

Conference Cycle

De-colonial Turn and Western Universalisms

Debates on Border Thinking

25-27 March
CIDOB Foundation, Barcelona

In current debates on colonialism, some authors make a distinction between colonialism and 'coloniality', the latter being understood to be a historical phenomenon that is much more complex than colonialism, and which has lasted until the present. The concept moots the existence of a hierarchy of power that enables the re-production of relationships of territorial and epistemic domination that perpetuate exploitation and which, in turn, subordinate and minimise the knowledge, experience and ways of life of those who are dominated and exploited.

Framed within the context of Latin America, this cycle is comprised of three conferences in which different aspects of the de-colonial theory and geopolitics of knowledge will be analysed. The conferences form part of a wider series of activities that include the participation of the Complutense University of Madrid and the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

Timetable for all sessions: 18:30h to 20:30h.

25 March

Decolonialising Western Universalisms: De-colonial trans-modern pluralism, from Aime Cesaire to the Zapatistas

Speaker: **Ramón Grosfoguel**, Lecturer at the Department of Ethnic Studies of the University of California-Berkeley and part-time Lecturer at the Maison des Science de l'Homme en Paris

Chair: **Joaquín Barrientos**, University of Barcelona

26 March

Michel Foucault and the coloniality of power

Speaker: **Santiago Castro-Gómez**, Lecturer in Philosophy at the Pontifical Xaverian University of Bogota

Chair: **Yolanda Onghena**, Coordinator of the Intercultural Dynamics Programme, CIDOB Foundation.

27 de March

Dispensable lives, naked lives: The concept of Humanity in Human Rights

Speaker: **Walter Dignolo**, Professor of Literature and Cultural Anthropology and Director of the Center for Global Studies and the Humanities at Duke University.

Chair: **Gemma Pinyol**, Coordinator of the Migrations Programme, CIDOB Foundation.

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