

COLLABORATIVE AND INTERCULTURAL METHODOLOGICAL APPROACHES

WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 19, 2026

THE BONN CENTER FOR DEPENDENCY AND SLAVERY STUDIES

hosts the Cluster of Excellence “Beyond Slavery and Freedom”, which aims to overcome the binary opposition of “slavery versus freedom”. We approach the phenomenon of slavery and other types of strong asymmetrical dependency from methodologically and theoretically distinct perspectives.

Throughout the day, participants will be invited to share their reflections on their own research practices, whether based on collaborative projects, individual research experiences or ongoing questions. These contributions will form the basis of a joint discussion on the chosen challenges, opportunities and limitations associated with collaborative and/or intercultural approaches.

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Thursday, February 19, 2026

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Lecture: Anti-Colonial Praxis: Intercultural Alliances and Indigenous Forest Knowledges

Juliana Salles Machado

(Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil)

10:00 – 11:00 AM

Part I: Research for what, and for whom?

- Mapping research Interlocutors
- Mapping the multiple interests within the collective
- Mapping what is at stake, and identifying difference as a site of contestation

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Part II Building Collaborative / Participatory / Intercultural Methodologies

- Acknowledging persistent asymmetries and Colonialities
- Recognizing the limits of action
- Recognizing the heterogeneity of narratives and interests
- Constructing commitments and alliances

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12:00 – 2:00 PM – Lunch Break

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Part III: “Florestar” (to Forest)

- Recognizing non-human subjects and their protagonism in research
- Organic methodologies: forest-based modes of teaching and learning
- Situating research at the intersection of politics, knowledge, and education

4:00 – 5:00 PM

Roundtable: Challenges and Emerging Anti-Colonial Methodological Perspectives

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[The participants will receive the PDF texts one week in advance.](#)

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