

Kurzbeschreibung:

This seminar will (re)-read a number of key (post)Enlightenment texts, which have shaped our western humanist legacy of "Weltanschauung" ranging from John Locke's *Second Treatise on Government*, through Hegel's *The Philosophy of Spirit*, through Nietzsche's *Beyond Good and Evil* and Adorno/Horkheimer's *Dialectics of Enlightenment* to Simone de Beauvoir's *The Second Sex*, and *The Ethics of Ambiguity*. These texts will be examined as paradigmatic examples for an agnotological stance in European and north-Atlantic humanist worldview that reaches far beyond philosophy as a discipline. Agnotology is a key term here, meaning, in short, the willful production of ignorance on the part of state and public institutions, the media, school and other civil society actors. We will address the blind spots in thinking that texts like the ones selected have produced vis-a-vis the European modern histories of conquest and enslavement, by way of juxtaposing those texts with Black and decolonial critique by scholars/artists/activists like Césaire, Wynter, Walcott, Sharpe.

Literatur:

For introductory reading, please make sure you will have obtained this article before course beginning:

Broeck, Sabine. "The Legacy of Slavery: White Humanities and its Subject. A Manifesto." *Human Rights from a Third World Perspective: Critique, History and International Law*. Ed. Jose Barreto. Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2013. 102-116. Print.