

Weaving the future of journalism? Re-examining journalistic epistemology through an indigenous lens

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Why should we not chuck out the concept altogether? (Henrik Bodker)

Angela Santamaria Chamarro – Rosaria University, Bogota – on how to deal with

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Over the decades of European colonization of the Globe, from Africa, the Middle East, North and South America, Australia and Asia, the term came to encompass settler-colonial subjects tasked with expanding the reach of European colonial powers on indigenous lands (). As such, the term's usage over the years became steeped in patriarchy and white supremacy, as Veracini poignantly notes, the definition of the "pioneer" in canonical texts in history identify the pioneer as "a young man bent upon winning from the wilderness with strong hands and the hope of youth a homestead for himself and an inheritance for his children"

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In her book *Aryan Cowboys*, Evelyn Schlatter observes the violent settler colonialism tied with the public imaginary of the term "pioneer" and how this phenomenon is tied to right-extremism in the United States.

In observing the importance of the figure of the “pioneer” to White violence, she notes that “it is these images of “pioneers” and “frontiers” that the extreme right employs when it talks about the duties of whites with regard to their “heritage.” (2006:40) In fact, Schattler criticizes the use of the term “pioneer” to “invoke imagery [of] virtually anything that seems new” in all areas from medical research to civil rights, without situating the term within the violent history of the lawless practices pioneers resorted to in order to tame new territories and peoples for Western colonization (ibid.: 40).

A similar interrogation is perhaps necessary in media communication and journalism as well (Cooper, 2016).

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