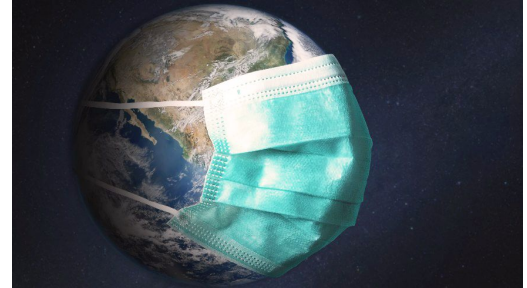

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Decolonising global health: if not now, when? 

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Decolonising global health?

- Global health is rooted in the colonial project
 - Power imbalances in the current global health system
 - Impact on social determinants of health, racism and diversity and knowledge production
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Important concepts

Colonialism: Colonialism is a violent system of control by one people over other people or areas, with the aim of economic, military, political and cultural dominance, based on mechanisms of exploitation, resource extraction and a racist ideology

Neocolonialism: The process by which multinational companies, with or without the support of powerful states from the Global North or multilateral institutions, use direct or indirect means to dominate countries from the Global South economically, socially, culturally, technologically and politically.

Coloniality: Eurocentric worldview centred on western civilisation meta-narratives through which the world is understood (universalism and European modernity) → perpetuates systems of power and the colonial structures

Decolonisation

- Formal political independence versus real sovereignty, economic independence and equity
 - Decolonising our minds, mentality, knowledge, public space, language, education, health, ...
 - Undoing ourselves of prejudices and the thought systems that justified colonisation
 - Crushing the structures and mechanisms that sustain current-day coloniality
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Process versus political positioning

- Internal trajectory at Be-cause health: how to decolonise our platform and approach?
 - What are our political demands regarding the different topics in the working group? Are we perpetuating coloniality or resisting it with our political positions?
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