

FILO2940 : Seminar on philosophy of the social sciences

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Enunciation and subjectification: language theories and identification practices

Despite its importance and dynamism, the intellectual movement of decoloniality is still given little attention in Europe, particularly in French-language philosophy, where it is too often lumped in with postcolonial studies (Castro Gómez, 2005; Escobar, 2007; Maldonado Torres, 2011).

The goal of this seminar is to examine the potentially utopic dimension of the *modernity/coloniality-decoloniality* project in order to understand the extent to which this thought movement can truly hold its own as an alternative to the modern Eurocentric *épistémè* (in the Foucauldian sense of the term), or if its approach is limited to a utopic projection outside of modernity (Dussel speaks of transmodernity).

This approach should allow us to identify if and how the decolonial movement might hope to offer a real alternative to the project of modern rationality of it if only constitutes, through its utopic form, an exit from the philosophy of history that it is critical of but nevertheless still presupposes.

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Evaluation methods:

Students will be asked to write a 10 page paper to be based off of a reading of one of the proposed texts. After emailing the paper, the student will receive a question on the paper to be prepared for the oral exam.

The student will have approximately 15 minutes to present this answer during the oral exam.

The paper may be written in French, English, Spanish, or German, with the professor's agreement.