

Statement on Black Lives Matter

The killings of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor by police have resulted in deep sadness and outrage worldwide. This sadness and outrage has swept through academic communities as well. We members of the Logic Supergroup join our colleagues throughout academia in denouncing anti-Black violence in North America specifically, and systemic racism affecting Black, Indigenous, and people of color generally. We are committed to work with our BIPOC colleagues in logic and with our colleagues in other fields to speak out against injustice and to work to make logic an inclusive community. Black Lives Matter.

In early 2020, owing to the coronavirus pandemic, logic groups around the world began to combine their meetings into an online Logic Supergroup. As part of [#shutdownSTEM](#), the Supergroup held 24 hours of Inclusive Logic on June 10, 2020, to build concrete actions against racism in logic.

Here are four concrete actions that were identified as important to commit ourselves to immediately, and which we encourage our member groups to commit themselves to as well:

First, we acknowledge that we have not had a diverse lineup of speakers. We commit to changing this as we move forward. We commit to providing a speaker series that is representative of the existing diversity in logic, and which promotes an expansion of this diversity as well.

Second, for any future in-person conferences and workshops, we commit to seeking ASL sponsorship in order to allow for graduate student travel stipends. This will lessen some of the barriers faced by BIPOC students to contributing to the logic community.

Third, we commit to developing resources for undergraduate education, guidelines for conferences, codes of conduct, etc. for our group events.

Fourth, we commit to setting regular Logic Supergroup meeting times to discuss further actions in support of inclusion. We recognize that addressing issues of inclusivity will be an ongoing project that will require continued recommitment.