Walking the ambivalences of commoning An explora(c)tion of the decolonial option toward the re-existence of submerged subjectivities and the pluriverse in urban commons

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The persistent inequalities exacerbated by current global crises, the impasse of human rights as language to express struggles for dignity and the increasing commodification of social services under neoliberalism call for the necessity of spaces which allow to think, act, and live differently. In this scenario, processes of commoning, as transformative interrelationships that emerge around shared common resources, are urgent in the collective pursuit of radically caring societies. But how to deal with the exclusions, the production of others and the contradictory dynamics unintendedly inherent in (urban) commoning processes? This study delves into this question by interweaving an exploration of literature on decoloniality with empirical research on a temporary community garden.

The research outcomes suggest that commoning should constantly embrace as focus of attention the avoidance of cemented ordersof things, the re-existence of submerged subjectivities, and the participatory co-creation of knowledge and action based on informalities meaningful for all.

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