Post-Colonial Political Thought Masterclass Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. **Analyze** the **historical and theoretical foundations** of post-colonial political thought.
2. **Deconstruct Eurocentric narratives** and challenge dominant knowledge systems.
3. **Investigate** the concepts of **subalternity, hybridity, and diaspora** in global contexts.
4. **Examine** the intersections of **race, gender, and class** in colonial and post-colonial societies.
5. **Evaluate** the **political economy** of colonialism and its ongoing impact on global development.
6. **Assess** the role of **cultural resistance** and **anti-colonial movements** in shaping political identity.
7. **Explore** the relationship between **neocolonialism and globalization** in the modern world.
8. **Critique** the concept of the **nation-state** from a post-colonial perspective.
9. **Differentiate** between **decolonization, decoloniality, and post-coloniality**.
10. **Apply** post-colonial frameworks to contemporary issues like **migration, climate justice, and sovereignty**.
11. **Analyze** the politics of **identity and representation** in media and culture.
12. **Formulate** strategies for **decolonizing institutions and academic curricula**.
13. **Engage** in critical dialogue about the future of **global governance** and **transnational justice**.

Target Audience

- **Political Scientists & International Relations Scholars:** Deepen your understanding of global power dynamics.
- **Students & Researchers:** Enhance your academic toolkit for theses and research on global issues.
- **NGO & Development Professionals:** Critically examine aid, development, and humanitarian interventions.
- **Public Policy Analysts:** Inform policy-making with an awareness of colonial legacies.
- **Journalists & Media Professionals:** Improve reporting on global events, conflicts, and cultural issues.
- **Educators & Academics:** Develop inclusive curricula and decolonize your teaching practice.
- **Social Justice Advocates:** Strengthen your understanding of systemic inequalities and historical context.

- **General Public:** Anyone with a keen interest in understanding the world's complex political landscape.

Course Modules

Module 1: The Colonial Encounter & Its Legacy

- **Theories of Imperialism:** Analysis of the economic and political motivations behind colonial expansion.
- **Fanon and the Psychology of Colonization:** Examination of the psychological impact of colonialism and the struggle for recognition.
- **The Civilizing Mission:** Deconstruction of the cultural and racial justifications for empire.
- **The Scramble for Africa:** A case study of partition, state formation, and ethnic rivalries.
- **Case Study: The Congo Free State** ?Çô Explore the brutal rubber trade and its lasting socio-economic and political consequences.

Module 2: The Politics of Identity & Difference

- **Orientalism as a Discourse:** The invention of "the Orient" and its role in justifying Western dominance.
- **Subaltern Voices and Silenced Histories:** Recovering the narratives of marginalized groups.
- **Hybridity and Mimicry:** How colonized subjects adopt and subvert colonial culture.
- **Race and Racialization:** The construction of race as a tool of colonial control and its persistence.
- **Case Study: India?ÇÖs Partition** ?Çô Analyze how colonial-era policies of "divide and rule" exacerbated religious and ethnic tensions.

Module 3: Anti-Colonial Resistance & Liberation

- **Theories of Resistance:** Forms of passive and active resistance against colonial rule.
- **The Rise of Nationalism:** The role of nationalist movements in achieving political independence.
- **The Non-Aligned Movement:** A case study in post-colonial statecraft and seeking an alternative to Cold War blocs.
- **From Colonial to Neocolonial Power:** How former colonial powers maintained influence through economic and political means.
- **Case Study: The Algerian War of Independence** ?Çô A deep dive into the guerrilla warfare and ideological struggle, as famously analyzed by Franz Fanon.

Module 4: Post-Colonial Political Economy

- **Dependency Theory:** The argument that global capitalism perpetuates underdevelopment in former colonies.
- **Structural Adjustment Programs:** The role of international financial institutions in perpetuating neocolonial economic relations.
- **Extractivism & Resource Curses:** How the legacy of colonial resource extraction continues to hinder development.
- **Globalization & Uneven Development:** Analysis of how free-market policies can widen global inequality.
- **Case Study: The Banana Wars** ?Çô Examine how Western corporations and governments have historically intervened to control resource-rich former colonies.

Module 5: Decolonizing Knowledge & Institutions

- **Critique of the Academic Canon:** The need to move beyond a Eurocentric curriculum in academia.
- **Indigenous Knowledge Systems:** Recognizing and integrating non-Western ways of knowing.
- **The Politics of Language:** The legacy of colonial languages and the struggle for linguistic sovereignty.

- **Museums and Heritage:** Debates over the repatriation of artifacts and the decolonization of cultural institutions.
- **Case Study: The British Museum?ÇÖs Benin Bronzes** ?Çô Explore the global debate over the ownership and return of plundered cultural heritage.

Module 6: Contemporary Post-Colonial Issues

- **Migration and Diaspora:** The movement of people across borders and the formation of transnational identities.
- **The Politics of Borders:** The colonial origins of contemporary borders and their role in migration crises.
- **Racial and Social Justice Movements:** Connecting contemporary movements like Black Lives Matter to a history of colonial and post-colonial oppression.
- **Climate Justice & Environmentalism:** How colonial legacies contribute to climate change and disproportionately affect the global South.
- **Case Study: The Rohingya Crisis** ?Çô Analyze how historical and colonial-era racial divisions and statelessness contribute to a modern-day humanitarian crisis.

Module 7: Gender & Post-Colonial Feminism

- **"Double Colonization":** How women were oppressed by both colonial and patriarchal indigenous systems.
- **The Role of Women in Anti-Colonial Movements:** Examining the crucial but often overlooked contributions of women.
- **Critique of Western Feminism:** How mainstream feminism can be Eurocentric and fail to address the specific issues facing women in the global South.
- **Gender and Development:** Critiquing top-down development models and advocating for local, feminist-led initiatives.
- **Case Study: The Mau Mau Uprising in Kenya** ?Çô Highlight the role of women as fighters, organizers, and intelligence agents in the anti-colonial struggle.

Module 8: The Future of Post-Colonialism

- **Decoloniality as a Political Project:** Moving beyond decolonization to dismantle structures of power.
- **Southern Epistemologies and Global South Theory:** The rise of intellectual thought from Latin America, Africa, and Asia.
- **Beyond the Nation-State:** Exploring alternative models of political organization.
- **Post-Colonialism and Activism:** The practical application of post-colonial thought in contemporary social movements.
- **Case Study: The Zapatista Movement in Mexico** ?Çô Analyze a modern indigenous-led movement that critiques globalization and seeks to reclaim land and self-determination.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Lectures:** Facilitated discussions, not just one-way information delivery.
- **Case Study Analysis:** In-depth examination of historical and contemporary movements to extract lessons.
- **Group Exercises & Simulations:** Participants work in teams to apply course concepts to real-world scenarios.
- **Guest Speakers:** Activists and leaders share their experiences and insights.
- **Action Planning:** Participants develop a personal or organizational action plan for a specific cause.

Q&A and Feedback Sessions: Open forums for discussion and peer learning

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

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We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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