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*The Racial Reckoning with Slavery
and Racism in the US: 1619-2020*
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Synopsis of the Talk:

The summer of 2020 was widely seen as a time for a thoroughgoing 'racial reckoning' in the United States, as the Black Lives Matter movement and spontaneous demonstrations on city streets forced the nation to come to terms with its past history of racial injustice, oppression and violence. But what are the fuller contours of that history and why did the killing of George Floyd force it into public consciousness? This talk will trace the history of US race relations and ask whether American history must be rewritten to take account of the lives of African Americans blighted by racism since the first slaves arrived in Virginia in 1619.

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