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A Dream Denied?

The Situation of African Americans
50 Years after the Assassination of
Martin Luther King, Jr.

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On August 28, 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr., gave his famous speech "I Have a Dream," expressing his hope that one day America would grant black citizens the same rights and opportunities as whites, and that social justice would prevail. When Barack Obama was elected the first African American president in 2008 many people thought that now this dream would finally come true. However, despite significant progress made since the 1960s, enormous disparities between the living conditions of most black and white Americans continue to exist, and race relations are almost as tense today as they were then.

The lecture & discussion are followed by a reception.


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