



Epistemic Violence and Colonialism: A Study of Coetzee’s “Foe” with special reference to Gayatri Spivak’s “Can the Subaltern Speak?”

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Abstract

Spivak’s *Can the subaltern speak* questions the legitimations of the western discourse over the colonized subject. The colonized subject has been the area of studies for most of the occidental writers and the way they projected the so-called ‘others’. The validity of an authentic ‘self’ of the colonized ‘subject’ is the center of query in Spivak’s essay. The subaltern has become a standard way to designate the colonial subject that has been constructed by European discourse and internalized by colonial peoples who employ this discourses.

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