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# programme booklet

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Decolonial Europe Day - 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2025

# programme

## 11:00-12:30 CEST

### Opening plenary

Official welcome, keynote speech by & Q&A with François Kamate on the current situation in DR Congo and how it connects to historical and ongoing colonial systems

## 13:00-14:30 CEST

### Parallel sessions by partners – round 1

1. Sharing perspectives on international solidarities towards reparations and decolonisation by The Maangamizi Educational Trust
2. Decolonizing the City: Community, Resistance, and Radical Hospitality by The Third Space

## 15:00-16:15 CEST

### Midterm plenary & speed dating

Reporting back from round 1 of partner sessions, followed by several rounds of “speed dating”: an opportunity to e-meet other participants in a 1-on-1 format.

## 16:30-18:00 CEST

### Parallel sessions by partners – round 2

3. School of the Revolution: the role of political prisoners in the struggle for liberation by Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network
4. Colonised Bodies and Lands – Connecting Struggles and Emancipatory Actions by Collective against Environmental Racism
5. Decolonizing Responses to Sexual Violence: Beyond Legal Frameworks by Laura Piel Martín

## 18:15-19:00 CEST

### Closing plenary

Reporting back from round 2 of partner sessions & closing remarks

# Partner session 1

## Sharing Perspectives on International Solidarities Towards Reparations and Decolonisation

by The Maangamizi Educational Trust

This session is going to take place during the first round of partner sessions from 13:00 to 14:30

For many movements across the world, reparations activism sits within a broader pursuit of justice based on an understanding of the inequality and discrimination that permeates the lives of the marginalised groups they seek so support through their work. Justice is achieved, as history demonstrates, through people and their movements fighting for change and resisting structures that serve the interests of powerful and elite groups. Reparations have been pursued by people, groups and communities that have often been agents of change in interrogating structural power relations and the factors that perpetuate exclusion, marginalisation and minoritisation. However, recognising the vested interests in the current system and architecture that keeps colonial approaches anchored, a process of decolonisation is also relevant for full repair to happen. In this session, the ways reparations and movement solidarities are being pursued would be explored drawing on examples from pan-Afrikan reparations movement leader Esther Xosel, in conversation with decolonial economist Priya Lukka, and feminist leader and practitioner Zohra Moosa. Dimensions of how movements are shaping their work will be shared, such as the centrality of race and racism in how cases for reparations are built up. Frustrations with the lack of focus on the rights of affected communities in many reparations processes will be reflected on. The realities of how neoliberalism shapes how much success movements can have in defining and leading their work will also be reflected on alongside the search for community ownership beyond state-level determinations of harm repair.

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The panel will consist of pan-Afrikan reparations movement leader Esther Xosel, decolonial and human rights economist Priya Lukka, and feminist leader and practitioner Zohra Moosa.



## Decolonizing the City: Community, Resistance, and Radical Hospitality

by The Third Space

This session is going to take place during the first round of partner sessions from 13:00 to 14:30

Decolonizing the City: Community, Resistance, and Radical Hospitality is a live session hosted by The Third Space, based in Tirana, Albania. It invites participants into a communal exploration of how cities—through architecture, urbanism, and spatial design—reproduce the logics of colonial capitalist modernity, and how we can resist and reimagine those systems. Inspired by the concept of the living room as a site of political hospitality, David Harvey's idea of the third place, and The Third Space's own practice of dinners and talks, this session bridges theory and practice. Participants will leave with an actionable plan to transform temporary commons into ongoing spaces of resistance. Together, we'll explore how bodies, borders, food, and space are entangled in colonial histories and present-day struggles for liberation. Through conversation, storytelling, and collective reflection, we'll engage questions like: What does it mean to decolonize a city? What forms of resistance emerge from everyday spaces? How can we reclaim urban life through community and care, rather than control and extraction? This workshop is an invitation to turn decolonial theory into grounded, tangible practice—a hospitable space for imagining and building cities beyond domination.

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Ashique Mohammad (he/him) is a multidisciplinary decolonial urbanist, activist, organizer committed to challenging colonial frameworks and fostering equitable, resilient, and inclusive communities and urban environments. With a foundation in participatory methods and grassroots organizing, his work connects local lived experiences to global ideologies to promote global restorative justice, empathy, and equity through urban planning and design.



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## School of the Revolution: The Role of Political Prisoners in the Struggle for Liberation

by Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network

This session is going to take place during the second round of partner sessions from 16:30 to 18:00

The history and importance of political prisoners, the role of marginalised labour, and the struggle for liberation in Palestine. Whether in Palestine, Ireland, South Africa, or the US, political prisoners are at the heart of liberation movements throughout history. Bobby Sands, Nelson Mandela, MLK Jr join Walid Daqqa and Hadeel Shatara as central to their respective liberation causes. Palestinian prisoners are on the front lines of the Palestinian struggle for liberation on a daily basis. In the jails of occupation, Palestinian prisoners confront the oppressor and the occupier, and put their bodies and lives on the line to continue their people's struggle to achieve justice and freedom for the land and people of Palestine. Within the prisons, the Palestinian prisoners' movement engages in political struggle – demanding their rights, securing advances, and serving as leaders to the entire Palestinian movement, inside and outside Palestine. We do not seek to portray the over 10,000 Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails as 'victims', but rather to highlight their role as leaders of the resistance against a genocidal settler-colonial regime. We would focus on: 1. The architecture of Zionist prisons 2. Resistance within the jails. 3. Colonial carcerality, prison labour in the US, undocumented labour in Europe, and work camps in the UAE, Congo, and Occupied Palestine. Join us to discuss and engage the with parallels in exploitation between imperial powers, and look at how the marginalised are the cradle of resistance against colonial terror.



# Partner session 4

## Decolonizing Responses to Sexual Violence: Beyond Legal Frameworks

by Laura Piel Martín

This session is going to take place during the second round of partner sessions from 16:30 to 18:00

"Decolonizing Responses to Sexual Violence: Beyond Legal Frameworks" will be an interactive 90-minute session examining the relationship between European legal frameworks on sexual violence and colonial histories. The workshop will highlight alternative justice approaches rooted in decolonial perspectives while creating space to envision more inclusive systems. Through critical analysis, facilitated dialogue, small group work with case studies, and collective visioning, participants will explore how dominant legal frameworks were exported during colonization. The session will invite participants to imagine how European institutions might incorporate decolonial approaches that better serve survivors with diverse identities and backgrounds..

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Laura (she/her/ella) is a PhD candidate at the University of Wrocław with an MA in International Relations from the University of Chicago. As an advocate, educator, and researcher, Laura focuses on sexual violence as political violence across the Global North-South divide. Her work centers on decolonizing understandings of gender-based violence and creating spaces for resistance and healing. Laura's practice is rooted in survivor-centered approaches that honor intersectional identities, particularly queer experiences. Her research critically examines how colonial legacies have shaped legal frameworks and societal understandings of sexual violence globally, with particular attention to how Western legal concepts were exported during colonization, and a focus toward collective initiatives of healing and transformation.

## Colonised Bodies and Lands – Connecting Struggles and Emancipatory Actions

by Collective against Environmental Racism

This session is going to take place during the second round of partner sessions from 16:30 to 18:00

Come be in conversation with the Collective Against Environmental Racism. The Collective will start the session by presenting perspectives on the connections between bodies and lands in environmental and social justice struggles, from South Africa, to DR Congo, to Sudan, to Palestine, to Denmark, to Kalaallit Nunaat. Situating their work within decolonial, anti-racist and ecofeminist thinking, the speakers will highlight theory and practice from the margins, based on their work. The Collective Against Environmental Racism always insists that struggles should be built on an intersectional perspective on gender. Following some brief presentations, we will open up the session to hear from participants - both in their own lived experience as well as through the work they may be involved in. We will then have a collective deliberation of how coloniality continues to impact all aspects of life in Europe as well as causing significant harm in the majority world through neo-colonial and green colonialism associated with the green transition. We will conclude the session but exploring the opportunities for solidarity across Europe between BIPOC movements interested in decolonising the environmental movement space.

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The Collective against Environmental Racism seeks to bring racial discrimination and injustice into the Danish and European environmental conversation, calling public attention to environmental racism and climate coloniality. Our aim is to mobilise and amplify the voices of those who are most affected by environmental racism and climate change. We are a BIPOC collectively based primarily out of Copenhagen and seeking to work with similar networks in Europe and in the majority world. The speakers at this event will include three members of the Collective, Sophia Wathne, Yasmin Brandrup-Versi and Vasna Ramasar.



# About

# Decolonial Europe Day

Decolonial Europe Day is an annual initiative that shifts the focus of Europe Day (9 May) from celebration to critical engagement with Europe's colonial past and present, bringing together grassroots movements, activists, and civil society organizations.

Through engaging discussions, practical strategies, and community-driven dialogue, we aim to:

- Amplify decolonial voices in and on Europe.
- Connect grassroots movements with mainstream discussions on decolonization.
- Engage with global decolonial struggles and build solidarity.
- Work towards dismantling colonial power structures.

Decolonial Europe Day is back for its third edition on Friday, 9 May 2025, for the first time organised by the Decolonial Europe Collective, a newly founded network of organisations and individuals that grew out of the Decolonial Europe Day initiative. For more information about the initiative, please check out our website: [www.decolonial.eu](http://www.decolonial.eu).



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