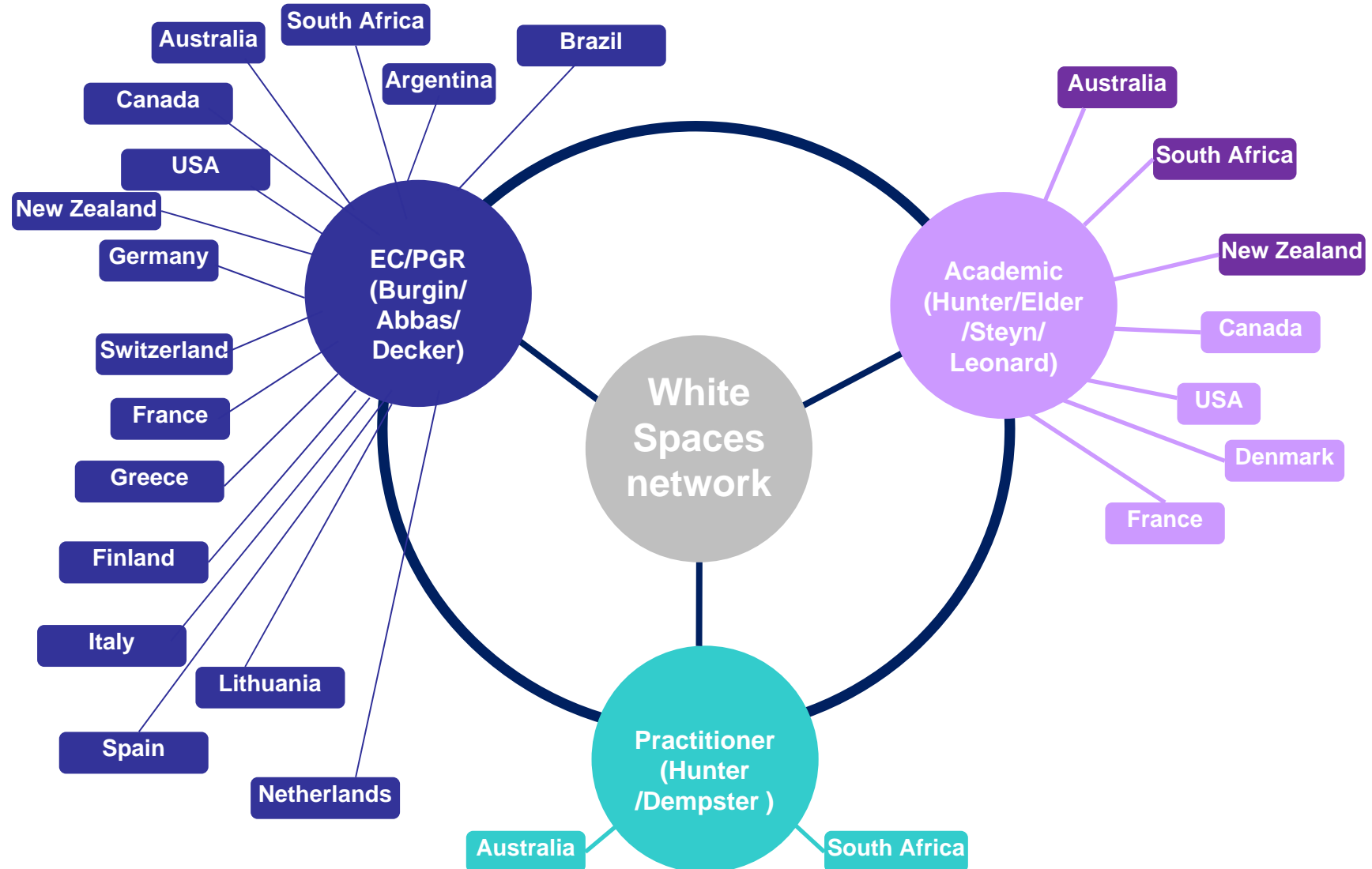


# Progress 2009-2011





# Present





# Critical Whiteness Studies

## Whiteness as:

A set of social/cultural, political and affective (relational dynamics)

- Positioning – (social spaces opened up to people of European descent that have been constructed through Imperialism and racism)
- Critique of white (neo)liberalism
- Pedagogies of discomfort
- Shifting; changeable across time and space

## *For those that are in 'white spaces'*

- Normative, commonsense, natural, shared
- Hidden, coded, scripted 'whitely scripts'



# Shifting in and out of Whiteness

Casting the gaze into whiteness enables us to observe how the many shades of difference that lie within this category – that some people are ‘whiter’ than others, some are not white enough and many are inescapably cast beneath the shadow of whiteness.

(Anoop Nayak, 2007, p. 738)

# Collaborations

<p>Australia Elder</p>	<p>South Africa Steyn</p>	<p>UK Hunter</p>	<p>Hong Kong/SA Leonard</p>	<p>United States Burgin</p>
<p>Settler colonialism &amp; anxiety</p>	<p>Post Apartheid SA &amp; its Diaspora.</p>	<p>States governance: - 'relational politics' - 'Relational economies' - 'institutional whiteness'</p>	<p>British diasporas in postcolonial contexts</p>	<p>Social Justice movements Critical race pedagogy</p>

Whiteness as localised, situated, connected (sustained/reproduced/resisted imperial periphery/centre relations)





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