



Sociology Virtual Subject Masterclass
Wednesday 11 August 2021

Preparatory Materials for Attendees

Prior to attending the Sociology Subject Masterclass on Wednesday 11 August, please work through the activity below, which will help to prepare you for the content of the Masterclass.

Postcolonial and Decolonial Sociology

"I think it's important for British schoolkids to understand British history, and you cannot understand British history without understanding it as colonial and imperial history as well."

(Gurminder K. Bhambra, Postcolonial Social Science, 2020).

Task:

In her podcast, Gurminder Bhambra describes the impact that colonialism has had on the development of modern societies, using analysis provided by postcolonial and decolonial sociology. She describes how the emergence of modernity and human rights is often presented as a European phenomenon, rather than arising from colonial connections.

Read the article below and then listen to the podcast. As you're listening, take notes of anything that jumps out to you or makes you think. Then write down which topics you remember covering in history classes at school, and the extent to which you feel this has helped you understand how current British society has emerged. You don't need to write an essay, just think of a few points that you might like to share in the Masterclass.

Article and Podcast: <https://www.socialsciencespace.com/2020/07/gurminder-k-bhambra-on-postcolonial-social-science/>

(Bhambra, G.K. 2020. Postcolonial Social Science. Social Science Bites)