

KOSMOS-Workshop
**Beyond Methodological Eurocentrism:
Postcolonial Perspectives
for Political and Social Theory**
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin | July 20-22, 2015

July 19

Arrival, informal dinner from 7 pm at “Clärchens Ballhaus”, Auguststraße 24, Mitte

July 20

10.00 – 10.30 Introduction

10.30 – 1.00 **Postcolonialism, Critical Theory, and Epistemology**

Ina Kerner: Postcolonial Theory as Global Critical Theory

Gurminder Bhambra: Rethinking Epistemologies: Postcolonial and Decolonial Perspectives

1.00 – 2.30 Lunch break

2.30 – 5.30 **Decolonial Approaches**

Soumaya Mestiri: From Rawls to Subalternity: An Example of a Personal “Decolonialist Turn”

Eduardo Mendieta: Decolonizing History: The Case of Latino/a and Latin American History

6.15 – 8.00 **Public Podium Discussion**

Postcolonial Theory and Matters of Location

with Eduardo Mendieta, Soumaya Mestiri, Noémi Michel, Robert Nichols, Raj Pandey and Robbie Shilliam

July 21

10.00 – 1.30 **Racism, Dispossession, Indigeneity, and Resistance**

Noémi Michel: Public Accounts of injury as misappropriations of “race”

Robert Nichols: Dispossession: A Conceptual Reconstruction

Robbie Shilliam: Africa in Oceania: Thinking Besides the Subaltern

- 1.30 – 3.00 Lunch break
- 3.00 – 5.30 **Negotiating the Canon, and the Limits of Western Categories**
Jeanette Ehrmann: Tropicalizing the Canon? The Haitian Turn in Political Theory

Raj Pandey: The Translatability of Western Categories for Reading Non-Western Texts
- 6.15 – 8.00 **Public Keynote Lecture**
Sanjay Seth: The Limits of Historiography

... followed by **dinner for all workshop participants** at "Molinari & Ko", Riemannstraße 13, Kreuzberg

July 22

- 10.00 – 11.00 **Postcolonialism and Universality**
James Ingram: (De)Provincializing Critical Theory
- 11.00 – 12.30 **Postcolonial Perspectives for Political and Social Theory**
Roundup discussion on the themes of the workshop with input statements by Franziska Dübgen, Melisa Ross, and Kathleen Burke & David Díaz Infante Maldonado)
- 12.30 – 1.00 Snacks
- 1.00 – 2.00 **Where to go from here?**
Discussion on prospects and plans for future cooperation
- 2.00 – 5.00 **City Tour with Kwesi Aikins (Berlin postkolonial) on German colonial history and colonial traces in Berlin**

July 23

Departure