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Decolonize University!

Re-imagining Theories and
Practices of Knowledge
Production

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In recent years we have seen new and more efforts and voices speaking out to decolonize academia worldwide. What does it mean to decolonize the university and higher education? Why is it important and what does it entail? The call to decolonize the classroom, universities and knowledge production means to tackle the violence of colonial legacies that until this very day continue to manifest in the form of racialized, classed and gendered inequalities and violence across our societies, in and outside of academia.

Lecture Series

The series aims to create a dialogue about decolonisation and foster connections across scholarships by bringing together our conversations at the University of Basel with invited guests who approach their academic, institutional and/or political work from a decolonial perspective. Herewith we will be looking beyond university through engaging with Non-Western ways of knowing as well as ongoing anti-colonial struggles, testimonies and movements. Engaging with practices of un-learning that bring together academics, students, staff and others, will be both difficult and empowering. To guide our conversations, we invite the participants to reflect collectively upon a series of questions: what is the scope of radical decolonial pedagogies in our education system? Can a decolonial approach in pedagogy and research lead to institutional, societal, and political changes? What are the limitations of these actions within a neoliberal context?

Weekly Seminar

The lecture series intends to offer an inclusive, horizontal and bottom-up approach to knowledge production and exchange. This bi-weekly lecture series will therefore be accompanied by a weekly seminar, that allows Master and PhD students such as those that are interested in further deepening into these conversations, to further reflect on the lecture series and engage with each other's work in academia and beyond.

Program

Tuesdays, 6-8pm (bi-weekly)

March 1 **Intersectional Inquiries: A conversation about academia and its colonial entanglements**
Prof. Patricia Purtschert (University of Bern)
Dr. des. Claudia Wilopo (University of Basel)

March 15 **Decolonizing Philosophy, Creolizing Sociology**
Prof. Manuela Boatcă (University of Freiburg)
Dr. Lerato Posholi (University of Basel)

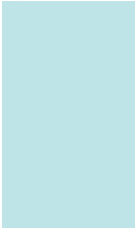
March 29 **BIPOC Student Power: Organizing within the university**
Shalanda Philip (student organizer at Université de Genève, Reflexion Decolonial)
Dr. Noémi Michel (Université de Genève)

April 26 **Can gender studies be decolonized?
On epistemic inequalities and
decolonial feminism**
Prof. Madina Tlostanova (University of Linköping)
Dr. Redi Koobak (University of Bergen)

May 10 **Decolonizing and Liberation:
Learning with Palestine**
Dr. Mezna Qato (University of Cambridge)
Dr. Omar Jabary Salamanca (Université libre de Bruxelles)

May 24 **From Anticolonialism to Decolonization:
Radical Possibilities**
Prof. Priyamvada Gopal (University of Cambridge)

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