

POSTCOLONIAL / POLITICAL / ECONOMIES

A workshop for postgraduate and early-career researchers

The Australian National University, Canberra
Friday 15 July 2016

CALL FOR PAPERS

We invite abstracts for an all-day workshop on postcolonial political economies to be held on Friday 15 July 2016 at the Australian National University in Canberra. We welcome abstracts from postgraduate researchers and academics in a variety of disciplines.

Please submit a short abstract with a brief biography or institutional affiliation by Monday 20 June 2016 to carlos.morreo@anu.edu.au. If you have any questions, feel free to write.

This workshop is sponsored by the ANU's School of Politics and International Relations (SPIR) and the Australian National Centre for Latin American Studies (ANCLAS).

WORKSHOP ABSTRACT

The aim of the workshop is to encourage discussion on the subject of postcolonial political economies, as either research approach or interdisciplinary problematic.

There are currently several lines of inquiry, cutting across the social sciences and humanities, which engage in insightful ways with what we may term postcolonial political economies. For instance, Jon Altman's 'hybrid economies', J.K. Gibson-Graham's post-capitalist 'diverse economies', Nitasha Kaul's 'economics otherwise', Arturo Escobar's earlier 'post-development', and, more recently, T. Mitchell's research on technopolitics and 'economentality' among others, are some of the contemporary approaches in which economic matters have been discussed in ways that intersect with postcolonial interpellations.

In addition, science and technology studies and STS-inflected studies of the economy have much to offer a postcolonial political economy. These as well as other ethnographically informed and critical interdisciplinary approaches, looking into alternative knowledges and practices, or developing critical and ethical analyses, may allow us to advance a thought-provoking and empirically-attuned analysis of postcolonial economies and politics.

If you would like to present aspects of your research in the workshop, in dialogue with postcolonial concerns, please contact us prior to 20 June 2016.

PARTICIPANTS

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