

HUMANITARIANISMS: MIGRATIONS AND CARE THROUGH THE GLOBAL SOUTH

Teaching Module for 1 Class Unit

Rethinking Humanitarianism and Seeing Beyond the Human

Nermeen Mouftah explores how in Pakistan, NGOs compete annually to collect and auction the animal skins of Eid al-Azha (Feast of the Sacrifice). This talk examines how the welfare branch of the Islamist party, Jama'at-i-Islami, invests in a risky fundraising ritual that animates the value of sacrifice in their humanitarian work. Juno Salazar Parreñas speaks on species extinction and the fortressing of nation-state borders that deny the nature of people, who like many other earthly beings, move around the world. What empathies can emerge in this contemporary age that is dually characterized by inhumanity towards humans and humanitarianism towards animals?

Webinar:

Nermeen Mouftah, “Sacrificial Skins: The Value of Pakistan’s Eid al-Azha Animal Hide Collection” & Juno Salazar Parreñas, “Empathy Beyond the Human in an Era of Inhumanity.”

▷ Watch [here](#).

Short Description:

In their talks, Narmeen Mouftah and Juno Salazar Parreñas invite us to think about empathy beyond human relations and how human-animal relations are forged and tested in the service of humanitarian work. In each talk, these scholars explore our theme, Rethinking the Human, by attending to what a common humanity would be if we take into consideration our relations with non-humans and the environment.

Readings:

- Lyons, K., Salazar Parreñas, J., Tamarkin, N., Subramaniam, B., Green, L., & Pérez-Bustos, T. (2017). Engagements with Decolonization and Decoloniality in and at the Interfaces of STS. *Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience*, 3(1), 1–47, ▷ access [here](#).
- Mouftah, N. (2020). The Muslim Orphan Paradox: Muslim Americans Negotiating the Islamic Law of Adoption. *Contemporary Islam*, 1-20.

**Optional Readings can be added here.*

Assignments:

1. Fill out the Study Guide.
2. Write two discussion questions on the Discussion Board.
3. Write a 2-3 page response paper using one of the following prompts: “Put these talks into conversation with each other. What is the primary tension between them? Can we reconcile these two seemingly contradicting approaches in order to rethink the human in a productive way?”