



dēcolōmize hellás / publications

The dēcolōmize hellás initiative and the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation invite you to the presentation of the **dēcolōmize hellás / publications** series at the Social Center / Migrants' Place, Valaoritou 20, 6th floor, Thessaloniki, on Thursday May 23, from 7 to 9 pm.

Greek Colonialities, The Balkans and Black Marxism, Liberalism and Illiberalism, Feminist Futures

The era of neo-/post-colonialism is a time of unspeakable violence and necropolitics, but also of radicalization and revolt that bear the promise of decolonization of the Western epistemological paradigm, and activism. Our aim in this series is to develop an innovative discourse that goes beyond an understanding of Greece as a crypto-colony, a case of colonial mimesis or an example of self-colonization. Our aim is to see Greece as a carrier of forms and structures of coloniality, as a beneficiary of privileges deriving from white supremacy and as a willing implementer of colonial policies within and outside its borders.

As racialization in terms of white supremacy nests in blatant capitalist exploitation, fencing and mining of land, knowledge and freedom, it is compelled to constantly invent black bodies in order to establish the useful racist/sexist/nationalist divide within/outside national belonging.

Decolonization cannot be merely a metaphor, as production, reproduction and citizenship involve bodies and materialities; it cannot solely rely on the rationalizing literalisms of the Western epistemological tradition in order to acknowledge its significance as an act of emancipation.

We call for a dismantling of colonial aphasia in the sciences and knowledge production, a process that is both decolonial and anti-colonial, and is connected to postcolonial studies, but is also inspired by the critique of racial capitalism, the radical tradition of black feminism and the decolonial movements in the global South.

The series being launched consists of four small volumes:

dēcolōmize hellás collective, *Greek Colonialities*,

Dušan Bjelić, *The Balkans and Black Marxism: Toward the Abolition of White Supremacy in Europe*,

Julian Go, *Liberalism and Illiberalism: A Postcolonial Approach*,

Gina Athena Ulysse, *A Call to Rasanblaj: Black Feminist Futures and Ethnographic Aesthetics*,

This publication series is the most recent milestone in the collective journey of the dēcolōmize hellás collective that launched in the summer of 2020 as an academic action and political intervention. Since then, the collective has carried out many experimental actions and diverse publications. More details can be found on our website: <https://decolonizehellas.org> .



PROGRAM

Thursday May 23, 7-9pm

Social Center / Migrants' Place, Valaoritou 20, 6th floor, Thessaloniki

Moderator:

Nikos Nikisianis, (PhD Ecology, Aristotle University - Member of Antiracist Initiative Thessaloniki)

Participants:

Athena Peglidou (Anthropologist, Associate Professor, Aristotle University)

Christos Mais (Publication and Cultural Studies, Lecturer, University of Thessaly - Psifides Publishing)

Alexandros Kioupkiolis (Political Sciences, Associate Professor, Aristotle University)

Christina Grammatikopoulou (PhD Art History, Barcelona University, Postdoctoral Research University of Macedonia, Aristotle University)

From the *dēcolonize hellás* collective

– comments by:

Christos Zisis (PhD Cultural Anthropology, Hamburg University)

– interventions by:

Fotini Tsibiridou (Anthropologist, Professor, University of Macedonia),

Penelope Papailias (Anthropologist, Associate Professor, University of Thessaly),

Nikolas Kosmatopoulos (Anthropologist, Associate Professor, American University of Beirut),

Sissy Theodosiou (Anthropologist, Associate Professor, University of Ioannina),

Despina Lalaki (Sociologist, Assistant Professor, City University of New York)