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What is decolonial theory?

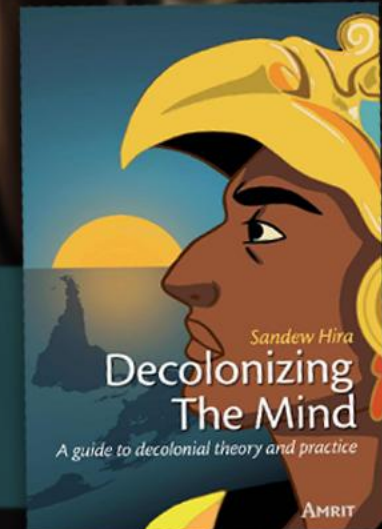
The background, nature, strength and weaknesses of decolonial theory and practice

The future of the decolonial movement:

part 4: the problem of organization



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



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Topics

- ❑ The question of power
- ❑ The question of organization
- ❑ The revival of the spirit of Bandung

The question of power

In order to change the world, you have to have an analysis of the power that you will confront in that change and how to deal with that power.

The Marxist analysis of power and organization

- ❑ Marxist analysis of power: class struggle
- ❑ Marxist analysis of power: the Leninist vanguard party

DTM analysis of power

- ❑ Injustice is not inherently linked to class, but to ethics.
- ❑ Ethics is not universal but depends on the history of specific countries and communities.
- ❑ A DTM strategy is about changing the power relations. How do we do that and what will replace these relations?
- ❑ There is no universal answer

The goal of social movements

The goal of social movements is to transform from the current colonial world civilization to a new decolonial world civilization. A key element in this transformation is the acknowledgement that the colonization of the mind is instrumental in maintaining colonial power. The mind of the people is colonized in various ways. Any social struggle for changing the world is a struggle for changing the minds of the people. Once the mind has been decolonized, it will be much easier to organize struggle for change by the people.

Three dimensions of leadership

1. The ability to articulate a vision for the future for social movements
2. The ability to organize and manage people and activities to achieve specific results
3. The ability to build a team and a legacy

Leadership in the era of new technology

- ❑ No limitations regarding space, time and technology
- ❑ Universalism leads to a political culture with the maxim: my way or the highway.

The colonization of the mind

The colonization of the mind takes place on two levels: on the level of the production of knowledge and the level of the distribution of knowledge.

The production of knowledge

1. Universities and Think Tanks. They conduct research and produce knowledge
2. Leaders of social movements. They produce concepts about social struggle that can deviate from concepts produced in academia.
3. Artists who create knowledge from their artistic abilities.

Capacity building

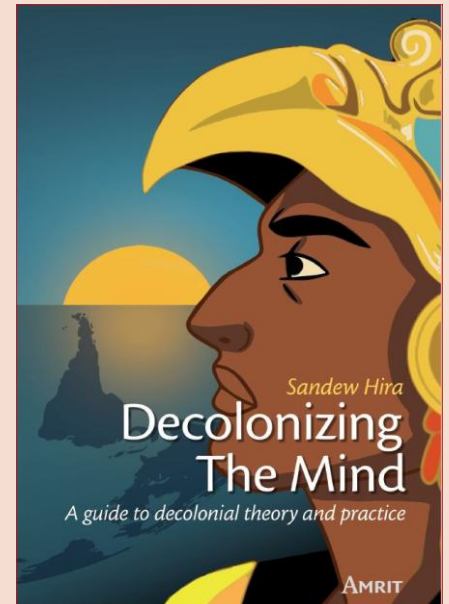
1. Curriculum development based on DTM.
2. DTM in the class room: how does the classroom works with DTM?
3. Developing a guide to decolonize the disciplines.
4. The production of new textbooks based on DTM.

The revival of the spirit of Bandung 1955

"Asia and Africa have been the cradle of great religions and civilizations which have enriched other cultures and civilizations while themselves being enriched in the process. Thus the cultures of Asia and Africa are based on spiritual and universal foundations. Unfortunately contacts among Asian and African countries were interrupted during the past centuries. The peoples of Asia and Africa are now animated by a keen and sincere desire to renew their old cultural contacts and develop new ones in the context of the modern world."

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