The interpretive categories elaborated by decolonial thought and the research methodologies that it proposes are increasingly popular in the academic debate. Decolonial critique is backed up by the necessity of rethinking capitalism in its phase of protracted economic, ecologic and social crisis; on the other hand, the claims of social movements that have globally arisen in the last years feed into this discourse. Yet, it is not always clear what we refer to in using this term, what are its different nuances, what is its political significance. Furthermore, outside of the Latin American debate, its genealogy, different trends and relationship to the better-known postcolonial studies remain rather obscure. With this workshop we intend to propose an initial discussion on the concept, its roots and developments. The aim is also to reflect together on the propositional and transformative potentials that this perspective offers.

The seminar would like to be an (informal) occasion of encounter and debate. For this reason, we propose a brief and optional reading list that will serve as basis to collectively build the work in the seminar. The below program is thus to be intended as a guidance open to revision.

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Program

Welcome
Let’s have coffee together at 10:30!

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First part: 11:00-13:00

Introduction #1
Whither decoloniality? Origins and originalities of the debate
Salvo Torre (University of Catania)

Introduction #2
Coloniality of knowledge, power, being
Alice Dal Gobbo (University of Trento)

Debate: open issues, questions, opportunities for social science practice
Lunch: 13:00-14:30

Second part: 14:30-16:30

*Open roundtable: reflecting on our own research practices and theoretical stances*
In this roundtable each participant will have the possibility of talk about the relation between his/her own research practice and decolonial thought – are there any challenges emerging both to research work and to the decolonial contributions themselves?

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**Suggested readings**

