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**Teaching/Knowing/Doing: Vilém Flusser,
Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o, and Decoloniality**

by



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Abstract

Building upon work in education, critical pedagogy, and decolonial studies, this presentation asks questions about the core relation in education: the student and teacher relation. Looking specifically at higher education, we must look to see who the student is who is included in the curriculum, looking at not simply who is taught, but also how. To explore these issues, the paper will attend to the practices of the student faculty relation, doing so through Vilém Flusser's *The Surprising Phenomenon of Human Communication* (2016) and Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o's *Globalectics: Theory and the Politics of Knowing* (2014). Putting these texts into conversation with discussion of classroom teaching – particularly in spaces of the formerly colonized - this presentation aims to elaborate on some of the critical interstices between decolonial theory, higher education, and the Development Studies, and how we can open up new modes of thinking with indigenous scholars, as well as through implementation of methodological elements stemming from these thinkers.

Short Bio of Speaker

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