

# Decolonising Criminology

In this section, you will find resources about decolonisation within the criminological field.

This list is not intended to be exhaustive, but we are always open to improving it, so if you have any material you think we should include or if you spot any errors, please contact us at [enquiries@sccjr.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@sccjr.ac.uk)

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## 2. Blog posts and videos

Decolonizing Criminology through the inclusion of epistemologies of the south  
British Society of Criminology Blog by Kerry Carrington.  
<https://thebscblog.wordpress.com/2021/08/11/decolonizing-criminology-through-the-inclusion-of-epistemologies-of-the-south/>

In Defence of Decolonisation: a response to Southern Criminology  
British Society of Criminology Blog by Thalia Anthony, Robert Webb, Juanita Sherwood, Harry Blagg & Antje Deckert.  
<https://thebscblog.wordpress.com/2021/11/09/in-defence-of-decolonisation-a-response-to-southern-criminology/>

'Decolonizing' Criminology?: Possibilities for anti-racist approaches to transform police education and professional development  
BSC Policing Network Blog by Lisa Long.  
<https://bscpolicingnetwork.com/2021/02/18/decolonizing-criminology-possibilities-for-anti-racist-approaches-to-transform-police-education-and-professional-development/>

Decolonising my doctoral research  
Centre for Criminology at the University of Oxford Blog by Emma Buxton-Namisnyk.  
<https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/centres-institutes/centre-criminology/blog/2017/10/decolonising-my-doctoral-research>



## PROSPECTS FOR A (POST)COLONIAL OR (DE)COLONISED CRIMINOLOGY

Blog: Trincomalee walks: Walking in Wales, writing about social justice, abolition and history by J M Moore.

<https://jmmoore.org/2021/09/16/prospects-for-a-postcolonial-or-decolonised-criminology/>

The Withering Away of the Law: An Indigenous Perspective on the Decolonisation of the Criminal Justice System and Criminology  
Video blog. Keynote address to the Forum for Indigenous Research Excellence Symposium 2016 by Biko Agozino.

<http://juantauri.blogspot.com/2017/12/professor-biko-agozino-keynote-address.html>

SCCJR Seminar: Counter-Colonial Criminology: The Decolonization of Neo-Colonial Reason

This seminar reflects on Professor Agozino's text, Counter-Colonial Criminology, with a view to take the critique of conventional criminology beyond the imperialist reason of the original sub-title and focus the seminar on what Nkrumah called Neocolonialism: the last stage of imperialism.

Watch here;

<https://www.sccjr.ac.uk/event/sccjr-seminar-counter-colonial-criminology-the-decolonization-of-neo-colonial-reason/>

### 3. Networks

#### The Decolonial Critique

The Decolonial Critique is a global network of scholars and activists with an interest in theoretical and applied approaches to coloniality/decoloniality within and beyond the university. It includes a focus on decolonising various aspects of academia, such as: research methods; citation practices; pedagogy; curricula; institutional hierarchies; and other related areas. Read more and subscribe here:

<https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?A0=THE-DECOLONIAL-CRITIQUE>

### Cambridge Decolonising Criminology Network (Twitter account)

Decolonising Criminology Network based in Cambridge. Join the network and participate in their monthly reading groups and online seminars. Follow and see more here: <https://twitter.com/cambridgedcn>

### International Network for Criminal Justice

IN-CJ is a website for people engaged in international development work in Criminal Justice. It aims to use new technologies to build networks. They also hosted an international webinar on the topic of Decolonisation, Cultures and Communities in Criminal Justice. Check them out here: <https://criminaljusticenetwork.net/in-cj-podcast-029-decolonisation-cultures-and-communities-in-criminal-justice/>

### Southernising Criminology Discussion Group (University of Oxford)

The Southernising Criminology Discussion Group aims to extend criminology's gaze and horizons, raising awareness of distinct patterns and trends of crime, justice and punishment experienced in peripheral countries and contexts. See more here:

<https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/current-students/graduate-discussion-groups/southernising-criminology>

### World Social Sciences and Humanities Network

The World Social Sciences and Humanities Network (World SSH Net) is an international and interdisciplinary bottom-up organisation of academics, focusing on the challenges the social and human sciences are facing in the contemporary internationalisation of social thought. Read more about the World SSH Net here:

<https://www.worldsshnet.org/about-us>