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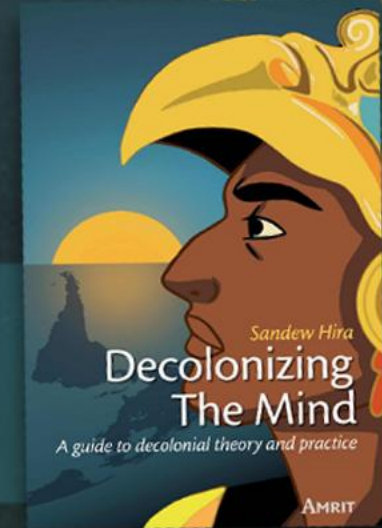
World Affairs

A decolonial analysis of current world affairs

The role of Iran



Decolonizing The Mind,
the final frontier of colonialism
with Sandew Hira



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Feedback

- ❑ Powerpoint did not work. Download from www.sandewhira.com
- ❑ Are we going to die in a nuclear war?
 - ❑ Don't panic
 - ❑ Educate yourself to understand the world we are living in
 - ❑ Get involved in a struggle for a better world

Why is Iran so important?

- ❑ Iran is anti-imperialist
- ❑ Iran rejects the narrative of the European Enlightenment
- ❑ Iran promotes pan-Islamism: Palestine is seen from this perspective
- ❑ Iran has the military power to defeat Israel

Timeline of anti-imperialist struggle

- ❑ 30 April 1975: The fall of Saigon: America defeated in Vietnam
- ❑ 11 November 1975: independence of Angola from Portugal, start civil war leading to fall of apartheid in South Africa with battle of Cuito Cuanavale with leading role of Cuba 1987-1988
- ❑ 13 March 1979: revolution in Grenada
- ❑ 17 July 1979: triumph of Sandinista revolution in Nicaragua
- ❑ 16 January 1979: dictator Mohammad Reza Pahlavi leaves Iran.
- ❑ 1 February 1979: Imam Rouhullah Khomeini returns to Iran from exile in France

Anti-colonial struggle is secular

- ❑ Marxism: Vietnam, Cuba
- ❑ Nationalism: Africa, Caribbean, India

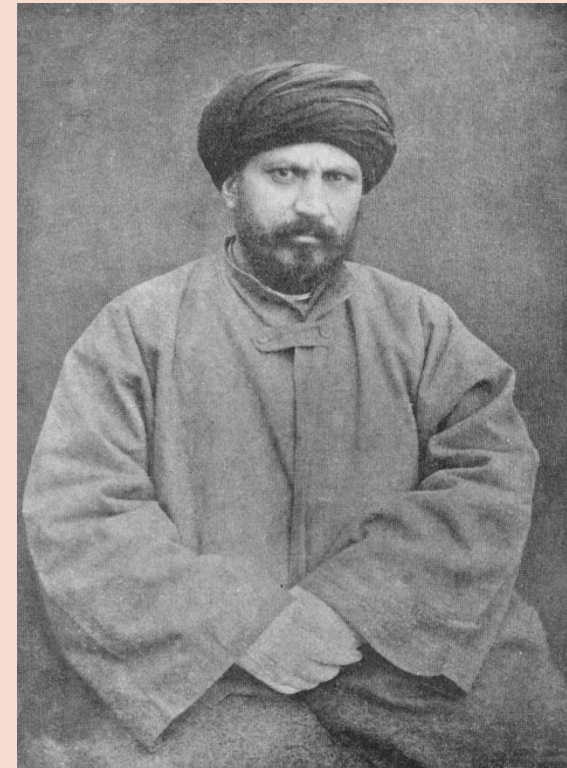
Islamic thinkers contra the European Enlightenment



Muhammad Baqir al-Sadr (1935–1980): Our economics



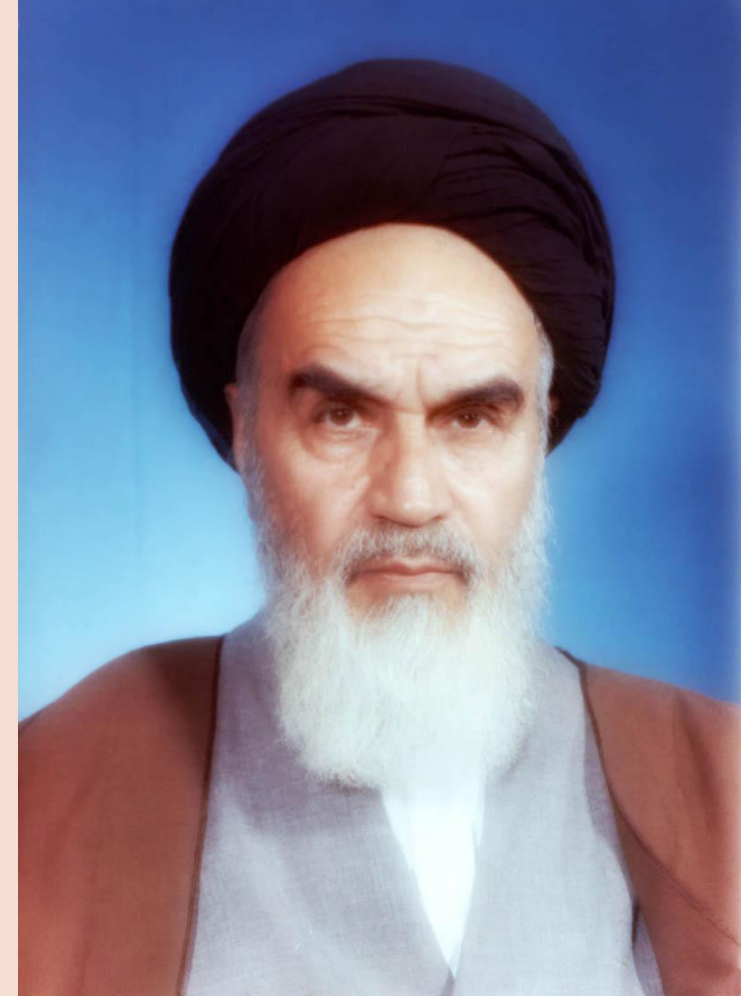
Ali Shariati (1933–1977): Marxism and other fallacies



Jamāl ad-Dīn al-Afghānī (1838-1897): debate with Ernest Renan

Islam as an anti-colonial religion

Imam Rouhollah Khomeini: *“Islam is a religion of those who struggle for truth and justice, of those who clamour for liberty and independence. It is the school of those who fight against colonialism.”*



You are not living in a free country

- ❑ Hezbollah
- ❑ Hamas
- ❑ Khomeiny

They all terrorist
and you too if you study them

How do you build a new society?

- ❑ Enlightenment = universalism:
 - ❑ Economic system: capitalism or socialism
 - ❑ Political system: parliamentary democracy (one man one vote) or dictatorship of the proletariat: one man one vote
 - ❑ Cultural system: separation of ethics from science
- ❑ Outside the West: Hinduism, Chinese philosophy, Russian Eurasianism, African Ubuntu, Latin Abya Yala Buen Vivir
- ❑ Islam:
 - ❑ Economic based on social justice with markets
 - ❑ politics based on Charter of Medina
 - ❑ culture based on ethics

Pan Islamism and Pan Africanism

- ❑ Pan Islamism: unite muslims against colonialism
- ❑ Pan Africanism: unite Africans against colonialism
- ❑ The struggle for Palestine is a Pan Islamist struggle: unites sunni's and shia's

How to destroy the Iranian revolution

- ❑ Invasion of Iran by Saddam Hussain with the help of the West: 1980-1988 – 1 million Iranians dead
- ❑ Criminalize Iran
- ❑ Foment counterrevolution: 17.000 people killed

The military power of Iran

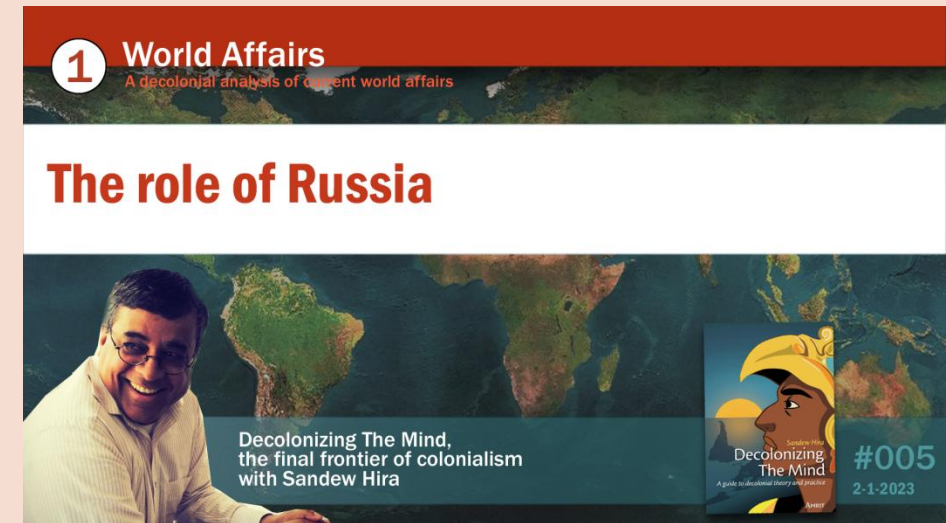
- ❑ Indigenous technological knowledge base
- ❑ Fatwa against nuclear weapons
- ❑ Ballistic missiles and drone technology
- ❑ An existential threat against Israel
- ❑ Netanyahu: only a nuclear attack can stop Iran and panislamism

Who can prevent a nuclear attack on Iran?

Russia!

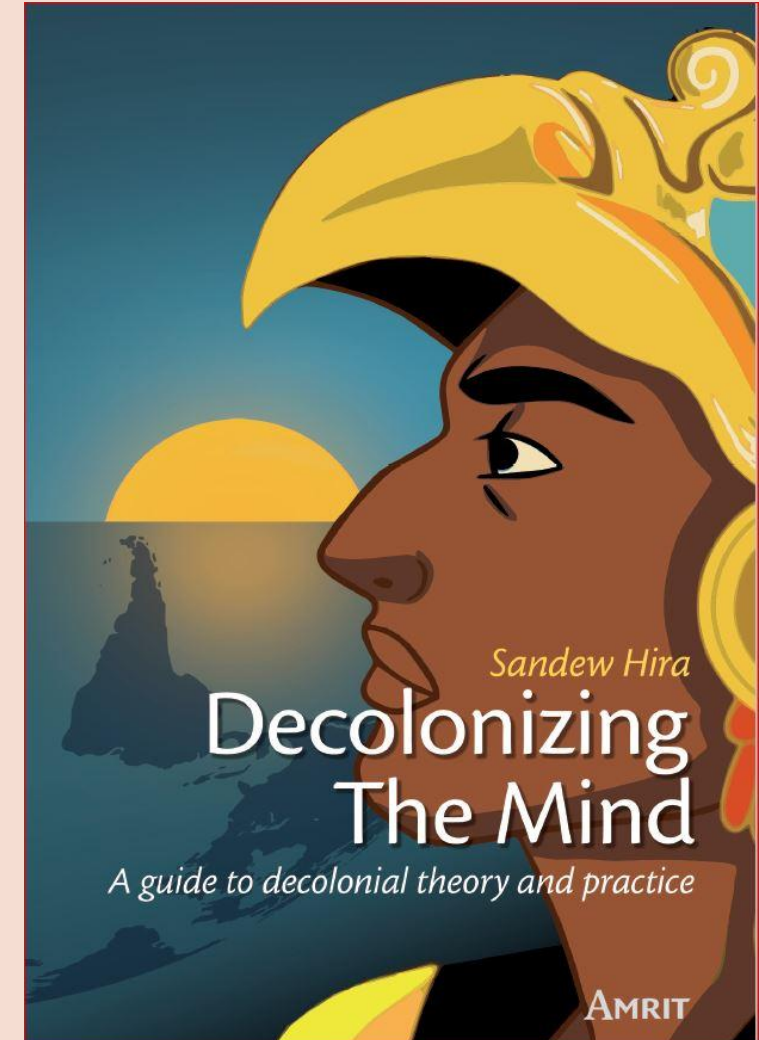
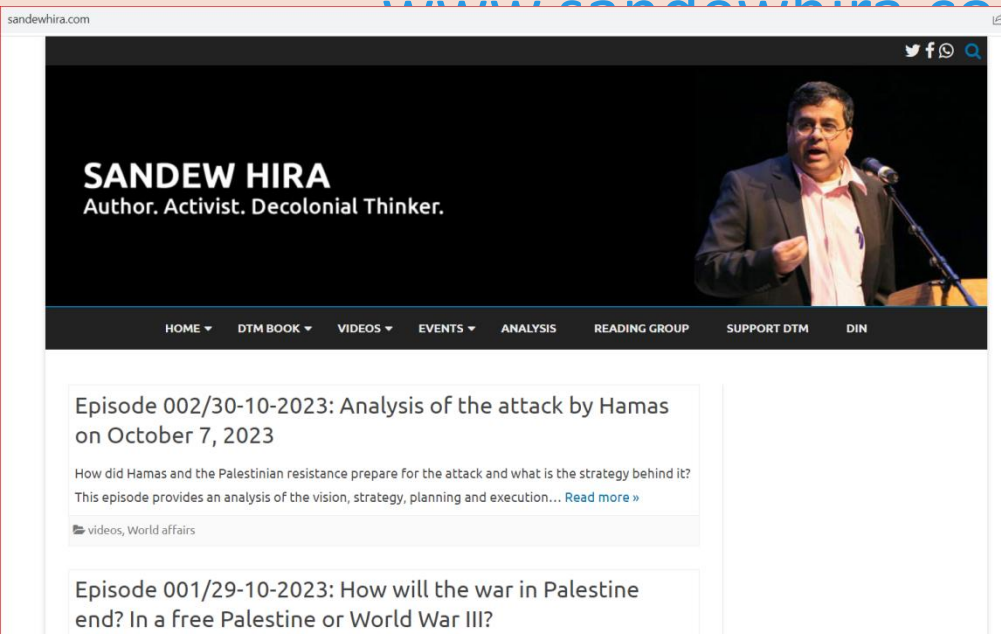
Next episode: the role of Russia

- ❑ Understanding the history of Russia
- ❑ The relationship between Russia and Iran
- ❑ The war in Ukraine and the prospect of nuclear war



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