Researchers often focus on migrant and refugee exclusion, and it is there racial political domination is taken to manifest. However, not all countries increasingly restrict immigrants. Brazil is heralded as a global leader in refugee protection, and its asylum grant rate is over 90 percent. Yet the experience of obtaining asylum is very different for black and white refugees. Based on an ethnography inside the refugee regime in Brazil, this talk explores the racial politics of inclusion, and examines the production of racial difference and hierarchies within rather than between legal statuses. In doing, it calls for further global and comparative research to deepen our understandings of racism and immigration.

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