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Decolonizing the History of Philosophy

In order to decolonize the history of philosophy against the fabrication of *translatio studiorum* as the unilinear path connecting Greek thought and sciences to medieval European Christianity, we need to *pluralize that history*. And to manifest in our textbooks that *translatio studiorum* is not just Jerusalem-Athens-Rome-Paris or London or Heidelberg ... but, as well: Athens-Nishapur-Bagdad-Cordoba-Fez-Timbuktu To decolonize the history of philosophy is also to take into account the *plurality of languages*, in order to consider the perspectives introduced by tongues other than European, and thus undo the "ontological nationalism" upon which rests the assumption that philosophical exercise is intrinsically tied to certain (European) languages.

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