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**The Committee for Comparative Literature,  
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*presents*

**Walter D. Mignolo**

William H. Wannamaker Distinguished Professor of Romance Studies & Literature  
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**Duke University**

*for a lecture on*

**Cosmopolitanism and the Decolonial Option**

In this lecture, Walter Mignolo will unpack the logic and ideology behind the rising status of “cosmopolitanism” throughout the last decade and well into the twenty-first century. How far has cosmopolitanism helped in clearing a space for a cross-cultural future? Does the cosmopolitan view of a “citizen of the world” help to resist the impact of neo-liberalism and globalization and the statist ‘celebration’ of identity politics? What is the value of the “cosmopolitanism from below” that has recently emerged in the agenda of the World Social Forum. Finally, can the visions of the cosmopolitan and the decolonial work together?



Dr. Mignolo's most relevant publications include: *The Darker Side of the Renaissance: Literacy, Territoriality and Colonization* (1995), awarded the Catherine Singers Kovacs Prize, 1996 MLA Convention. *Local Histories/Global Designs: Coloniality, Subaltern Knowledges and Border Thinking*: Princeton UP, 2000 and translated into Spanish and Portuguese. *The Idea of Latin America* (2005), received the Frantz Fanon Award from the Philosophical Caribbean Association in 2006. He co-edits *Worlds and Knowledge Otherwise*, a web dossier and serves as an advisor of a forthcoming Summer School on Decolonizing Knowledge: Postcolonial Studies, Decolonial Horizon.

*Students, faculty and guests welcome to*

**Thursday, April 30, 2009**

**5:00 p.m. wine reception**

**5:30 p.m. lecture**

**Davis Auditorium, Sturm Hall 248**

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