

Colonial legacies, postcolonial 'selfhood' and (un)doing development in the Global South

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The debate on colonialism and its violence and/or benefits has been revived in recent publications in *Third World Quarterly* and other spaces. We are interested in this debate to engage with colonial/postcolonial politics of development on a continuum. Postcolonial elites have perpetuated similar policies as their predecessors, that marginalized some people (indigenous, women, minorities) in the statist definitions of development. This new debate welcomes papers that explicitly engage with and critique colonial legacies of development discourses and practices in the Global South. We would be interested in papers that explore indigenous development models and various other forms of development that may have been marginalized by postcolonial states in the Global South as they adopted Western modernity and statehood. We also welcome papers that critique statist development practices adopted by postcolonial states that have ended up unleashing violence on certain sections of the citizenry, and the violence of the development discourse itself.

Sub themes for the papers include:

- Colonialism and Development
- Postcolonial Politics/Ethics of Development
- Marginalised Identities and Development
- Violence and Development/The Violence of Development
- Indigenous Development Discourses and Practices
- Empirical Investigations of Development Policies and their impact in the Global South