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Law & Literature Lecture Series

AFROPESSIMISM

**ONLINE READING AND DISCUSSION
WITH FRANK WILDERSON III**

UC Irvine

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020 | 6 pm
(link on request)

On the surface, the law in the U.S. as well as Germany may seem to offer protection against racist oppression in the twenty-first century. However, anti-black violence continues to unfold on both sides of the Atlantic, from state institutions to sites of individual interaction. With his memoir *Afropessimism* (2020), internationally acclaimed theorist and writer Frank Wilderson provides a radically new framework to understand this paradigm. As part of our "Law & Literature Lectures Series," Wilderson reads from *Afropessimism* and enters into a discussion with the following interlocutors: Nathalie Aghoro, Courtney Moffett-Bateau, Marius Henderson, and Luvena Kopp. The event is hosted by Cedric Essi.

*Frank B. Wilderson III is chair of African American Studies at UC Irvine. His books include *Afropessimism* (which was long listed for the 2020 National Book Award), *Incognegro: A Memoir of Exile and Apartheid* (winner of *The American Book Award*; *The Zora Neale Hurston/Richard Wright Legacy Award*, and a *National Endowment for the Arts Literature Fellowship*), and *Red, White, & Black: Cinema and the Structure of U.S. Antagonisms*. He spent five and a half years in South Africa, where he was one of two Americans to hold elected office in the ANC during the apartheid era.*

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