**Soc12 – Empire, colonialism, imperialism**

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**Brief description**

This paper is especially concerned with three topics. Firstly, the paper encourages us to think about the processes of empire, colonialism and imperialism from a sociological viewpoint. In doing so, we will consider Marxist and the modernity/coloniality approaches to the world system. Secondly, the paper seeks to investigate how empire, colonialism, and imperialism structure knowledge production – both in the past and the present. In doing so, we will consider debates over the ‘decolonial option’ in sociology and the social sciences, considering how we can work against the ‘imperial episteme’. Lastly, this paper outlines so-called ‘hidden figures’ of sociology, highlighting the critical sociological work and traditions being done at the borders of the modern, colonial world system.

While each of these topics has a suggested reading list, you are also advised to make use of digital archives and online resources should you be interested in doing so. These include, but are not limited to, the [Du Bois papers](https://credo.library.umass.edu/view/collection/mums312) (University of Massachusetts Amherst Libraries), [Global Social Theory](https://globalsocialtheory.org/), and [The Internet Archive](https://archive.org/).

You will also see that most of the readings have recommended videos too; please do send any more videos my way if you think they will be useful (am2059@cam.ac.uk).

**Aims and objectives**

Upon taking this paper, students are intended to:

* Have a critical understanding of the epistemic consequences of empire, colonialism, and imperialism.
* Be capable of producing sociological critiques of empire, colonialism, and imperialism.
* Be able to critically assess the work of thinkers who have been erased by colonial epistemicide, and to show how these thinkers’ work deepens the critical capabilities of sociology.
* Be able to cogently link the processes of modernity and coloniality.
* Have a critical understanding of the concept of decoloniality.

**Assessment**

This paper will be examined by a substantive piece of coursework, and a two-question exam. The coursework will involve a 5,000 word written essay; possible titles for the coursework will be provided by the course organiser and uploaded to Moodle. The exam will be two-hours long, and you will be asked to choose one question from Section A and one from Section B.

**Teaching team**

The lectures on this course are provided by Dr Ali Meghji, Dr Jeff Miley, and Dr Shannon Phillip. A list of supervisors for this paper is uploaded onto Moodle and will be emailed to everyone at the beginning of Michaelmas and Lent term. It is your responsibility to contact your supervisor, and you are welcome to contact different supervisors for different topics (if you would like to). Supervisions for the coursework will be arranged by Ali Meghji, who will email you at the beginning of Michaelmas. Please direct questions about the paper to the course organiser, Dr Meghji (am2059@cam.ac.uk).

**Mode of Teaching**

The paper is taught through a combination of lectures, supervisions, and workshops. Students will be expected to have six supervisions on the Section A and Section B topics, and up to two supervisions dedicated to the coursework essay. Individual supervisors can decide to use some supervision sessions to assess essay plans, read and discuss an article, or ask students to present on a topic. Four workshops will be held across Michaelmas and Lent terms for students to receive feedback from the class on their coursework topic. A separate document is uploaded onto Moodle describing the coursework and workshops.

**Topic list**

***Section A: key concepts (Michaelmas)***

Sociology and the imperial episteme

Modernity/coloniality

Imperialism, Marxism, and anti-colonialism

Struggles for self-determination in the 21st century

Autonomous and indigenous sociology

Coloniality, humanism, and the climate crisis

***Section B: thinkers behind the colonial veil***

Du Bois and racialised modernity

Lugones and the coloniality of gender

Shari’ati and religious sociology

C.L.R James and anticolonial agency

Between anti-colonialism and nationalism: the tradition of Indian sociologyIndigenous methodologies

**Required course reading**

Connell, R., 2007. Southern theory: the global dynamics of knowledge in social science. Polity, Cambridge (Part 1)

Go, J., 2016. Postcolonial Thought and Social Theory. Oxford University Press, New York, NY (Introduction)

Lentin, A. 2019. [Decolonial Thought: A lecture for the Institute for Culture and Society Key Thinkers & Concepts series](https://www.alanalentin.net/2019/10/16/decolonial-thought-a-lecture-for-the-institute-for-culture-and-society-key-thinkers-concepts-series/)

Mignolo, W., 2011. Epistemic Disobedience and the Decolonial Option: A Manifesto. TRANSMODERNITY: Journal of Peripheral Cultural Production of the Luso-Hispanic World 1, 44–66.

**Reading list**

**Section A**

**Week 1. Sociology and the imperial episteme (Dr Meghji)**

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Bhambra GK (2007) Sociology and Postcolonialism: Another `Missing’ Revolution? *Sociology* 41(5): 871–884. DOI: [10.1177/0038038507080442](https://doi.org/10.1177/0038038507080442).

Bhambra GK (2014) *Connected Sociologies*. London: Bloomsbury.

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Go J (2020) Race, Empire, and Epistemic Exclusion: Or the Structures of Sociological Thought. *Sociological Theory* 38(2). SAGE Publications Inc: 79–100. DOI: [10.1177/0735275120926213](https://doi.org/10.1177/0735275120926213).

Grosfoguel R (2017) Decolonizing Western Universalisms: Decolonial Pluri-versalism from Aime Cesaire to the Zapatistas. In: Paraskeva JM (ed.) *Towards a Just Curriculum Theory: The Epistemicide*. New York, NY: Routledge, pp. 147–164.

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Mignolo W (2002) The Geopolitics of Knowledge and the Colonial Difference. *The South Atlantic Quarterly* 101(1): 57–96.

Patel S (2006) Beyond Binaries: A Case for Self-Reflexive Sociologies. *Current Sociology* 54(3): 381–395. DOI: [10.1177/0011392106063187](https://doi.org/10.1177/0011392106063187).

Patel S (2017) Colonial Modernity and Methodological Nationalism: The Structuring of Sociological Traditions of India. *Sociological Bulletin* 66(2): 125–144. DOI: [10.1177/0038022917708383](https://doi.org/10.1177/0038022917708383).

[Decolonising Europe #1: Decentering Europe](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uDJQ_XUZp9w)

[Connected Sociologies](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-sX-JsrhOIA)

[Postcolonial thought and social theory.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y4RmaYRt6pM)

1. Is the history of sociology important for understanding its logic today?
2. Does sociology continue to reproduce an imperial episteme?
3. Can decolonial thought transform sociology?

**Week 2. Modernity/coloniality (Dr Meghji)**

\*Du Bois WEB (1954) The status of colonialism. Special Collections and University Archives, University of Massachusetts Amherst Libraries. Available at: <https://credo.library.umass.edu/view/full/mums312-b204-i042> (accessed 11 July 2019).

\*Mignolo WD (2007) Delinking: The rhetoric of modernity, the logic of coloniality and the grammar of de-coloniality. *Cultural Studies* 21(2–3): 449–514. DOI: [10.1080/09502380601162647](https://doi.org/10.1080/09502380601162647).

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[An Evening With Ramon Grosfoguel - Postcolonial or Decolonial?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3WUZTFIkb_4)

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Maldonado-Torres N (2007) On the Coloniality of Being. *Cultural Studies* 21(2–3): 240–270. DOI: [10.1080/09502380601162548](https://doi.org/10.1080/09502380601162548).

Maldonado-Torres R (2017) Against Coloniality: On the Meaning and Significance of the Decolonial Turn. In: Paraskeva JM (ed.) *Towards a Just Curriculum Theory: The Epistemicide*. New York, NY: Routledge, pp. 165–180.

[Symposium: Walter Mignolo on Coloniality and Western Modernity](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ap3nqffXK3Y)

Quijano A (2007) Coloniality and Modernity/Rationality. *Cultural Studies* 21(2–3): 168–178. DOI: [10.1080/09502380601164353](https://doi.org/10.1080/09502380601164353).

Slabodsky S (2016) In Network: the Case for Decolonial Jewish Thought. *Politics and Religion Journal* 10(2): 151–171.

Wynter S (2003) Unsettling the Coloniality of Being/Power/Truth/Freedom: Towards the Human, After Man, Its Overrepresentation—An Argument. *CR: The New Centennial Review* 3(3): 257–337.

1. Critically assess the concept of modernity/coloniality.
2. Critically assess the relation between the coloniality of power, being, and knowledge.
3. ‘One of the most powerful myths of the twentieth century was the notion that the elimination of colonial administrations amounted to the decolonization of the world’. Discuss.

**Week 3. Imperialism, Marxism, and anti-colonialism**

**Essential Readings:**

Césaire, A. (2000). [*Discourse on Colonialism*](https://libcom.org/files/zz_aime_cesaire_robin_d.g._kelley_discourse_on_colbook4me.org_.pdf)(New York: Monthly Review Press).

Parry, B. (2011). [“Liberation Theory: Variations on Themes of Marxism and Modernity,”](https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/marxism-modernity-and-postcolonial-studies/liberation-theory-variations-on-themes-of-marxism-and-modernity/087BA4A31BE5B4618A26D166C2E2E46B) in C. Bartolovitch and N. Lazarus, *Marxism, Modernity and Postcolonial Studies* (Cambridge University Press), pp.125-149.

Sinha, S. and R. Varma. (2017). [“Marxism and Postcolonial Theory: What’s Left of the Debate,”](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0896920515616263) *Critical Sociology*, Vol. 43, No. 4-5, pp.545-558.

Young, R. (2016). [*Postcolonialism. An Historical Introduction*](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/book/10.1002/9781119316817)(Wiley Blackwell).

**Additional Readings:**

Anderson, K. (2010). “Introduction,” “Colonial Encounters in the 1850s: The European Impact on India, Indonesia, and China,” and “Conclusion,” [*Marx at the Margins. On Nationalism, Ethnicity, and Non-Western Societies*](http://abahlali.org/files/Anderson%20-%20Marx%20at%20the%20Margins.pdf) (The University of Chicago Press), pp.1-41, 237-246.

Brenner, E. [“Rescuing Internationalism,”](https://www.oxfordscholarship.com/view/10.1093/0198279590.001.0001/acprof-9780198279594-chapter-6) *Really Existing Nationalisms* (London: Verso), pp.171-208.

Césaire, A. (2012). [“Letter to Maurice Thorez,”](https://diversity.wustl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Hassan_Documenta-Notebook_91.pdf) *100 Notes – 100 Thoughts*, No. 91, pp.30-47.

Chakrabarty, D. (2000). [“Universalism and Belonging in the Logic of Capital,”](https://libcom.org/files/Capital.pdf) *Public Culture 12(3)*: 653–678.

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Gibson, N. (2020). [“Fanon and Marx Revisited,”](https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00071773.2020.1732570?needAccess=true&journalCode=rbsp20) *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*.

Grosfoguel, R. (2011). [“Decolonizing Postcolonial Studies and Paradigms of Political Economy: Transmodernity, Global Colonial Thinking, and Global Coloniality,”](https://dialogoglobal.com/texts/grosfoguel/Grosfoguel-Decolonizing-Pol-Econ-and-Postcolonial.pdf) *TRANSMODERNITY*. *Journal of Peripheral Cultural Production of the Luso-Hispanic World*,Vol. 1, No. 1.

Grosfoguel, R. (2012). [“Decolonizing Western Uni-versalisms. Decolonial Pluriversalism from Aimé Césaire to the Zapatistas,”](https://escholarship.org/content/qt01w7163v/qt01w7163v.pdf) *Transmodernity*, pp.88-102.

Hassan, S. (2012). [“How to Liberate Marx from his Eurocentrism: Notes on African/Black Marxism,”](https://diversity.wustl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Hassan_Documenta-Notebook_91.pdf) *100 Notes – 100 Thoughts*, No. 91, pp.3-8.

Jan, A. (2018). [“In the Shadow of Ghadar: Marxism and Anti-Colonialism in Colonial Punjab,”](https://socialiststudies.com/index.php/sss/article/view/27202/20153) *Socialist Studies*, Vol. 13, No. 2, pp.58-80.

Kelley, R. (2000). “A Poetics of Anticolonialism,” [*Discourse on Colonialism*](https://libcom.org/files/zz_aime_cesaire_robin_d.g._kelley_discourse_on_colbook4me.org_.pdf)(New York: Monthly Review Press), pp.7-28.

Lindner, K. (2010). [“Marx’s Eurocentrism. Postcolonial Studies and Marx Scholarship,”](https://halshs.archives-ouvertes.fr/halshs-00504102/document) *Radical Philosophy*, Vol. 161, pp.27-41.

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Nesbitt, N. (2015). [“From Louverture to Lenin: Aimé Césaire and Anti-Colonial Marxism,”](https://read.dukeupress.edu/small-axe/article-abstract/19/3%20%2848%29/129/33415/From-Louverture-to-Lenin-Aime-Cesaire-and?redirectedFrom=fulltext) *small axe* 48, Nov. 2015, pp.129-144.

Pradella, L. (2013). [“Imperialism and Capitalist Development in Marx’s *Capital*,”](https://brill.com/view/journals/hima/21/2/article-p117_5.xml) *Historical Materialism*, Vol. 21, No. 2, pp.117-147.

Prashad, V. (2007). [*The Darker Nations. A People’s History of the Third World*](https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B7trXEFcZimVSUZuOXhFYjdMZHc/edit)(New York: The New Press).

Rao, R. (2017). [“Recovering Reparative Readings of Postcolonialism and Marxism,”](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0896920516630798) *Critical Sociology*, Vol. 43, No. 4-5, pp.587-598.

Robinson, R. (2019). [“Decolonization, Decoloniality, Marxism.”](https://onkwehonwerising.wordpress.com/2019/04/24/decolonization-decoloniality-marxism/)

Robinson, R. (2019). [“Marxism, Coloniality, ‘Man’, and Euromodern Science.”](https://onkwehonwerising.wordpress.com/2019/08/28/marxism-coloniality-man-euromodern-science/)

Said, E. (1979). “Oriental Residence and Scholarship: The Requirements of Lexicography and Imagination,” [*Orientalism*](https://monoskop.org/images/4/4e/Said_Edward_Orientalism_1979.pdf) (New York: Vintage Books), pp.153-156.

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Wolfe, P. (1997). [“History and Imperialism. A Century of Theory: From Marx to Postcolonialism,”](https://academic.oup.com/ahr/article/102/2/388/28210) *American Historical Review*, pp.388-420.

**Supplementary Videos**

Adi, H. (2015). [“Pan-Africanism and Communism.”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=055lweZ5W_I)

Anderson, K. (2010). [“Marx and the Global South.”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05gDpEywXHg)

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Chakrabarty, D. (2014). [“Rethinking Working Class.”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqmkldsIxkI)

Chibber, V., et. al. (2013). [“Debate: Marxism and the Legacy of Subaltern Studies.”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbM8HJrxSJ4)

Goswami, M. (2018). [“Revising the Geography of Modern World Histories.”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKWqvuKV1ME)

Majumdar, N. (2020). [“Why Marxism Is Not Eurocentric.”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHHF9m71uPc)

Nkrumah, K. (2012). [“Africa’s Black Star: The Rise and Fall of Kwame Nkrumah.”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qazB9d-csg)

Olende, K. (2018). [“Marxism and Race: A Eurocentric Analysis?”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rPlPvOn4iYE)

Prashad, V. (2010). [“Marx and the Global South.”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CdJxt6S2SSI)

Spivak, G. (2018). [“How Can We Use Marxism Today?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cIQ00OHEyFw)

**Supervision Questions:**

1. What is the relevance of the recuperation of “liberation theory” in relation to postcolonial (and/or decolonial) critiques of Marxism?

2. Critically evaluate the claim that Marxism constitutes “the fundamental framework of postcolonial thinking.”

**Week 4. Struggles for Self-Determination in the 21st Century**

**Essential Readings:**

Ciccariello-Maher, G. (2017). “Towards a New Dialectics of Race,” and “The Decolonial Nation in Motion,” [*Decolonizing Dialectics*](https://onkwehonwerising.files.wordpress.com/2019/07/george-ciccariello-maher-decolonizing-dialectics.pdf)(Duke University Press), pp.47-102.

Coulthard, G. (2014). ““The Plunge into the Chasm of the Past: Fanon, Self-Recognition, and Decolonization,” and “Conclusion. Lessons from Idle No More. The Future of Indigenous Activism,” [*Red Skin, White Masks*](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5ad0d247af209613040b9ceb/t/5dffba8a27eac52da18efcd3/1577040525580/%5BCoulthard%2C_Glen_Sean%5D_Red_Skin%2C_White_Masks___Rej%28z-lib.org%29.pdf) (University of Minnesota Press), pp.131-180.

Getachew, A. (2019). “A Political Theory of Decolonization,” “The Counterrevolutionary Moment. Preserving Racial Hierarchy in the League of Nations,” “From Principle to Right: The Anticolonial Reinvention of Self-Determination,” and “The Fall of Self-Determination,” *Worldmaking after Empire. The Rise and Fall of Self-Determination* (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 2019), pp. pp.14-106, 176-182.

Scott, D. (1999). “Fanonian Futures?,” and “After Bandung: From the Politics of Postcolonial Representation to a Theory of Postcolonial Politics,” *Refashioning Futures. Criticism after Postcoloniality* (Princeton University Press), pp.190-224.

Wilder, G. (2015). “Unthinking France, Rethinking Decolonization,” and “Decolonization and Postnational Democracy,” [*Freedom Time. Negritude, Decolonization, and the Future of the World*](https://read.dukeupress.edu/books/book/193/Freedom-TimeNegritude-Decolonization-and-the) (Duke University Press), pp.1-16, 241-259.

**Additional Readings**

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Dirik, D. (2018). “The Revolution of Smiling Women. Stateless Democracy and Power in Rojava,” in O. Rutizibwa and R. Shilliam, eds., *Routledge Handbook of Postcolonial Politics* (Routledge), pp.222-238.

Fanon, F. (1986). [*Black Skin, White Masks*](https://monoskop.org/images/a/a5/Fanon_Frantz_Black_Skin_White_Masks_1986.pdf)(Pluto Press).

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Kauanui, J. (2019). [“Decolonial Self-Determination and No-State Solutions,”](http://humanityjournal.org/blog/decolonial-self-determination-and-no-state-solutions/) *Humanity Journal*.

Lazarus, N. (1999). [“Disavowing Decolonization: Fanon, Nationalism, and the Question of Representation in Postcolonial Theory,”](https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/english/currentstudents/postgraduate/masters/modules/postcol_theory/lazarus_disavowing.pdf) in A. Alessandrini, ed., *Fanon: Critical Perspectives* (Routledge), pp.69-98.

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Massad, J. (2018). [“Against Self-Determination,”](http://humanityjournal.org/issue9-2/against-self-determination/) *Humanity Journal*.

Mbembe, A. (2017). “The Clinic of the Subject,” [*Critique of Black Reason*](https://criticaltheory.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/achille-mbembe-critique-of-black-reason.pdf)(Duke University Press), pp.151-178.

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Rabaka, R. (2011). [“Revolutionary Fanonism: On Frantz Fanon's Modification of Marxism and Decolonization of Democratic Socialism,”](https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/08854300.2011.541180) *Socialism and Democracy*, Vol. 25, No. 1, pp.126-145.

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Taylor, P. (1989). “Frantz Fanon and the Narrative of Liberation,” *The Narrative of Liberation: Perspectives on Afro-Caribbean Literature, Popular Culture, and Politics* (Cornell University Press).

Tuck, E. and K. Yang. (2012). [“Decolonization is Not a Metaphor,”](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Ctjm52%5CDocuments%5CTuck%2C%20Eve%2C%20and%20K.%20Wayne%20Yang.%202012) *Decolonization: Indigeneity, Education and Society* Vol. 1, No. 1, pp.1-40.

Walia*,* H.(2013).“Journeys toward Decolonization” in [*Undoing Border Imperialism*](https://s3.amazonaws.com/arena-attachments/770323/6a088e6a4baa083e1f720982c0bff8b9.pdf)(AK Press).

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**Supplementary Videos**

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Busch, M. with A. Getachew. (2020). [“Book Salon with Michael Busch, with Dr. Adom Getachew.”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mF2E0rdegLM)

Ciccariello-Maher, G. (2016). [“Decolonizing Dialectics.”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKz8ZC3H6Ts)

Coulthard, G., et. al. (2016). [“Panel Discussion. Red Skins, White Masks. Rejecting the Colonial Politics of Recognition.”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RUoM_H2wnhU&t=5897s)

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Wilder, G., et. al. (2015). [“Freedom Time: Negritude, Decolonization, and the Future of the World.”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsF_ROrAKbw)

**Supervision Questions:**

1. In what ways do the lessons and legacy of “anticolonial worldmaking” continue to influence and inform contemporary struggles for decolonization and/or self-determination?

2. Is the narrative of liberation associated with the radical projects of anti-imperialist self-determination by now hopelessly passé?

**Week 5. Autonomous and indigenous sociology (Dr Meghji)**

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2. Can we have indigenous and autonomous sociologies without having epistemic relativism?
3. Do you find the call for indigenous and autonomous sociologies convincing?

**Week 6. Coloniality, humanism, and the climate crisis (Dr Meghji)**

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2. Critically assess the relationship between environmental catastrophe and coloniality.
3. Is Western sociology equipped to deal with the climate crisis?

**Week 7-8: Long essay workshops (Dr Meghji)**

***Section B***

**Week 1. Du Bois and racialised modernity (Dr Meghji)**

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 [The Souls of Sociology: Articulating a Du Boisian Sociology](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYf4UymL_78)

[Julian Go (Boston): Globalizing Social Theory (15.39-23.00)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBMIAQM4fo0)

[W.E.B. DuBois Speaks! Socialism and the American Negro](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKXglS90qn4)

1. ‘The problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the colour line’. Discuss.
2. Are you convinced by Du Bois’ argument that Black Labour is ‘the foundation stone not only of the Southern social structure, but of Northern manufacture and commerce, of the English factory system, of European commerce, of buying and selling on a world-wide scale.’

**Week 2. Lugones and the coloniality of gender (Dr Phillip)**

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2. ‘Patriarchal heterosexuality is central to the reproduction of modern gender regimes’ – critically discuss.

3. Is there a need for Southern perspectives in gender analysis within sociology?

**Week 3. Shari’ati and religious sociology (Dr Meghji)**

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**Week 4. C.L.R James and anticolonial agency (Dr Meghji)**

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2. How has subaltern agency shaped the modern world?
3. Critically assess the relationship between anticolonial agency and Western humanism.

**Week 5. Between anti-colonialism and nationalism: the tradition of Indian sociology (Dr Meghji)**

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2. What is methodological nationalism, and to what extent has it influenced Indian sociology?
3. Is it useful to have national traditions of sociology?

**Week 6. Indigenous methodologies (Dr Meghji)**

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3. In what ways would embracing indigenous methodologies transform sociological research?

**Week 7-8**: **Long essay** **workshops (Dr Meghji)**