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Decolonial Alternatives: Sense Making, Political Practices, and Collective Experiences.

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The alarming destruction of the planet, along with growing inequalities and escalating national and international conflicts has reinvigorated critiques to the Eurocentric political, economic, and cultural frameworks that sustain Modernity and Development. Scholars are paying growing attention to different ways of thinking, feeling, living, and imagining the world. These *epistemologies of the south*, in the words of Boaventura de Souza Santos, are no longer seen as remnants of the past, as the preserved context in which indigenous communities survive, or as the cosmogonies of the true anthropological other. Rather, the different ways in which not Eurocentric/anthropocentric communities conceive of politics, sociality, and experience, stand as true alternatives to imagine and design futures that celebrate decolonial lives and life projects. In this seminar, we will survey the most important critiques of what Grosfoguel has termed the European modern/colonial capitalist/patriarchal world-system and engage in discussions of contemporary decolonial proposals.

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