

Jess Auerbach ~ What A New University In Africa Is Doing To Decolonise Social Sciences

It's not often that you get to create a new university from scratch: space, staff - and curriculum. But that's exactly what we're doing in Mauritius, at one of Africa's newest higher education institutions. And decoloniality is central to our work.

I am a member of the Social Science Faculty at the African Leadership University. Part of our task is to build a canon, knowledge, and a way of knowing. This is happening against the backdrop of a movement by South African students to decolonise their universities; Black Lives Matter protests in the United States; and in the context of a much deeper history of national reimagination across Africa and the world.

With this history in mind our faculty is working towards what we consider a decolonial social science curriculum. We've adopted seven commitments to help us meet this goal, and which we hope will shift educational discourse in a more equitable and representative direction.

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