



Decolonizing Western liberal democracy



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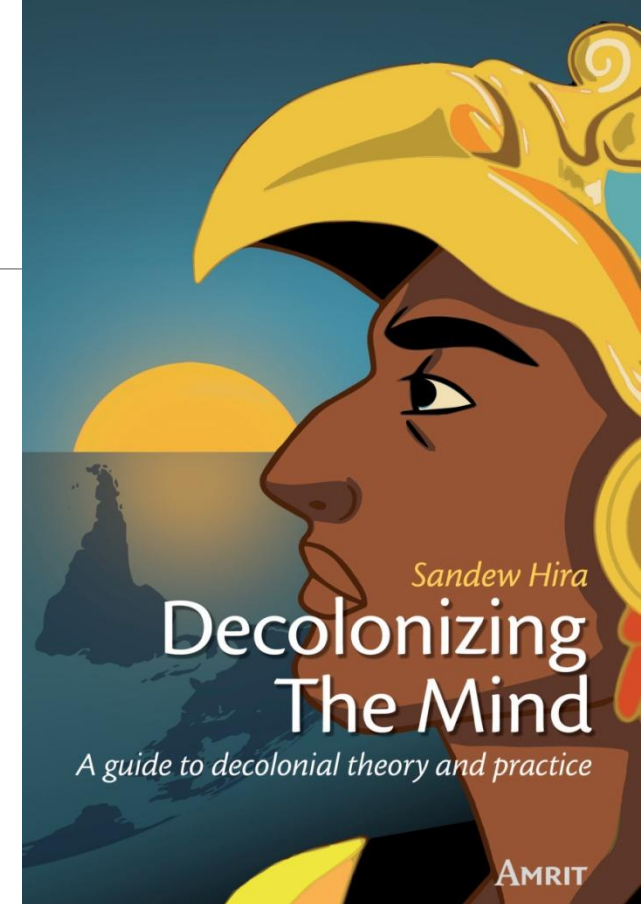
Western "civilisation"



What is Decolonizing The Mind?

A theoretical framework to analyze the world

1. A critique of Eurocentric knowledge production of the European Enlightenment
2. An alternative for Eurocentric knowledge production
3. A guide to policies for creating a better world



Liberal political theory

1. The concept of individualism
2. The concept of the separation of church and state
3. The concept of the separation of powers
4. The concept of the nation-state
5. The concept of universalism
6. The axiomatic nature of political theory

A DTM critique of liberal political theory

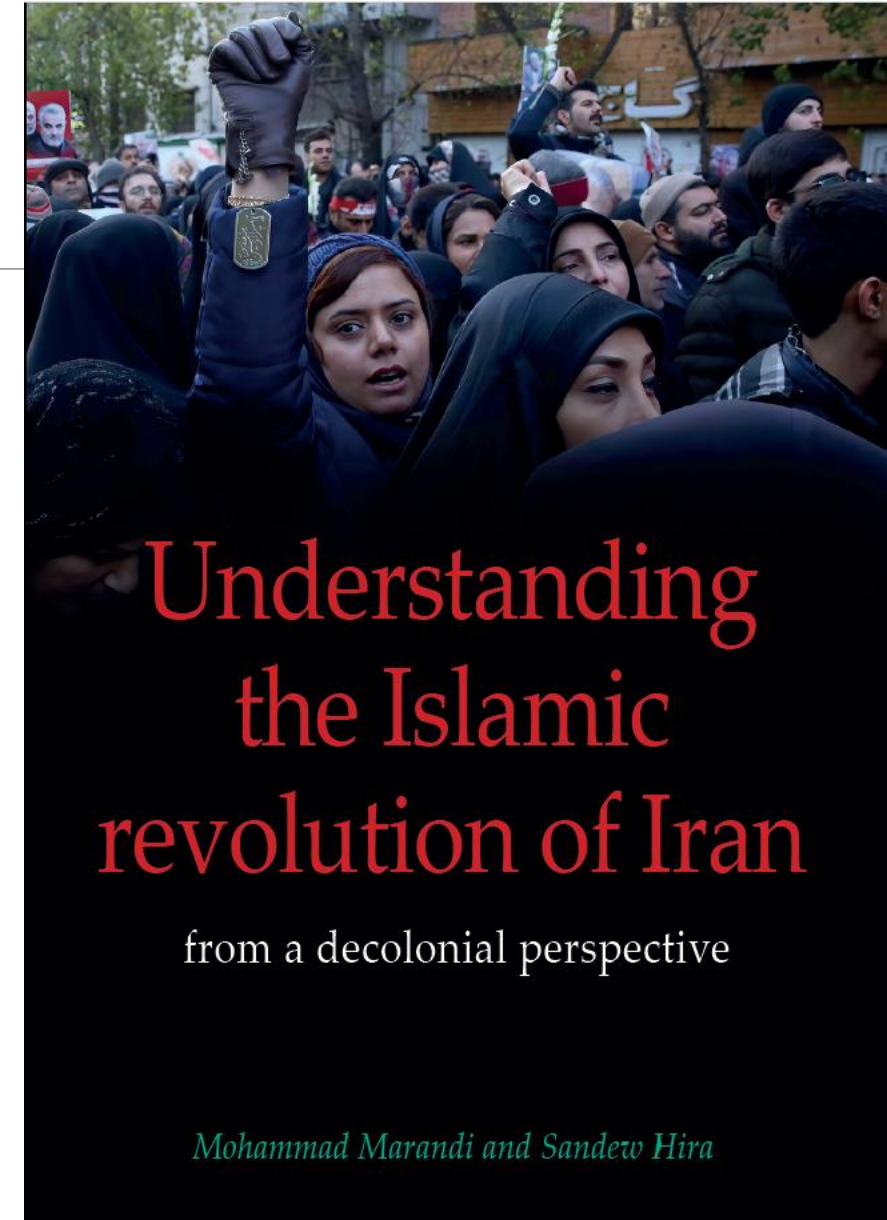
1. There multiples views possible about the basic unit of society.
2. A state system should reflect the values of the people of that state
3. There are political systems possible that are more democratic that the system based on liberal democracy
4. It does not make sense to base a political system on the concept of a nation state, while most societies in the world, including European societies are not nation-states.
5. It is undemocratic to present a system that was developed in a small part of the world (Europe) as a system with universal application.
6. The liberal political system does not pass the test of empirical validation.

The failure in the test of empirical validation

1. There is colonization of the mind. In order to make up your mind as a free person, you should be able to get access to all different views without any bias.
2. Politicians as selected by the military industrial complex and then presented to the people to be elected.
3. A criterion to judge whether a political system is useful for its people is the criterion of performance. Everybody was peace, prosperity, dignity and a decent and safe life. We live in an era in which liberal democracy has failed time and again to perform these major tasks.
4. Liberal democracy should be labeled liberal hypocrisy.

There are many alternatives

1. China
2. Iran
 - ❑ Safeguarding the rights of ethnic minorities by designated seats
 - ❑ Empowering women



From a unipolar world to a pluriversal civilization

1. Unipolar and multipolar is about power
2. We move from a universal colonial world civilization to a pluriversal decolonial world civilization
3. We are in the end phase of the decline of Western civilization



The transition to a new world civilization

Cuauhtémoc: *“Our Sun is now hidden from view. The face of our Sun has disappeared, and has left us in complete darkness. But we know it will return again, that it will rise again, and it will begin to illuminate us anew.”*

We need to turn off the lights of the European Enlightenment and turn on the lights of a new decolonial world civilization.



Thanks!

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