

**Hannah Franzki, Joshua Kyesi Aikins: Postcolonial Studies and critical social science.**

The article explores the relevance of postcolonial studies for critical social analysis. It introduces core themes of postcolonial studies as well as their critique as a basis for an exploration of post-colonial perspectives on resistance and transformation, feminism and globalisation. The authors demonstrate the thematic variety of postcolonial studies and the ways in which they combine investigations of material and discursive aspects in their analyses of colonial inflections in past and present power relations. Drawing on foundational anticolonial as well as current postcolonial literature, the article points out the implications of epistemological and methodological innovations/reconceptualisations within postcolonial studies for critical social inquiry.

**Aníbal Quijano: Paradoxes of eurocentric colonial Modernity.** Modernity cannot be separated from colonialism, we have to consider the specific colonialist mode of power, which is characterised by “rassialisation” on the one hand and a combination of all forms of exploitation under the rule of capital in order to produce commodities for the world market. Colonial modernity is in several aspects eurocentric: providing the conditions of existence for a eurocentric industrial capital and constituting a special horizon of meaning. The paradoxes and contradictions included in this process are analysed with focus on the history of “Latin America”.

**Tanja Ernst: Postcolonial theory and political practice: the decolonization of Bolivia. Considerations taking into account the contributions of the Latin American postcolonial debate.** The article gives a brief overview of the Latin American debates on postcolonial approaches, followed by a recent empirical example of decolonization politics in Bolivia. Finally, the scope and explanatory power of postcolonial categories will be examined in order to understand cultural diversity and social developments in Bolivia.

**Maria Framke, Jana Tschurennev: Disputed history: (Anti-)Fascism and (Anti-)Colonialism in India.** This article traces the complexity of anti- and post-colonial answers to Fascism and Nazism by looking at debates about fascism in India. By avoiding the often employed Euro-centrist approach of a generic concept of fascism, it tries to decentralize European experience. After reconstructing those post-colonial historiographical arguments which use the term ‘fascism’, we examine the historical reception of Fascism and Nazism in the anti-colonial movement. In doing so, the article first outlines the debates about Hindutva as a Fascist ideology and subsequently analyses Indian discussions about Italy, Germany and European Fascism in the 1930ies.

**Petra Neuhold, Paul Scheibelhofer: Provincialising Multiculturalism. Postcolonial perspectives on multiculturalism, diversity and emancipation.** This article builds on a post-colonial critique of contemporary discourses and politics of diversity management in Germany. It traces the colonial legacy of this form of governing migration and analyses it as a new articulation of racism. Upon critically discussing liberal theories of multiculturalism as well as concrete discourses and policies in Germany the article ends with claims to alternative academic as well as political practices that build on a postcolonial critique.

**Sook-Young Ahn, Ralf Havertz „Torso, Arm and Fist.“ Orientalism in the Relationship between Korea and Japan.** The colonization of Korea by imperialist Japan between 1910 and 1945 has created a colonial consciousness that even after decolonization is still an influential factor in determining the guiding principles of Korean society and the images Koreans have from themselves. For postcolonial studies, the special issue of the colonization of Korea is that one Asian country has been colonized by another one. Even though eurocentrism has an important role in this context, because the colonizing country, Japan of the Meiji times, already was following a European model of development. An analysis of the works of authors like Lee Kwang-su, Dassuo Mitarei and the Japanese propaganda as well as of more contemporary cultural phe-

nomena in Korea shows that reaching high levels in the process of modernization continuously is at the center of the general orientation since the times of colonization.

**Stefanie Kron: Borders in Transit. On the constitution of political subjectivities in transmigrant spaces.** This essay deals with the chances and problems of intersectionality and border feminism for empirical research on transnational migration. Empirically based on a qualitative research of the return movement of guatemalan refugees, the focus of the paper will be on the importance of borders and experiences of bordercrossings for the formation of political subjectivities within transmigrant communities. Parting from a postcolonial perspective the theoretical and methodical inputs and limits of the concepts of intersectionality and border feminism will be discussed. Secondly, the developed analytical framework will be applied to the return movement of guatemalan war refugees.

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