

# WEDNESDAY SEMINAR

**19.04.2023, 17:00 Uhr, HS-C (and online)**  
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## **Sita Hidayah (Gadjah Mada University)** Decolonizing Anthropology in Indonesia



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### kommende Termine

26.04.2023 **Franz Krause**  
Sharing life: Inuvialuit whaling and the politics of respecting animals.

05.05.2023 **Ayşe Seda Yüksel-Pecen**  
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This presentation will discuss the various approaches and articulations of decolonizing anthropology in Indonesia. This talk focuses on efforts to interpret the decolonization of knowledges and practices in a national university, Universitas Gadjah Mada-Indonesia. These efforts are manifested, for example, in the “post-colonial subjects” curriculum, teaching methods, and subjects. Creative writing, participatory community services, multi-modal ethnographic practices, collaborative research methods, and multimedia and interactive presentations and exhibitions of students’ research projects have been important elements of the teaching methods in the Department of Anthropology at UGM in recent years. There are strategies for overcoming barriers to accessing, discussing, and producing anthropological knowledge to accommodate diversity of students, multiplicity of voices, and to balance the working of power against the increasing neoliberalization of Indonesian educational system and institutions.

It is a legitimate question to ask whether these decolonizing knowledge and practices result in genuine changes in relationships between people, institutions, and academic environment in Indonesia and beyond. This eventually leads to the questions of what anthropological knowledge and practices from Indonesian perspectives are and how Indonesians envision the future of Anthropology.

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