

TAMBO SOCIOLOGY

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TAMBO: A SPACE STATION?

Colonial pattern of power

- Work, knowledge, authority, and intersubjective relations are articulated through the global capitalist market and the idea of race.



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“Development and modernity involve a series of principles: the rational individual, unattached to either a place or a community; the separation of nature and culture; the economy separated from the social and the natural; and the primacy of expert knowledge over all other forms of knowledge” – Arturo Escobar



Science can be an instrument of epistemological and political power

Who produces knowledge?

- Case of Carmen Alto Boyden Observatory in Arequipa: “You take our stars and you send them to Cambridge and they have the use of them there”
 - The community as a social subject that produces knowledge, rather than merely as a source of labor power.



INTERESTS

- Local interests: Promoting economic growth through tourism and improving the quality of education
 - Upward social mobility
 - growing commodification of symbolic and intangible dimensions, including identities, feelings, and lifestyles
- Our objectives: Recovering and preserving ancestral knowledge and practices
 - Intercultural communication and horizontal knowledge co-production



Territorial defense as a political and epistemological struggle

