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Towards new anthropological commons: Entangled ethnographies of decolonial memory activism in Cape Town, Windhoek, and Berlin



Protest against
the opening of the
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My presentation draws on a portion of ethnographic research, which I have conducted on decolonial memory activism in southern Africa and Germany, with the aim to contribute to a transnational discussion of decolonizing Anthropology towards a new commons. It is important from where I speak: my perspective is informed by decades of research, teaching and activism in South Africa and Namibia. I aim to present an argument how learning, empirically and theoretically, from southern African scholarship and activism can enable genuinely cosmopolitan horizons of a transformative anthropological commons.

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