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What is decolonial theory?

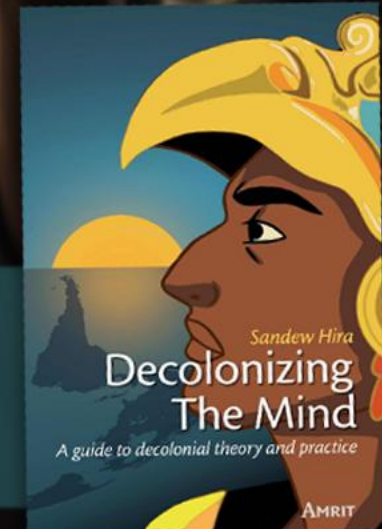
The background, nature, strength and weaknesses of decolonial theory and practice

The future of the decolonial movement:

part 3: decoloniality and DTM



Decolonizing The Mind,
the final frontier of colonialism
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Topics

- ❑ The contributions of decoloniality
- ❑ The deficiencies of decoloniality
- ❑ The next step in the decolonial movement

The contributions of decoloniality

- ❑ The acknowledgement that there is another side of modernity.
- ❑ The acknowledgement that colonialism has a cultural dimension besides the economic and political dimension
- ❑ An important part of the cultural dimension is knowledge production
- ❑ The acknowledgement of the importance of race and racism
- ❑ A critique of the nation-state

Five major problems with decoloniality

- ❑ Decoloniality is not comprehensive
- ❑ Decoloniality is not coherent
- ❑ Decoloniality is not integral
- ❑ Decoloniality is mostly a critique and not practical
- ❑ Decoloniality does not provide organizational concepts for social struggle

The next step in the decolonial movement

- ❑ Towards a comprehensive, coherent and integral decolonial theoretical framework
- ❑ DTM framework based on the concept of mental slavery and the concept of civilization

Three dimensions in DTM

1. The critique of Eurocentric knowledge production.
2. The development of an alternative comprehensive, coherent and integral knowledge production.
3. The translation of this new knowledge into viable policies to build a new pluriversal world civilization.

Five steps in decolonizing a discipline

1. Questioning the purpose of a discipline.
2. Isolating the basic concepts that are used in a discipline.
3. What new concepts can we think of when we want to reconstruct the discipline?
4. Outline the methodology of the discipline.
5. Set up research and teaching trajectories for the discipline

New textbooks for reconstructing disciplines

Reconstructing the disciplines

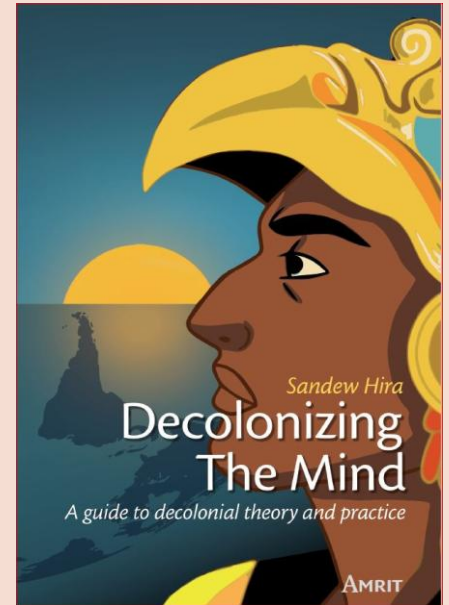
1. DTM theory of racism
2. A view on world history
3. DTM philosophy
4. DTM economic theory
5. DTM social theory
6. DTM political theory
7. DTM cultural theory
8. DTM and biology
9. DTM mathematics
10. DTM and physics
11. DTM and applied linguistics

The future of decolonizing the disciplines

- ❑ Apply the three elements of the DTM framework
- ❑ Go back to knowledge production from civilizations in the Global South
- ❑ Include the development of new disciplines or fundamentally alter the nature of the existing disciplines

Source in the DTM book

- Index: Introduction
- Download the PDF of the PowerPoint on www.sandewhira.com



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