



Starting with Spivak

Graduate Workshop
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Tuesday, 19 February 2019
15.00–18.00
Room 215, Wilhelmstr 50 (Brechtbau)

Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak often identifies herself as a ‘literary critic’, but can also justifiably be called one of the most important feminist philosophers of our time. Her unconventionally styled texts demand that the reader is attentive to all three of her critical threads, in her own words, “deconstructivist-feminist-Marxist”. Acknowledging the challenge of reading a ‘difficult’ thinker at one go, this workshop does not claim to present any comprehensive portrait of a feminist philosopher writing and working in the field for over four decades, but instead takes the first tentative steps to ‘start with’ the ‘signature Spivak’, trying to un-weave certain discernable strands. Under consideration are three texts from three different stages of a highly heterogeneous corpus, including the ‘canonical’ “Can the Subaltern Speak?”

The workshop is aimed at graduate and postgraduate students. A reader with set texts will be provided one week in advance. Please register by 10 February via info@zgd.uni-tuebingen.de.

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