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Out of the Covers: Rereading Mission Translated Bibles

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Free and open to the public. A reception follows the lecture.

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European missionary activity relied heavily upon translated Bibles following the tradition of rendering the Bible into European vernaculars. As European languages became the *lingua franca* in colonized spaces, vernacular Bibles took on additional authoritative status as both divine word and state power. As a result these vernacular Bibles contributed to the erosion of indigenous cultures and the assertion of the inadequacies of indigenous subjectivity. This lecture considers what it means to reread translated Bibles in order to assert authentic indigenous subjectivity.

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