

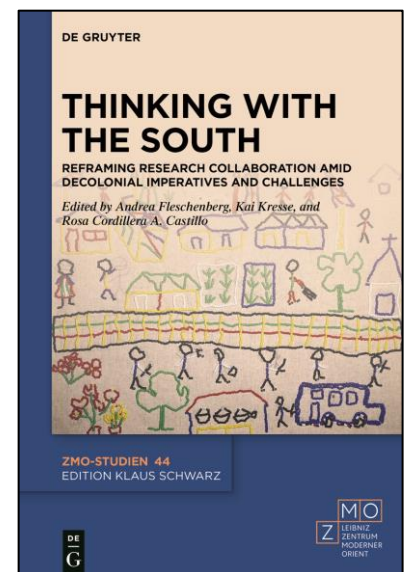
THINKING WITH THE SOUTH

Reframing Research Collaboration amid Decolonial Imperatives and Challenges

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If Eurocentrism can be read as a shorthand for ‘thinking with the North’, its alternative, ‘thinking with the South’ (many different Souths) needs to be more systematically and comprehensively embraced – that is, made visible and accessible in all academic arenas and levels, in all its variety and complexity. This means that Western academia needs to learn to be able to take on board relevant advice, texts, intellectual traditions as well as current critical interventions from non-Western and non-Europhone regions in order to understand and shape alternative ways to navigate the world and address and tackle pressing global issues. On this basis, we seek to stimulate and cultivate a serious, long-term and collaborative engagement, as denoted in the title *Thinking with the South*. Needless to say, contributions from marginalized places and positions are just as crucial to knowledge of ‘the world’, ‘human beings’ and ‘society’ as contributions from established, hegemonic places of knowledge production. As critics of different kinds have long argued, the dominance of conceptual and institutional Eurocentrism in global academia and knowledge production needs to be reined in and overcome.

This volume with contributions almost exclusively by academics/researchers from the “global South” is working toward the implementation of various innovative research activities, perspectives and collaboration formats, following a dialogical or polylogical approach. In different ways, the authors work toward the goal of producing more adequate, and more sensitive, critical knowledge, and applying a fresh view to approach, methods, and ethical standards. Overall, the volume works, in exploratory ways, with alternative frames of reference while it presents diverse theorizations of lived experiences.



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