

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 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

12:30 Lunch

13:30 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 and Healthcare** Sumaya Ahmed Senior Lecturer in Chiropractic; **Arts; Humanities & Social Sciences: STEM**

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

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.