

# Decolonising the University: A Call for Radical Transformation



## Decolonising the University by Vijay Prashad

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In his thought-provoking book, 'Decolonising the University,' renowned scholar Vijay Prashad presents a compelling indictment of the pervasive influence of colonialism within the higher education system. Drawing upon extensive research and insights from diverse perspectives, Prashad argues that decolonisation is not merely a matter of symbolic gestures or superficial reforms, but rather a profound and systemic transformation that requires a fundamental re-examination of the university's purpose, structure, and curriculum.



## **Understanding the Colonial Legacy in Higher Education**

Prashad meticulously traces the historical roots of colonialism in universities, demonstrating how these institutions were instrumental in perpetuating Eurocentric knowledge systems and marginalising non-Western perspectives. He critiques the ways in which colonial power dynamics have shaped curricula, research agendas, hiring practices, and

campus cultures, creating systemic barriers for students and faculty from marginalised backgrounds.

## **Reconceptualising the University for the 21st Century**

Beyond exposing the colonial legacy, Prashad offers a visionary roadmap for decolonising the university. He advocates for a curriculum that embraces diversity, challenges dominant narratives, and centres the voices and experiences of marginalised communities. He calls for inclusive pedagogies that promote critical thinking, intercultural exchange, and transformative learning.

## **Practical Strategies for Decolonisation**

Prashad provides practical strategies for implementing decolonisation in universities. He emphasises the importance of creating supportive institutional environments, promoting diversity and inclusion at all levels, and fostering research that addresses the challenges and opportunities of our interconnected world. Prashad argues that decolonisation is a collective responsibility that requires the participation of students, faculty, administrators, and the wider community.

## **Towards a More Just and Equitable University System**

Decolonising the university is ultimately about creating a more just and equitable education system that is fit for the challenges of the 21st century. Prashad envisions a university that is inclusive, empowering, and transformative, where all students have the opportunity to flourish and contribute to a better world.

## **A Must-Read for Educators and Change-Makers**

'Decolonising the University' is an essential read for anyone committed to transforming higher education. It is a powerful call for radical change that challenges the status quo and offers a hopeful vision for a more inclusive and just university system. Whether you are a student, faculty member, administrator, or simply an advocate for social justice, this book will ignite your passion and inspire you to make a difference.

### **Key Features of 'Decolonising the University':**

- Rigorous analysis of the colonial legacy in higher education
- Visionary roadmap for decolonising the university
- Practical strategies for implementing decolonisation
- Thought-provoking insights from diverse perspectives
- A call for collective action towards a more just and equitable university system

### **About the Author: Vijay Prashad**

Vijay Prashad is a renowned Marxist historian, journalist, and intellectual. He is the author of numerous books on global politics, social movements, and decolonisation. Prashad's work has been translated into over 20 languages and has received international acclaim for its originality and depth of analysis.

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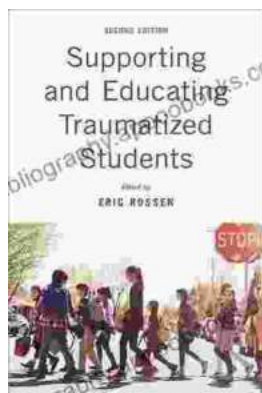
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