

# Unpacking and **Promoting Decolonization,** **Anti-Racism** and **Non-Discrimination** Efforts

Framing the Conversation: Understanding Decolonization, Racism, and Discrimination

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Colonization and decolonization can be seen as as **on-going conditions**.

# Coloniality

Coloniality of **power**.

**Exploitation** of the world and its resources by various **systems of domination**.

Functions and flourishes by creating systems of racialized **hierarchies**.

**Rejection** of the **knowledge production** of colonised peoples and societies.

Coloniality impacts all **facets of existence**.



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going through conference notes of when i was in joburg in 2015 and find this scribbled behind a piece of paper:

"the coloniality of knowledge is going around slaughtering other knowledges."  
just a thought. maybe.



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# Decoloniality

Actively **resist** the coloniality of **power**.

Decoloniality is **fluid** and an **ongoing** and **evolving** process.

**Pluriverse** of systems of knowledge and thought.

**Rejection** of the **knowledge production** of colonised peoples and societies.

Coloniality impacts all **facets of existence**.

A way of **imagining**, creating **world-futures**.

“**Decoloniality** is against colonial domination, but it’s also for. So, it’s not just **resistance** or a posture of resistance, but it’s for the ongoing **creation** of ways of **thinking**, of ways of **knowing**, of ways of **sensing**, **being**, and living **outside** coloniality.”

*Catherine Walsh*

Author, *On Decoloniality*

\*Interview



\*Coloured: a person of mixed European (“white”) and African (“black”) or Asian ancestry. Not to be confused with the terms used in the USA.



**Uzair Ben Ebrahim** with Saadiq Soeker.

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My tongue is a colonial construction. I only speak languages of oppressors. The languages that built this empire. Then, how do I articulate my existence? How can I? This contraption has only known suppression and persecution.

[#IssuesOfColouredness](#)



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# وَأَرْسُ أَوْسٍ هَيْسٌ؟

عزير ابن ابراهيم

وَأَرْسُ أَوْسٍ هَيْسٌ؟ سِي فِر مَي

وَأَرْ بَلِي أَوْسٍ تَيْسٌ؟ فِرَا هَلِّي مَي

إِك فُنْد دَبِّي إِنِّي مَدِينَةَ نِي

نِي إِنِّي كَأَفِي أَوْفِ إِنِّي جَاوَا نِي

مَي هَيْسُ إِسْ إِنْ أَوْسِي مَآوُنْد

دَارُ بَلِي إِك تَيْسٌ

ءَ قَلِكِ فِر مَي قَلْب

ءَ طَوْفَلِحِ فِر مَي رُوح

وَأَرْ إِك وُكَّالِ حَانَ

هُوْرِ إِك مَي أَوْرَعِ أَوْرَعِ

إِنْ إِيْحِي قَلِكِ، إِسْ دِت مِت مَي

ءَ مَآوُنْدِ فَاوَلِ سِنُورِسِ

ءَ مَآوُنْدِ فَاوَلِ بَارَاغَاتِ

1. As you begin to imagine a decolonial future, what does this **future-world** look like (and feel like) to you?
2. What does an **intersectional approach** to decolonization mean to you?

Place your response in the chat if you can :)

# Thoughts

Create a decolonial **world-future**.

Come into **existence**.

**Challenge** “norms”.

Play and create with **language**.\*\*\*

Give space for a **pluriverse** of experience and meaning.

“The choice of language and the use of language is central to a people's definition of themselves in relation to the entire universe.”

Ngũgĩ wa Thiongo,  
Decolonising the Mind

Thank you.