POSTCOLONIAL INTELLECTUALS & THEIR EUROPEAN PUBLICS

5-6 FEBRUARY
UTRECHT UNIVERSITY

EVENT PROGRAM
About the conference

Who are the postcolonial intellectuals? Which of them are currently the most influential? What kind of intellectual activity do collectivities, networks and movements gathering around issues of race and citizenship perform? How do postcolonial academics, artists, writers, parties and movements respond to current timely issues in the European landscape such as migration, citizenship and the legacies of colonialism? How do they contribute to a new idea of “Europe” and relate to Western categories of modernity? Are their critical tools effective enough?

The PIN – Postcolonial Intellectuals and their European Publics network, not only focuses on postcolonial intellectuals as outspoken individuals, but also challenges the traditional definition of the “public intellectual” by emphasizing the role of artists, writers, activists and social movements in shaping postcolonial publics and knowledges. Postcolonial Intellectuals and their European Publics network (PIN) brings together an international and interdisciplinary network of scholars to investigate the role of postcolonial public intellectuals as crucial actors in renewing the function of the humanities and of democratic participation in Europe.

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This is the kick off conference that will be followed by other events organized by other network members.

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DAY 01

9:00 COFFEE
9:30 Drift 21, Sweelinckzaal
      Entrance from the Library (Drift 27)

9:30 OPENING
9:45 Prof. Sandra Ponzanesi (Utrecht University, NL)

9:45 KEYNOTE
10:45 Chair: Sandra Ponzanesi
      Prof. Kaiama L. Glover (Barnard College, Columbia University, USA)
      On Blackness and Borders

10:45 PANEL I - FIGURES
12:00 Moderator: Daniela Merolla
      Paul Bijl (Utrecht University, NL)
      Kartini (1879-1904): The Self-Fashioning and Memory of a Feminist Icon from Colonial Indonesia
      Neelam Srivastava (Newcastle University, UK)
      Sylvia Pankhurst’s anti-colonial activism and the crisis of empire in the 1930s
      Sara Verderi (Utrecht University, NL)
      Relational Memory in Fadwa Soulimane’s Poetics of the Syrian Uprising
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12:00  PANEL II - THEORY

Moderator: Neelam Srivastava
Prof. Paulo de Medeiros (University of Warwick, UK)
Postimperial Memory and Citizenship
Almira Ousmanova (European Humanities University, Vilnius)
Postcolonial Theory and the Politics of Knowledge under the Post-Socialist Condition: A View from the Periphery of the Empire(s)

13:00  BREAK

14:00  PANEL III - CRITIQUE

Moderator: Graham Huggan
Nicolas Vandeviver (Ghent University, Belgium)
Edward Said and Literary Criticism as Political Intervention
Adriano José Habed (University of Verona, Italy)
Postcritique and the Postcolonial Intellectual
Birgit M. Kaiser/Kathrin Thiele (Utrecht University, NL)
Terra Critica: On Questions of Critique in the Neoliberal University
Ananya Jahanara Kabir (King’s College London, UK)
Can the intellectual dance? Thought-provoking movement in postcolonial Europe

16:00  COFFEE BREAK

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BOOK PRESENTATION
POSTCOLONIAL INTELLECTUALS IN EUROPE
Edited by Sandra Ponzanesi and Adriano José Habed

DAY 01
16:30
Moderator: Paulo de Medeiros

18:30
INTRODUCTION
Sandra Ponzanesi & Adriano José Habed (editors)

SECTION 1: PORTRAITS OF THE INTELLECTUALS
Neelam Srivastava (Newcastle University, UK)
Antonio Gramsci and Anti-colonial Internationalism
Jamila M. H. Mascat (Utrecht University, NL)
Talking about a Revolution. C.L.R. James and Frantz Fanon

SECTION 2: REINTERPRETATIONS AND DIALOGUES
Mehdi Sajid (Utrecht University, NL)
Before Postcolonialism: Shakîb Arslân’s Response to Colonialism in the Interwar Years
Bolette B. Blaagaard (Aalborg University, DK)
Rosi Braidotti and Paul Gilroy: Questions of Memory and Cosmopolitan Futures of Europe

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SECTION 3: ARTISTS AND ACTIVISTS
Ana Cristina Mendes (University of Lisbon, Portugal)
Salman Rushdie: The Accidental Intellectual in the Mediascape
Jesse van Amelsvoort (University of Groningen, NL)
‘Not Merely in Symbol but in Reality’: Zadie Smith and the Aesthetic of the Intellectual
Rosemarie Buikema (Utrecht University, NL)
#RhodesMustFall and the Curation of European Imperial Legacies

SECTION 4: MOVEMENTS AND NETWORKS
Gianmaria Colpani & Wigbertson Julian Isenia
(Utrecht University and UvA, NL)
Strange Fruits: Queer of Color Intellectual Labor in the Netherlands in the 1980s and 1990s
Koen Leurs (Utrecht University, NL)
Hacking the European Refugee Crisis? Data Activism and Human Rights

RESPONSE
Rosi Braidotti (Utrecht University, NL)

DRINKS
18:30-19:30
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10:00 PANEL IV - ART & ACTIVISM

12:00 Moderator: Max Silverman
Alessandra Benedicty-Kokken (CUNY, USA)
Memory, Reckoning, and Recognition: Raoul Peck’s Documentary Filmmaking
Dimitilla Olivieri (Utrecht University, NL)
Speaking Nearby: Trinh’s Films as Routes in Critical Postcolonial Practice
Ana Cristina Mendes (University of Lisbon, Portugal)
Museum Takeovers: Sonia Boyce’s Six Acts and The Carters’ Apeshit
Rosemarie Buikema (Utrecht University, NL)
Decolonizing the Museum: Curating Equality and Difference

12:00 KEYNOTE

13:00 Chair: Sandra Ponzanesi
Prof. Awam Ampka (New York University, Tisch School of The Arts, USA)
Postcolonial Activism and its Legibilities

13:00 BREAK

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14:00 PANEL V - CITIZENSHIP & THE DIGITAL SPHERE

Moderator: Koen Leurs
Bolette B. Blaagaard (Aalborg University, DK)
Citizen Journalists & Public Intellectuals
Pinar Tuzcu (University of Giessen, Germany)
Algorithmic Justice and the Role of the Postcolonial Intellectuals in the Digital Age
Deborah Nyangulu (University of Muenster, Germany)
The Self-help Genre and Public Intellectuals in the Digital Age

15:30 PANEL VI - INTELLECTUAL SPACES

Moderator: Sabrina Marchetti
Alessandra Di Maio (University of Palermo, Italy)
Resisting Borders: The City of Palermo and the Black Mediterranean
Shaul Bassi (Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, Italy)
The Postcolonial Ghetto: Notes from Venice

16:30 CLOSING ROUND TABLE

Sandra Ponzanesi, Graham Huggan, Max Silverman, Paulo de Medeiros, Mark Stein,
Neelam Srivastava, Shaul Bassi, Sabrina Marchetti, Ana C. Mendes, Adriano José Habed
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