

PHILOSOPHY 118: Latin American Philosophy
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There is the Western philosophical tradition, and then there's "the rest." The logic, methods, concepts, and language of Western philosophy seem unproblematic, appearing to be right and true; however, they are hegemonic and imperialistic, deposing or marginalizing any other discourse that refuses to speak *its language*. Challenging the hegemony of Western philosophy is a complicated effort requiring a slew of anti-colonial and de-colonial strategies working in tandem that would, in the long run, allow "non-Western" traditions to both exist and have a voice in the "universal" philosophical conversation. Lacking such ambitious coordination, we challenge Western hegemony by introducing figures, traditions, and concepts (e.g., zozobra; see illustration) that force it to accept the *mere existence* of "the rest". In this course, we will focus on the Latin American philosophical tradition as an instance of this challenge, paying particular attention to the Mexican existentialist movement of the mid-20th century. Email Dr. Sánchez for more info: carlos.sanchez@sjsu.edu

We meet in person. Thursdays @ 3:00 pm until 5:45 pm || Sweeny Hall 241