

Postcoloniality, Modernity and the Case of the Stolen Kidney

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What does it mean to say we live in a world that is “post-colonial”? Have our geopolitical relations, institutions, structures of knowledge been “decolonized”? Who is the “we”? Mary Louise Pratt asks what a critical scholarly practice might be in the context of changing imperial dynamics in the contemporary world and inquires as to what content and lived experience are referred to — or occluded — by the terms “globalization” and “modernity.” Focusing briefly on the current controversy surrounding the *testimonio* of Nobel Peace laureate Rigoberta Menchú she also draws on recent attempts to postulate “alternative modernities” as a way of addressing these issues.



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