

## Press Release

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### Colonial Repercussions Symposium III: “Planetary Utopias – Hope, Desire, Imaginaries in a Post-Colonial World”

**23 June 2018, Akademie der Künste, Pariser Platz**

**24 June 2018, Akademie der Künste, Hanseatenweg**

In the third symposium of the *Colonial Repercussions* event series on 23 and 24 June, titled "**Planetary Utopias – Hope, Desire, Imaginaries in a Post-Colonial World**", Nikita Dhawan (Professor of Political Theory and Gender Studies), together with international scholars, activists and artists will rethink new visions of a postcolonial future.

The curator Nikita Dhawan: “Reimagining postcolonial futures, requires a move beyond the belief that undoing European colonialism would be sufficient to usher in a world without injustice and oppression. This confronts us with the problem of postcolonial oppositional criticism: whom and what should this critique be directed against? What should be the grammar of this critique? How are we to overcome the acute paralysis of will and sheer lack of vision? Does the world in which we live make postcolonial utopias implausible to imagine?”

With: **Sara Ahmed, Nadjé Al-Ali, Kader Attia, Gina Belafonte, Nathalie Anguezomo Mba Bikoro, María do Mar Castro Varela, Angela Davis, Nikita Dhawan, Nadia Yala Kisukidi, Rirhandu Mageza-Barthel, Rahul Rao, David Scott, Alya Sebti, Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, Antonio Y. Vazquez-Arroyo, Rolando Vázquez and Françoise Vergès.**

In addition, the **C& Center of unfinished business** reading room of the international online platform for African perspectives on art, *Contemporary And (C&)*, will offer throughout the entire event series in the foyer of the Akademie building on Pariser Platz literature on colonial legacies.

*Colonial Repercussions* is a joint series of events by the Akademie der Künste with the Federal Agency for Civic Education/bpb.

#### Event details

Colonial Repercussions

### Symposium III “Planetary Utopias – Hope, Desire, Imaginaries in a Post-Colonial World”

23 June 2018 from 12:30 pm:

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24 June 2018 from 2:30 pm:

With Angela Davis, María do Mar Castro Varela, Nikita Dhawan, Rahul Rao, Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, Antonio Vázquez-Arroyo and Françoise Vergès  
Akademie der Künste, Hanseatenweg 10, 10557 Berlin

In English. Free admission

For Tweets on this event series: **#colonialrepercussions** and **#decolonize**

**Press tickets and photos:** [presse@adk.de](mailto:presse@adk.de), Tel. 030 20057-1514

Detailed programme available at: [www.adk.de/colonial-repercussions](http://www.adk.de/colonial-repercussions)

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