

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, poster, and photography viewing

9:30 Welcome and Introduction

9:40 Keynote Session: What is Decolonisation?

Dr Gurnam Singh, (PhD., NTF., FRSA) Hon Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Warwick and Visiting Fellow in Race and Education, UAL

10:30 Coffee break, poster, and photography viewing

11:00 Personal Decolonisation Journeys

Dr Deborah Husbands, Chartered Psychologist and Reader

11:45 Parallel Sessions

- **Decolonising Personal Mental Health, and Student wellbeing:** Fatmata K Daramy, Doctoral Researcher and SsREE Co-lead

- **Creating Institutional Change (EDI):** Megha Kashyap, Decolonising Research Fellow, London South Bank University

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Afternoon Keynote: Curriculum and Pedagogy

Includes:

Dr Constantino Dumangane Jr, Assistant Professor in Education

Dr Syra Shakir, Associate Professor Learning and Teaching, Leeds Trinity University

14:35 Subject Specific Parallel Sessions

- **STEM:** TBC

- **Law:** Shaid Parveen, Associate Dean for Enterprise and Engagement, Aston Law School

- **Medicine and Healthcare:** Sumaya Ahmed Course Leader & Senior Lecturer of Chiropractic

- **Arts:** Dr Amita Nijhawan, Educational Developer Co-Creator, University of Arts London

- **Humanities and Social Sciences:** TBC

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15:10 Dessert Break

15:35 Panel Discussion: Decolonisation in action

Includes:

Chair - Dr Dave Thomas, Associate Professor, Solent University

Dr Constantino Dumangane Jr

Megha Kashyap

Shaid Parveen

16:00 Close and Thanks

16:10 Drinks Reception and Networking

Posters, and photographs by NERUPI members will be available to view throughout the day.