

Junctions Issue 6.1: ‘Decolonizing the University’, Call for Position Papers

“Depending on who you speak to, decolonisation is about interrogating, resisting, dismantling, reforming or transforming the university. It is about critically engaging with how the university has historically produced, sustained and justified violence and domination across the world... As we witness the co-option of decolonisation as a term, we see its potential to fit neatly with the agenda of Management to discredit old forms of organising the university. It can be harnessed to promote marketisation of Universities as companies competing for ‘clients’ (read: students)... In other words, humanities and social science degrees are cheap to run but fees are high – and Black Studies could attract a new ‘market’ of students”. (Bhambra, Nişancıoğlu & Gebrial 2020, 513-514)¹

For the 10th anniversary issue of Junctions, we invite graduate students and recent graduates in the Humanities to submit **position papers** reflecting on the above quote from the point of view of their own discipline. As an interdisciplinary journal in the Humanities, we are interested in how different disciplines have or have not taken up the theme of decolonizing in recent scholarship and educational practices. We therefore ask authors to reflect and offer their personal stance on questions such as: What steps do you, as a student, take to engage with your discipline or within the larger space of the university through the lens of decoloniality? How is decolonizing approached in your discipline? In what way does your discipline (in)visibilise the (re)production of (de)coloniality?

Position papers should be between **1000-1500** words in length, and should take the form of a personal reflection preferably, but not necessarily, rooted in a specific discipline. Manuscripts should be in Chicago author-date referencing style, following the official *Junctions* Word template and the [prescribed author guidelines](#). Please submit a digital copy of your manuscript (as a Word document) via the submission system on our website by **March 23**. Your submission will be handled through open peer review by our managing editors, and notifications of acceptance will be sent on **March 30**. Accepted submissions may require revisions. Junctions does not accept manuscripts previously published by or simultaneously submitted to other publications.

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¹ Bhambra, Gurinder K., Kerem Nişancıoğlu and Dalia Gebrial. “Decolonising the university in 2020”. *Identities* 27, no.4 (2020): 509-516. DOI: 10.1080/1070289X.2020.1753415