Abstract:

What does it mean to decolonize gender? How can we reconstruct one of the central terms of feminist theory, namely gender, if we take thoroughly into account its imperial genealogies? What happens to the ways in which we understand the connections between gender, sex, power, materiality, the social, and ontology, if the insight that current and hegemonic understandings of gender are colonial and thus need to be decolonized is turned into an irreducible starting point for feminist theory? The lecture will address these questions and sketch possible answers.