

DEMOCRACY, SLAVERY AND THE DECOLONIAL OPTION

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Register at the: [Utrecht Summer School Website](http://utrechtsummerschool.nl/) <http://utrechtsummerschool.nl/>

Today, the idea of “democracy” that was globalized through European imperial expansions is no longer the only way to conceive and organize harmonic and convivial societies. The democratic disconnect is obvious across the planet from Latin America to Eastern Europe and its borders (e.g., the events in Ukraine that show the limits of democracy as we know it). Why is western democracy failing? The school brings together artists and academics from a wide variety of geographies and disciplines to engage with this question and seriously consider alternative conceptions to achieve viable and equitable futures. We will show the historical continuities from transatlantic slavery in the 16th and 17th centuries and current neoliberal forms of the devaluation of life. From the start of Atlantic slave trade and the birth of a world capitalist economy centered in the West, we have witnessed the racialization of non-European populations, the imposition of a colonial gender system, the production of economic inequalities, and the commodification and destruction of nature. The intense debate in South America on notions such as Sumak Kawsay, to live in plenitude, as well as on the rights of nature, will provide us with a necessary grounding to explore conceptions of life that are not based on the complicities between western democracy and capitalism.

Designed for advanced undergraduate and graduate students (Phd and Ma) from all disciplinary backgrounds, we will encourage participants interested in creating “working groups” that will continue decolonial research agendas after the end of the seminar. The working groups would develop “reports” and “activities” that may take the form of traditional paper, video-documentary, web-page, artistic creation, museum exhibitions, community work or other initiatives connected to the participant’s interests.

A registration form is available at the [Utrecht Summer School Website](http://utrechtsummerschool.nl/)

This Year we have no deadline admission will be on a rolling basis until the course is full.

In cooperation with: [The Center for Global Studies and the Humanities at Duke University](#)

Decolonial Summer School: decolonialsummerschool.wordpress.com

What Decolonials Do: <https://vimeo.com/83533482>

Decolonial Thank You <http://vimeo.com/36484325>

Decolonial Voice Lending - Interview with Dr. Walter Mignolo <http://vimeo.com/35820205>

Walter Mignolo: waltermignolo.com/

Jean Casimir: globalstudies.trinity.duke.edu/wko-v2d3

Maria Lugones: www2.binghamton.edu/comparative-literature/faculty/lugones-m.html

Fabian Barba: www.caravanproduction.be/?page=artists&aid=91

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