

Beyond Decolonisation: Transforming University Culture and Curriculum

The term 'Decolonisation' in higher education carries diverse meanings, presenting both challenges and opportunities. The conference emerged from discussions within the NERUPI Student and Staff Race and Ethnic Equity (SsREE) working group about the unexplained degree awarding gap between different ethnic groups. It became clear that a transformative approach was required, focussing on innovative practice that fosters cultural shifts towards a more inclusive ethos. The conference will delve into the historical roots of decolonisation, reflect on personal decolonisation journeys, enable sharing of experiences and explore actionable strategies to support change and APP intervention strategies. Hear from speakers spearheading decolonisation efforts and discover subject-specific approaches designed to revitalise the curriculum and transform the culture of higher education.

- 9:00** **Coffee & Registration Images of De(Colonisation) Display**
- 9:30** **Welcome and Introduction**
- 9:45** **What is Decolonisation?**
Dr Gurnam Singh, Hon Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Warwick
Visiting Fellow in Race & Education, University of the Arts London; Visiting Professor, Social Work, Liverpool Hope
- 10:30** **Coffee break, poster and photography viewing**
- 11:00** **Personal Decolonisation Journeys**
Dr Deborah Husbands, Reader (Associate Professor) in Race & Sociocultural Psychology, University of Westminster, *Chartered Psychologist, FHEA, Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society*
- 11:45** **Parallel Sessions**
Decolonising Personal Mental Health & Student Wellbeing
Fatmata K Daramy, Doctoral Researcher, University of Leicester, and SsREE Co-lead
Creating Institutional Change (EDI)
Megha Kashyap, Decolonising Research Fellow, London South Bank University
Addressing Awarding Gaps through Decolonisation and Anti-Racism
Dr Eileen Pollard, Senior Lecturer in Academic Development, Manchester Metropolitan University
- 12:30** **Lunch**
- 13:15** **Transforming Curriculum and Pedagogy**
Dr Constantino Dumangane Jr, Assistant Professor in Education, University of York
Dr Syra Shakir, Associate Professor Learning and Teaching, Leeds Trinity University
- 14:15** **Decolonising Subject Disciplines: Parallel Sessions**
Law Shaid Parveen, Associate Dean for Enterprise & Engagement, Aston Law School; **Medicine & Healthcare** Sumaya Ahmed, Senior Lecturer in Chiropractic, London South Bank University;
Arts Dr Amita Nijhawan, Educational Developer, University of the Arts London;
Humanities & Social Sciences Gihan Ismail, Associate Lecturer, Oxford Brookes University;
STEM Dr Meghna Nag Chowdhuri, Research Fellow, University College London
- 15:00** **Dessert Break**
- 15:15** **Panel Discussion: Decolonisation in Action**
Chair: Dr Dave S. P Thomas, Associate Professor of Inclusive Curriculum, Solent University
Dr Constantino Dumangane Jr, Megha Kashyap, Shaid Parveen, Dr Eileen Pollard, Dr Syra Shakir
- 16:00** **Close and Thanks**
- 16:10** **Drinks Reception and Networking**

Images of De(Colonisation) Display by NERUPI members will be available to view throughout the day.