

**Another Logic of Scientific Inquiry?
Engaging with Latin American Perspectives**

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Abstract

A distinctive form of anticolonial analysis has been emerging from Latin America in recent decades. This “Decolonial theory” argues that new insights about modernity and its history and philosophy of science become visible only if one starts thinking about these from the experiences of those colonized by the Spanish and Portuguese in the Americas. For these thinkers, European colonialism in the Americas, on the one hand, and modernity, capitalism, their sciences and philosophies of science, on the other hand, coproduced and coconstituted each other. The effects of that history persist today. They support the “epistemicide” of ignoring the experiences of nature and social relations of the majority of the world’s citizens, and they obscure the importance of “borderland” sciences, their politics and their philosophies. This presentation will sketch out major themes in these writings, and point to some interesting tensions that it generates.