
Is it decolonisation or indigenisation of social work in Africa? A case in Uganda

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Abstract

Although there is consensus that Western social work is inappropriate for African contexts, create culturally appropriate social work has remained a conundrum. Some of the approaches proposed include decolonisation and indigenisation which are often used interchangeably in work literature. I have found the interchangeable use of the terms rather confusing but although decolonisation and indigenisation are inextricably tied, the two approaches are distinct processes that convey different ideas. In this paper presentation, I will critically examine the differences between indigenisation and decolonisation and propose which approach is appropriate for progressing the creation of culturally appropriate and locally relevant social work in Africa.

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