

RESEARCH CLINIC

General information

Supervisor:	Dr. Densua Mumford
Title of clinic:	Developing a new WP course 'Decolonisation: Past & Present'
Number of students:	3-5 (students of any major may apply)
Major (<i>if applicable and approved by the Major Convener</i>):	World Politics
(Pre)requisites (<i>if applicable</i>):	None

Research context

The WP major has decided to create a new 200 level course on decolonisation as a historical and contemporary process. Students are invited to join this research clinic with Dr Mumford to co-design the course: from drafting the syllabus, to choosing the cases and learning materials, designing the assignments and class exercises, and more. Students of any major may apply for the research clinic.

The course, provisionally titled 'Decolonisation: Past & Present', aims to introduce students to the struggles of various communities across the world to free themselves from colonial rule in the past two centuries, and connect this to land-based and epistemic decolonization struggles ongoing today. The new course will itself utilise decolonising pedagogical approaches, and the relevant ones will be researched and identified through the research clinic.

Students' tasks and activities

The objective of the research clinic is to design a new 200-level course, including a comprehensive syllabus. In successfully completing this research clinic, students will be able to:

- 1) Identify and synthesise key components of an effective higher education course
- 2) Apply key competencies of successful course design in line with Leiden University rules
- 3) Identify and evaluate decolonising pedagogical practices
- 4) Summarise and present theories and historical cases of decolonisation to a Bachelor audience

The research clinic will be hosted in semester 2 (blocks 3 and 4) 2022-2023 and last 14 sessions. The group will meet once a week for two hours, with the possibility of adding additional meetings as needed. Students will be assessed on their satisfactory completion of tasks assigned. Many of the tasks and activities will be determined by the group itself, but the research clinic will involve class discussion, researching primary and secondary sources, working in small groups, and possibly guest lectures.