



# Decoloniality:

a reflexive workshop on the epistemic, ethical and methodological implications for our research praxis

A collaborative workshop of the two BMBF-projects on  
“Universality and Acceptance Potential of Social Science Knowledge”  
and on "Southeast Asian Studies"



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Decoloniality has become an emerging topic in German Social Science. We have observed that academia in the Global North has mostly been engaged in studying decoloniality as a discourse. Our workshop suggests a different focus in asking:

***What are the implications of practicing decolonial research  
in the academic environment of a country within the Global North?***

This workshop provides a laboratory to explore decoloniality conceived as a research “attitude” focusing on its implications on an epistemological, ethical and methodological level and invites participants to contribute insights from their own research experience.

Together with **Dr. Julia Suárez Krabbe** we will elaborate on these implications using the conceptual framework of **Boaventura Sousa Santos** known as *Epistemologies of the South* (2009), which will serve as a conceptual tool for analyzing our own research experience. As Sousa Santos describes, dialogical sociology is yet to emerge. Those researchers who have set out to ‘walk the talk’ find themselves confronted with “strange mirrors [and] unsuspected lessons” (ALICE 2011) which this workshop will address. On this basis we will critically reconsider issues which are often perceived as solely individual experiences as a social and epistemological challenge.

**Dr. Julia Suárez Krabbe** is currently involved in the research project “ALICE – Strange Mirrors, Unsuspected Lessons” ([alice.ces.uc.pt](http://alice.ces.uc.pt)) coordinated by Prof. Boaventura de Sousa Santos which is financed by the European Research Council (FP/2007-2013).

She coordinates the *Decoloniality Network Europe*, composed by a majority of southern scholars and activists who work against racism, islamophobia and coloniality in Europe (<http://decolonialityeurope.wix.com/decoloniality>) and is assistant professor at the Department of Culture and Identity, Roskilde University, Denmark and associated researcher at the Center for Social Studies (CES) of the University of Coimbra, Portugal.

## Registration until 1st June 2013

Participation is free of charge, but limited to 15 participants.

In order to be able to form a quality group we ask for a short presentation of your motivation to participate in the workshop, and of the research experience you wish to elaborate on.

Details and Registration:

[http://www.gesellschaftswissen.uni-freiburg.de/activity/ws-je/ws-decolimplic-en?set\\_language=en](http://www.gesellschaftswissen.uni-freiburg.de/activity/ws-je/ws-decolimplic-en?set_language=en)

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