

Decolonise Occupational Science – A critical think piece

Musharrat J. Ahmed-Landeryou

Apply:

- i) Decolonising methodology [decentre from the white supremacy perspectives](Liyangage 2020) and;
- ii) Theory of Change frame [start where you want to be and work backwards to build the steps/stages to get there](Weiss 1998)

3. Promoting & sharing culturally diverse theories, publications, research, meanings & understandings of occupation. There are many knowledges – Applying decolonising lens to monitor, review & evaluate to establish & re-establish equality & equity (Simaan 2020)

2. Reframe & rebuild theories, research methodology & practices of occupational science with a collaboration of academics, students & citizens from a diversity of ethnicities & marginalised groups (equalising representation) – Emancipatory and abolitionist transformation (Kaba 2021)

1. Pause, reflect & review the theories, research & practices of occupational science with a collaboration of academics, students & citizens from a diversity of ethnicities & marginalised groups (equalising representation) – Stop gatekeeping of knowledge (Magalhães et al. 2019)

References:
Kaba M. (2021). *We Do This Till We Free Us*. Chicago, USA: Haymarket Books
Liyangage M. (2020). *Miseducation: decolonising curricula, culture and pedagogy in UK universities* Debate Paper 23. Oxford, UK: Higher Education Policy Institute
Magalhães L., Farias L., Rivas-Quemeti N., Alvarez L., Malfitano A.P.S. (2019). The development of occupational science outside the Anglophone sphere: Enacting global collaboration, *Journal of Occupational Science*, 26(2): 181-192. DOI: 10.1080/14427591.2018.1530133
Simaan J. (2020). Decolonising occupational science education through learning activities based on a study from the Global South, *Journal of Occupational Science*, 27(3): 432-442, DOI: 10.1080/14427591.2020.1780937
Weiss C. (1998). Have We Learned Anything New About the Use of Evaluation? *American Journal of Evaluation*, 19, (1): 21-33. DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1016/S1098-2140\(99\)80178-7](https://doi.org/10.1016/S1098-2140(99)80178-7)