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INVITATION

The *Department of Balkan Slavic and Oriental Studies* and the *Culture-Borders-Gender/LAB (University of Macedonia)*, in collaboration with **dēcolonize hellás** are organizing an:

Open Lecture/Discussion with:

Boaventura de Sousa Santos

“How difficult is to decolonize the University? Postcolonialism, Decoloniality and Epistemologies of the South”

30/9/2022, 6-9pm

Aula 14

University of Macedonia,
Egnatias 156 - Thessaloniki,

Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/8364531775?pwd=OVg3YVZlbmVCYWs3S0JYcEFGYlVlQT09>

Meeting ID: 836 453 1775 Passcode: KB2JKa

Moderator: **F. Tsibiridou** (University of Macedonia - dēcolonize hellás - NoUniPolice)

Discussants:

N. Kosmatopoulos (AUB- dēcolonize hellás)

S. Papastathopoulos (University of Ioannina)

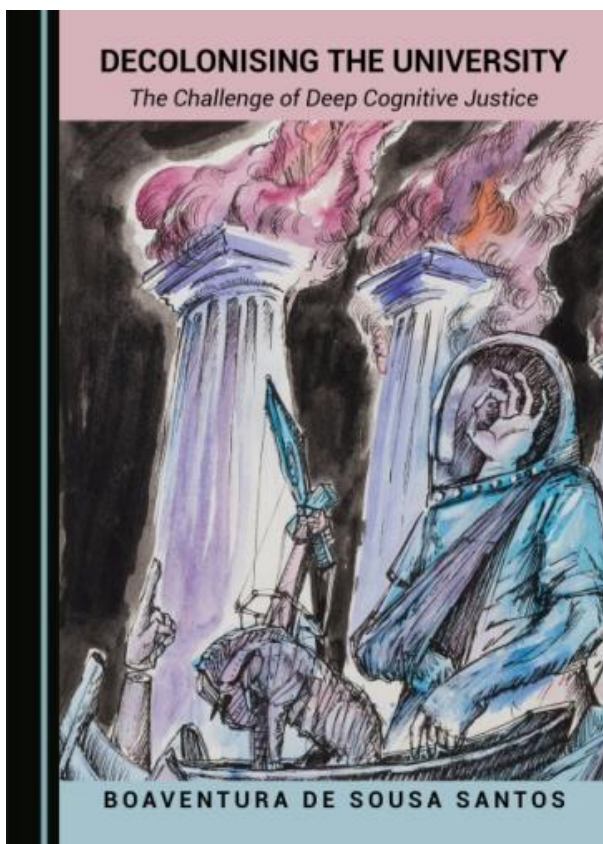
A. Mandylara (University of Ioannina)

L. Yoka (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

E. Katsarou-K. Sipitanos (University of Crete)

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Students' Network-(Decolonize Hellas)

S. Lada (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki – Citizens' Initiative: Transform TIF into a Metropolitan park - CITTIFMeP)



Boaventura de Sousa Santos, Prof. Emeritus of Sociology, School of Economics (Coimbra-Portugal), Honorary Prof. University of Wisconsin - Law School of Madison & University of Warwick, 2022 Frantz Fanon Lifetime Achievement Award

Abstract: *Modern universities have been at the source and played a key role in the expansion of Western Knowledge. The way the university has been linked to the rise of capitalism, colonialism and patriarchy contributed to destroying ways of knowing that do not fit European interests. This caused immense cognitive injustice. Can the universities be a site to redress such a past and contribute to a future of greater cognitive justice, conceived of as a crucial dimension of social global justice? My answer is a conditional yes. This condition requires an epistemic transition towards what I have been calling the Epistemologies of The South.*

Recent books in English (2018-2021)

[Decolonising the University: The Challenge of Deep Cognitive Justice](#). Cambridge Scholars, 2021; [Toward a New Legal Common Sense. Law, Globalization, and Emancipation](#). 3rd Edition (Cambridge University Press, 2020); [The End of the Cognitive Empire: The Coming of Age of Epistemologies of the South](#) (Duke University Press, 2018).