**DECOLONIAL THEORY**  
Spring 2016  
Thursdays 5:00-7:50pm  
SSB 103

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**Course Description**
Decolonial theory is a very large body of intellectual work and has many formations. In this course we will focus on scholarship examining the redefinition of the human over the last 500+ years. Students will be introduced to a key theoretical framework that is of particular interest in the contemporary moment: the “coloniality of being.” The purpose of this course is twofold: to familiarize students with some of the central concerns in decolonial theory as well as to continue to think through possible futures.

**Required Texts**

All other readings will be available on TED.

**Requirements**
Attendance and Participation: 20%  
Presentations: 20% each (40% total)  
Each student will be responsible for 2 presentations. Presenter should be prepared to lead the class discussion.  
Final Paper: 40%  
15-17 pg research paper based on course materials.
SCHEDULE

Week 1
March 30
Introductions

The Triadic Schema
Week 2
April 6

On Blood
Week 3
April 13
Special Guest: J. Kehaulani Kauanui
3-4:30pm at the CCC

Week 4
April 20

On the Colonality of Being
Week 5
April 27

Week 6
May 4
Guest Speaker: Inés Hernández-Avila
3-4:30pm at the CCC
Week 7
May 11
Wynter, Sylvia.

Week 8
May 18

Week 9
May 25

Coloniality across Borders
Week 10
June 1
Figueroa, Yomaira. “Faithful Witnessing as Practice.” Hypatia vol. 30, no. 4 (Fall 2015).