

WORKSHOP

„DECOLONIZING EPISTEMIC INJUSTICE“

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Theories of epistemic injustice are concerned with unjust or unfair behaviour related to knowledge production and communication. Theories of epistemic injustice ask, for example, who is excluded from knowledge and communication practices, who is silenced and how, whose meanings are distorted or ignored, whose knowledge or statements are trusted and who is doubted, and so on. The concept of epistemic injustice thus connects two philosophical lines of inquiry: Epistemology, that is, the question of what knowledge is and how it is obtained, and normative political theory, that is, the question of how a just society should be constituted. Theories of epistemic injustice examine how certain forms of (non)knowledge produce, entrench, and even justify social inequality in public discourse. Questions of epistemic injustice therefore have high scientific as well as social relevance.

Similarly, decolonial theorising offers an important critique of persisting structures of racism, imperialism and colonial power structures. One key aspect of decolonial theorising is to question the assumed “progress” brought about by modernity, capitalism and (neo)liberalism. White colonialism and imperialism pushed aside, buried and discredited many ways of knowing and modes of being.

It is the aim of this workshop to establish a connection between these issues and important philosophical debates. In so doing, the workshop hopefully draws out similarities and discrepancies in epistemic justice and decoloniality debates, further sharpening the critical edge of both projects.

Confirmed speakers are: Melanie Altanian, Amandine Catala, Emmalon Davis, Encarnación Gutiérrez Rodríguez, Désirée Lim, Dennis Masaka, Gaile Pohlhaus, Kerstin Reibold, Fabian Schuppert

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the workshop takes place online. There is a limited number of places for attendance. Please register online at:

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