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Contesting modernities I and II 210 (FIL 210)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	BA BA Languages BA Law BA Visual Studies BPolSci International Studies BPolSci Political Studies BSocSci Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies BSocSci Philosophy, Politics and Economics
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	At least one of FIL 110, 120
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Philosophy
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module engages the historical emergence of modern African philosophy in relation to the Western canon. The first module traces the history of modern western philosophy as the history of different conceptions of First Philosophy – from the claim that it is epistemology (Aristotle through eg. Kant and Hegel), to ontology (eg Heidegger), to the ethical (eg. Levinas) to the claim that it is the political (eg Grosfoguel, Mignolo). The second module traces the historical process through which the modern African subject is constituted in a struggle for recognition with reference to the work of theorists such as Hegel, Du Bois, Fanon and others.

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