One of the major developments in Latin American philosophy has been the movement of “decolonial” thought. The movement focuses on the undoing of the system of colonality that situates Western instrumental-rationalism as the center and apogee of human progress, and that accompanies the development of world order from the 16th century and the colonization of the Americas to today’s neoliberal globalization projects. This has influenced the resurfacing of Latin American philosophy of liberation, and has opened new paths for rethinking both Latin American philosophical traditions, and the Western tradition in its modern historical development. These thinkers have also opened a space towards the development of world philosophies that engage each other’s traditions not in light of the Western North American and European modern philosophy. In this course we will read the work of some of the figures that are shaping these new philosophical spaces. Among them Enrique Dussel, Anibal Quijano, Santiago Castro-Gómez, Walter Mignolo, Nelson Maldonado-Torres, María Lugones, Ramón Grosfoguel, and Alejandro Vallega. The course will involve close reading and interpretation of texts, background lectures, and class discussion. Those who can will be encourage to read the texts in the original language (when the original texts are in Spanish). Students will be expected to have some background in the history of Western philosophy, particularly Modern philosophy; some knowledge of Hegel, Marxism, critical theory, and post-structuralism will also be very helpful to them.