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Lançamento de publicação e conversa com Brenna Bhandar e Rafeef Ziadah
Book launch and talk with Brenna Bhandar and Rafeef Ziadah

Colonial Lives of Property
Law, Land, and Racial Regimes of Ownership (2018)
de/by Brenna Bhandar

To think about distant places, to colonize them, to populate or depopulate them: all this occurs on, about, or because of land. The actual geographical possession of land is what empire in the final analysis is all about. At the moment when a coincidence occurs between real control and power, the idea of what a given place was (could be, might become), and an actual place — at that moment the struggle for empire is launched. This coincidence is the logic both for Westerners taking possession of land and, during decolonization, for resisting natives reclaiming it.
— Edward Said, “Culture and Imperialism” (1993)

No seu recente livro, “Colonial Lives of Property: Law, Land, and Racial Regimes of Ownership” (Duke University Press, 2018), Brenna Bhandar traça ligações entre a ocupação colonial de terras, a racialização das populações indígenas e as hierarquias coloniais, aquilo que ela define como “regimes raciais de propriedade”. Criadas durante o período colonial, as ligações insidiosas entre propriedade, posse, cidadania e raça estendem-se pelas antigas e atuais colônias, bem como pelas suas metrópoles. Ao traçar as leis contemporâneas de propriedade até às suas origens coloniais, Bhandar defende a sua centralidade nas atuais lutas antirracistas e descolonizadoras a nível internacional. A autora examina as “lógicas partilhadas de subjetividade racial e direitos de propriedade privada, que têm sido centrais para o desenvolvimento do capitalismo racial” em estudos que abrangem países como a Palestina, a Austrália, o Canadá e a África do Sul.

In her powerful and timely new book, Brenna Bhandar traces connections among the colonial seizure of land, the racialization of indigenous inhabitants, and the settler colonial hierarchies in what she calls “racial regimes of ownership.” Forged in the colonial period, the insidious connections between property, ownership, citizen-status, and race now permeate both former and current colonies and their metropolises. By tracing contemporary property laws back to their colonial origins, Bhandar argues for their centrality in current anti-racist and de-colonial struggles across the globe. She examines the “shared logics of racial subjectivity and private property ownership that have been central to the development of racial capitalism” in studies ranging across Palestine, Australia, Canada, and South Africa.

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Exemplares da publicação estão disponíveis para venda durante o evento.
Copies of the book will be available for sale at the event.

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