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COLONIALISM AND ITS KNOWLEDGES

Abstract:

In the last hundred years, as the postcolonial/decolonial perspective has developed in the context of the decolonization process, it has been reframing almost all fields of knowledge, particularly the disciplines of anthropology, sociology, and development economics apart from the humanities. This presentation will argue that the post-colonial/decolonial is not one perspective; rather it includes many viewpoints and advocates differing conceptual frameworks. However, together these contain two organically interrelated parts: first, a methodology to study the social based on an ontological-epistemic viewpoint and second, a theory to assess different pathways towards modernities outside the Western canon. I will trace the ways in which continuities and breaks occur as the indigenous-nationalist evolves into the subaltern-postcolonial and then moves into the postcolonial-decolonial and finally becomes the decolonial, standing apart from the rest.

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