What is decolonial theory?

The background, nature, strength and weaknesses of decolonial theory and practice.

# The future of the decolonial movement: Part 1: the problems of the decolonial movement



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### My involvement in the decolonial movement

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#### What is the decolonial movement

- A social movement that locates and connects the origin of the current problems of the world with the system of colonialism while seeking solutions that transcend the colonial system by decolonizing the world.
- Colonialism: "a collection of global systems of economic, political, social and cultural institutions that the Global North has created in order to rule the world in a colonial world civilization since 1492."
- Civilization:"a collection of societies with economic, political, social and cultural institutions that have a common cultural base."
- Our aim: to transform the current colonial world civilization into a new decolonial world civilization.

### The need for a comprehensive, coherent and integral theoretical framework

- 1. It is comprehensive because it has produced concepts on how to look at the most important dimensions of a society: a view on world history, economics, politics, social relations including relations with nature (ecology), and culture. There are other important aspects of a society, but these dimensions are essential to make a framework comprehensive.
- 2. It is coherent because the concepts of the different dimensions don't contradict each other. They are consistent and logical.
- 3. It is integral because the concepts of the different dimensions are not just lumped together but are related to each other from one or more basic concepts.

### Examples

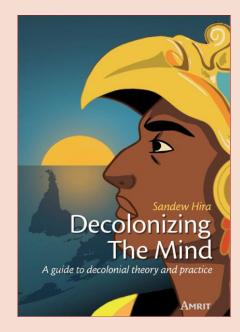
- Confucianism
- Buddhism
- Islam
- Chistianity

### The consequences of lacking such a framework

- 1. No road map to develop practical policies to change the world
- 2. The movement becomes fragmented at its core
- There are no organizational guidelines for how to build a decolonial movement
- 4. The decolonial movement will lose its relevance for social struggle and will become obsolete

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