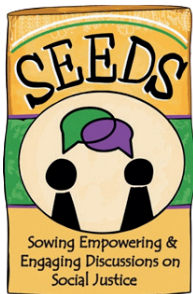


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PEDAGOGY

*"Meet people where they are  
rather than where you want  
them to be".*

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## STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE

PEDAGOGY

*"Structural Violence is exerted systematically – that is, indirectly by everyone who belongs to a certain social order: hence the discomfort these ideas provoke in a moral economy still geared to pinning praise or blame on individual actors. In short, the concept of structural violence is intended to inform the study of the social machinery of oppression."*

2004, page 307, **Paul Farmer**

**Johan Galtung** (1969)  
– further  
popularised by **Paul Farmer** in  
global health contexts.



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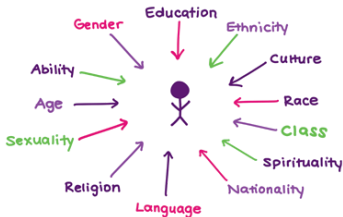


## INTERSECTIONALITY

PEDAGOGY

A framework for understanding how various social identities (e.g., race, gender, class) intersect within overlapping systems of discrimination or privilege.

**-Kimberlé Crenshaw (1989)**



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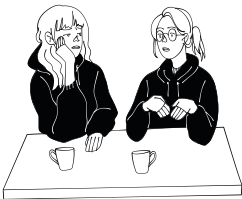


## CULTURAL RELATIVISM

PEDAGOGY

The approach within anthropology that argues an individual's beliefs and behaviours should be understood within their own cultural context and not judged by the standards of another.

**Franz Boas** (Anthropologist, early 20th century)



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## CRITICAL PEDAGOGY VS. BANKING MODEL OF EDUCATION

PEDAGOGY

**Critical Pedagogy:** Education is about the transformation of individuals and not the transmission of information.

Consciousness raising involves dialogue and critical reflection on power.

**Banking model** treats students as passive receivers of information, where teachers “deposit” information without encouraging understanding or questioning.

**-Paulo Freire**

*(Pedagogy of the Oppressed, 1970).*



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## DUALISMS

PEDAGOGY

A worldview that creates binary oppositions which are not only separate but hierarchical.

<u>Male</u>	<u>Mind</u>	<u>Culture</u>
female	Body	Nature

*"Dualist philosophy is responsible at a deep level for our ecological crisis."*

**Jason Hickel**, 2020, Less is More.



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## EPISTEMIC INJUSTICE

PEDAGOGY

*"A wrong done to someone specifically  
in their capacity as a knower."*

**-Miranda Fricker, 2007.**

Epistemic refers to our ways of  
knowing what is knowledge.  
Injustice describes power imbalances  
and occurs when one group's  
knowledge is of greater value than the  
other.

**Example:** Why are some women  
ignored or misread by healthcare  
professionals when they describe pain  
in childbirth?



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## SINGLE STORY

PEDAGOGY

The reduction of complex individuals or cultures to one limited narrative.

*"The danger of a single story is that it can reinforce stereotypes and ignore complexity".*

**Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**

(2009 TED Talk, 'The Danger of a Single Story')

Can you name some single stories in your world?



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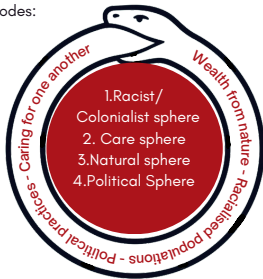
## CANNIBAL CAPITALISM

PEDAGOGY

*"Capital is cannibalizing every sphere of life—guzzling wealth from nature, and racialized populations, sucking up our ability to care for each other, and gutting the practice of politics."*

**- Nancy Fraser.**

Capitalism is dependent on four hidden abodes:



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PEDAGOGY

*"We cannot enter the struggle as  
objects in order to later become  
subjects"*

**- Paulo Freire.**



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## NEOLIBERALISM

PEDAGOGY

An economic and political ideology emphasising **free markets**, **privatisation**, **market liberalisation** and **reduced government intervention**, often at the expense of social welfare. It individualises issues and problems and focuses on personal responsibility over structural changes or interventions.



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# MATRIX OF POWER

PEDAGOGY

## POWER AND EMPOWERMENT



**STRUCTURAL**  
Organises



**DISCIPLINARY**  
Manages



**HEGEMONIC**  
Justifies

**DISRUPTION**



**INTERPERSONAL**  
Microaggressions &  
microcompassions



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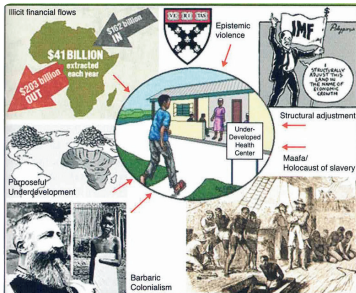
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# COLONIALITY

PEDAGOGY

The enduring patterns of power, knowledge, and social hierarchy established by colonialism that persist today.



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DRUG POLICY REFORM  
& ENVIRONMENTAL  
JUSTICE  
INTERNATIONAL COALITION

CLIMATE JUSTICE

The International Coalition on Drug Policy Reform & Environmental Justice is an emergent coalition that is non-hierarchical, multi-lingual, transnational and growing.

Formed in February 2023, the first ever global coalition focussed on the vital intersection between drug policy and the climate crisis.



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## **3 WAYS DRUG PROHIBITION HARMS THE ENVIRONMENT**

CLIMATE JUSTICE

### **1. GEOGRAPHIC MECHANISM:**

Pushes drug production and trafficking into key environmental frontiers.

### **2. FINANCIAL MECHANISM:**

Drug profits fund environmentally harmful activities.

### **3. GOVERNANCE MECHANISM:**

Destabilises societies and obstructs efforts to mitigate climate change.



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## GEOGRAPHIC MECHANISM

Prohibition pushes drug production  
into environmental frontiers.

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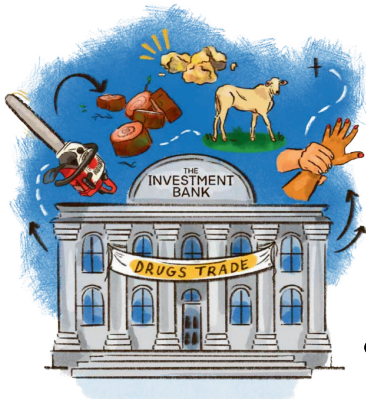
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## FINANCIAL MECHANISM

Profits from drug economies fund  
other destructive practices.

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## GOVERNANCE MECHANISM

CLIMATE JUSTICE



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## DARIEN GAP



CLIMATE JUSTICE

A 66-mile stretch of perilous jungle  
between Colombia & Panama, now a  
deadly corridor for migrants.  
Fleeing war, hunger & authoritarianism,  
300,000+ migrants crossed in 2024.  
Cartels earn \$350,000/day by charging  
migrants for passage.

Drug prohibition destroys ecological  
jewels.

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"My work with the poor and the incarcerated has persuaded me that the opposite of poverty is not wealth; the opposite of poverty is justice. The true measure of our character is how we treat the poor, the disfavored, the accused, the incarcerated, and the condemned.

The closer we get to mass incarceration and extreme levels of punishment, the more I believe it's necessary to recognize that we all need mercy, we all need justice, and – perhaps – we all need some measure of unmerited grace."

–**Bryan Stevenson, *Just Mercy***



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## HOW BIG IS THE GLOBAL DRUG TRADE?

CLIMATE JUSTICE

### **1997 Estimate:**

The UN estimated the global illegal drug market turnover at \$400 billion. That's more than the trade in iron, steel, and motor vehicles combined.

### **2017 Estimate:**

The Global Financial Integrity put the figure between \$426 billion & \$652 billion. Nearly as big as the total international trade in textiles.

*Reality check: 1,000,000 seconds is  
~ 11 days. 1,000,000,000 seconds is  
31.9 years.*



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## WHAT WE NEED AS AN ALTERNATIVE?

CLIMATE JUSTICE

- **Decriminalisation:** The removal of criminal penalties for certain drug related activities. The drug supply chain remains unregulated.
- **Legal Regulation:** Drug and related activities are legalised and subject to regulations, bringing them entirely under state control.
- **Transitional Justice:** refers to societal level responses to legacies of serious conflict, abuse and human rights violations. It requires acknowledging the truth about the events that have occurred, and providing justice to all.



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*"We have been led to believe that the climate emergency is the fault of deforesters and obscure criminal networks (and this may be partly true); and the drug problem is the fault of narcos, and addicts without criteria or willpower. But the problem is more complex. The roots of these environmental and crises associated with the war on drugs are in the structures of capital, patriarchal power and financialization."*

**- Dr. Diego Andres Lugo**

(Indigenous and campesinx rights activist and member of the coalition).



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**BUEN VIVIR**  
**Indigenous wisdom for a**  
**"Life in Full."**



CLIMATE JUSTICE

It emphasizes harmony with the environment and social relationships as essential for healthy lives, advocating for a collective lifestyle that integrates physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health.



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## What is UNITED?

CLIMATE JUSTICE

**U – Understand:** Explore and learn how drug prohibition inhibits climate justice.

**N – Name:** Identify drug policy as the missing link in achieving climate justice.

**I – Incorporate:** Bring together climate, indigenous, and drug reform voices.

**T – Talk:** Raise awareness with other communities.

**E – Engage:** Mobilize action beyond COP – commit to lasting, aligned reform.

**D- Decolonise:** Center Global South communities in conversations on solutions and collectively challenge existing power structures.



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## DECOLONIZING DRUG POLICY

CLIMATE JUSTICE

*"Criminalization is a colonial legacy".*

**-Tripti Tandon.**

Colonialism still shapes global drug laws.

From the "war on drugs" to policing, the impact is racialized, violent, and unjust.

### **Take Action:**

- Recognise indigenous rights.
- Restore cultural narratives of traditional use.
- Dismantle racism and colonialism through drug policy reform.
- Limit British & US policies in their global reach.



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# Release

**Drugs, The Law & Human Rights**

Release is UK's leading authority on drug-related issues and legislation.

They offer legal support, representation, and advice to individuals with a history of drug use or those affected by drug laws.

HARM REDUCTION



Anyone's Child is a campaign by Transform Drug Policy Foundation that elevates the voices of those who have been directly impacted by drug policy failures and are now calling for the legal control and regulation of the drug market.



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## SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION OF REALITY

HARM REDUCTION

"The real world, no matter its material basis, is also made over into socially and culturally legitimated ideas, practices and things."

**2010, Kleinman**

Cannabis plants are herbs in one space and a cause for prison in the other.



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## RAT PARK

The Rat Park experiment was conducted by Bruce Alexander and his colleagues.

The experiment found that rats did not become addicted to morphine when they had access to a rich, social environment, challenging the prevailing belief that addiction is solely a biological phenomenon.

HARM REDUCTION

**IT'S NOT THE DRUG,  
IT'S THE CAGE.**



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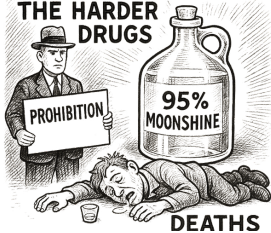
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## IRON LAW OF PROHIBITION

The iron law of prohibition is a term coined by Richard Cowan in 1986 which posits that as law enforcement becomes more intense, the potency of prohibited substances increases.

HARM REDUCTION

**THE HARDER THE  
ENFORCEMENT,  
THE HARDER  
DRUGS**



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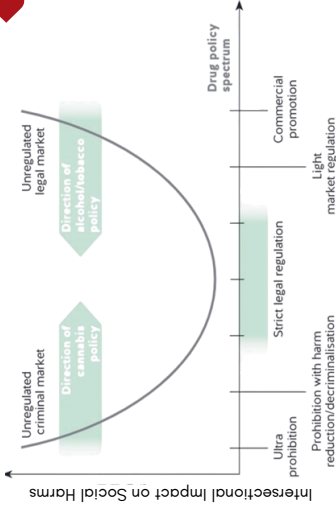


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## MASS INCARCERATION

HARM REDUCTION

"It is no longer socially permissible to use race as a justification for discrimination, social contempt, and exclusion. Rather than rely on race, we use our criminal justice system to label people of color 'criminals' and then engage in all the practices we supposedly left behind. Today, it is perfectly legal to discriminate against criminals in nearly all the ways it was once legal to discriminate against African Americans – in employment, housing, voting, education, public benefits, and exclusion from jury service. We have not ended racial caste in America; we have merely redesigned it."

- **Michelle Alexander, 2010,**  
**The New Jim Crow**



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HARM REDUCTION

**80-90% OF SUBSTANCE  
USE IS NOT  
PROBLEMATIC ACROSS  
ALL DRUGS.**

Hart, C. L. (2013). High Price: A  
Neuroscientist's Journey of Self-  
Discovery That Challenges  
Everything You Know About Drugs  
and Society.



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## HARM REDUCTION

HARM REDUCTION

An approach that acknowledges that people want to do things that can be risky and ultimately, we want people to be as safe as possible.



HARM REDUCTION IS ALL AROUND US.



SO WHY SHOULD IT BE ANY  
DIFFERENT FOR DRUGS?

Requiring seatbelts, applying  
sunscreen, wearing helmets.



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## COAL

Dr. Gabor Maté, renowned addiction expert, uses an approach called *compassionate curiosity* towards addiction.

Gabor believes that the source of addiction is not to be found in genes, but in childhood trauma, stress and the social dislocation endemic to systems of inequality and injustice.



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HARM REDUCTION

*"My twenty plus years of drug research has taught me many important lessons, but perhaps none more important than this - drug effects are predictable. As you increase the drug dose, there is more potential for toxic effects. Black boys' and men's interactions with the police however are not predictable"*  
**-Carl Hart, High Price.**

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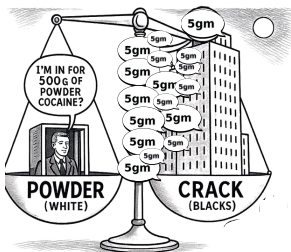
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## 100:1 DISPARITY BETWEEN POWDER AND CRACK COCAINE POSSESSION

HARM REDUCTION

In 1986, Ronald Reagan established mandatory minimum sentences, which enforced a 100:1 disparity between powder and crack cocaine, which disproportionately affected racialised minorities.



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HARM REDUCTION

Health education messages based on prohibition are standard for most societies.

What was your drug education and how can it be better?



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## **VANCOUVER AREA NETWORK OF DRUG USERS (VANDU)**

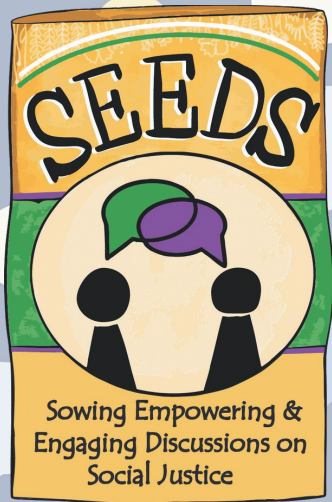


VANDU is a grassroots democratic organization of drug users. VANDU works to improve the lives of people who use drugs through user-based peer support & education.

HARM REDUCTION

## **VANCOUVER CITY'S FOUR PILLARS DRUG STRATEGY**







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Debt Justice, a UK-based charity founded in 1996 and focuses on challenging unjust debt.

They advocate for economic justice for countries and people burdened by unsustainable debt.

They continue to pressure government and financial institutions to prioritise healthcare and essential services over profits from debt repayments and unfair interest rates.



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## ALMA ATA DECLARATION

DEBT JUSTICE

The visionary 1978 Alma-Ata Declaration emphasised the achievement of **'Health for All'** through Primary Health Care. It was signed by 134 countries & 67 organisations.

It called for a holistic view of health, with community participation, prevention and basic healthcare services delivered to the local level.

But what happened after?  
How does unsustainable debt limit the ability of a country to invest in the health sector?



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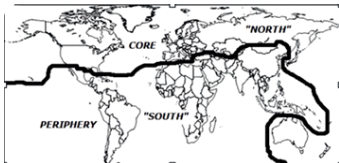
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## THE GLOBAL SOUTH

DEBT JUSTICE

The **"Global South"** label attempts to describe the world's geopolitical and economic differences. It was popularised by the imaginary boundary known as **"The Brandt Line"** created during the call for a New International Economic Order in the 1970s. It is still used to refer to postcolonial and developing countries.



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## REPARATIONS

DEBT JUSTICE

Reparations are about addressing how Colonisation, Neo-colonialism and Enslavement still shape society.

They seek to create a world free from oppression, exploitation and extraction.

For some, debt reparations should involve financial compensation. Others call for debt cancellation or repudiation.

The aim is to repair inequalities embedded in the debt system.



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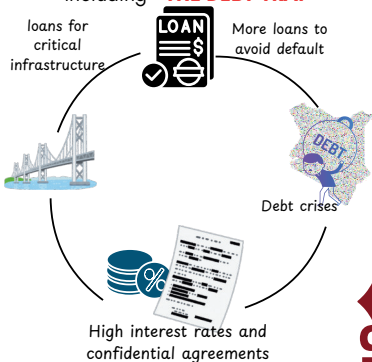


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Following the struggle for independence, developing countries needed significant investment in infrastructure and the economy, facing new forms of oppression and dependency, including **THE DEBT TRAP**

DEBT JUSTICE

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## STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMS

DEBT JUSTICE

Structural Adjustment Programs (SAPs) were introduced by the **IMF** and **World Bank** in the 1980s to address economic crises in the Global South. These programmes made loans conditional on policies such as reduced government spending and increased trade liberalisation. While intended to promote economic growth, SAPs have been widely criticized for eroding national sovereignty, worsening social inequality, and deepening the marginalisation of poorer countries in the global economy.



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*"Most people are not in debt because they live beyond their means; they are in debt because they have been denied the means to live."*

**Astray Taylor,**  
US Debtor's Union, The Debt Collective.



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**HAITI**, the first black post-colonial republic, won independence in 1804 but was forced to pay a massive **“independence debt”** to France – equivalent to \$21 billion today – which drained its economy for over a century, crippling development.

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*"Neither cruelty, nor violence, nor torture will make me beg for mercy, because I prefer to die with my head raised high, with unshakeable faith... in my country's predestination rather than live in submission forsaking my sacred principles."*

**-PATRICE LUMUMBA,**

1961, First Prime Minister of DRC  
(Democratic Republic of Congo),  
Assassinated in DRC

For more insight: Watch  
**"Soundtrack to a Coup d'Etat."**

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"Debt's origins come from colonialism's origins. Those who lend us money are those who colonised us. They are the same ones who used to manage our states and economies. These are the colonisers who indebted Africa."

- **Thomas Sankara, 1987.**

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## AUSTERITY

DEBT JUSTICE

Austerity measures are often imposed by **International Financial Institutions** like International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.

Citizens and civil society often criticise these policies for their negative impacts on human rights, particularly in developing countries. The measures involve cuts to public spending, increased taxes, currency devaluation, privatisation and other fiscal adjustments that are implemented as conditions for loans or financial assistance.



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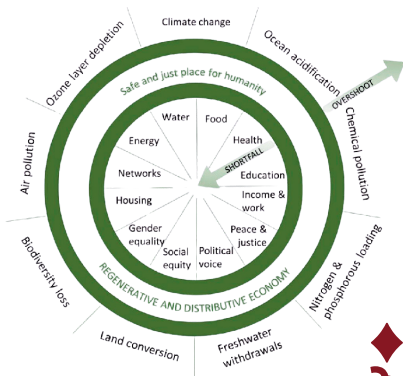


# DOUGHNUT ECONOMICS

*"Meet everyone's needs within Earth's limits."*

**- Kate Raworth**

DEBT JUSTICE



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## LIMITARIANISM



*The Case Against Extreme Wealth*  
- Ingrid Robeyns

**What changes are needed to create a world in which no one is super rich?**

1. Limitarianism is an ideal,
2. There is no silver bullet
3. The public must decide what we do

**So how do we do it?**

1. Dismantle neoliberalism
2. Reduce class segregation
3. Create a balance of economic power
4. Restore government's fiscal agency.
5. Confiscate dirty money and pay reparations.
6. Make the international economic architecture fair.
7. Limit executive pay.
8. Halt intergenerational transmission of wealth.



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SHERO



*"The classroom remains the most radical  
space for possibility in the academy."*

**-bell hooks**, 1994,  
Teaching to Transgress

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HERO



*"The idea that some lives matter less is  
the root of all that is wrong with the world."*

**-Paul Farmer**

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This deck of cards was created by a bunch of students determined to find a creative way to help people navigate difficult conversations about difficult topics.

The deck addresses the **Global South debt crisis**, the connection between drug prohibition, **harm reduction** and **climate justice** and how these three areas intersect.

Our conversations are underpinned by a **critical pedagogy** which guides how we learn and unlearn as we hold space for dialogue amongst one another.

There are 4 suites, as with any deck. Each represents one of our areas of interest. The traditional symbols of the 4 suites inspired how we determined what each suite represents.

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The **Spade** is considered the most powerful suite, just as **critical pedagogy** is the most powerful way to approach transformative thinking.



**Heart = Harm reduction**  
Because Harm Reduction is an act of love.



**Club = Climate Justice**  
We thought the symbol looked a lot like a tree, symbolising nature.



**Diamond = Debt Justice**  
The diamond represents the global south wealth and natural resources that have been extracted for years.

We would love to hear your thoughts.  
Please feel free to email us at  
**[s33ds4change@gmail.com](mailto:s33ds4change@gmail.com)**

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