

Towards a Decolonial Approach to Human Rights

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How do you assess
the effectiveness of
human rights in
support of
grassroots social
struggles?

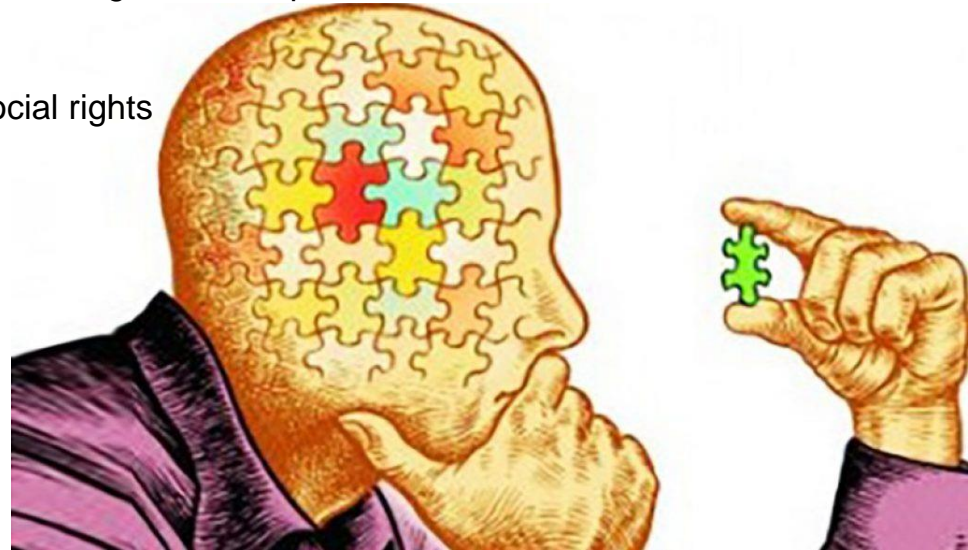
Unbalance of Power and Western Domination in International NGOs.


- Seasons
- Distorting NGO
environment



Shortcomings with the current Human Rights Approaches

- a. Reflections on the different generations of Human Rights
 - i. First-generation: liberty and participation in political life
 - ii. Second-generation: equality and began to be recognized by governments after World War II
 - iii. Third-generation: go beyond the mere civil and social
 - iv. Fourth generation: emerging in relation to technological development and information and communication technologies and cyberspace
- b. Still some resistance to embrace economic and social rights
- c. Vaccine apartheid
- d. Climate apartheid
- e. ICC
- f. Bush & Blair





“Critics have argued that there are widespread fears that NGOs are increasingly taking on a corporate character, due to the requirements of funding. Specifically, there are widely shared views that corporatization has caused NGOs to favor donors over the impoverished communities whom they are meant to be helping. As a result, it is possible that NGOs lose community trust, if they are seen as only providing short- term, so-called Band-Aid solutions sustaining poverty at a systemic level”.



Grassroots Social Movements: A New Narrative on Human Rights in Africa
Proper S Maguchu

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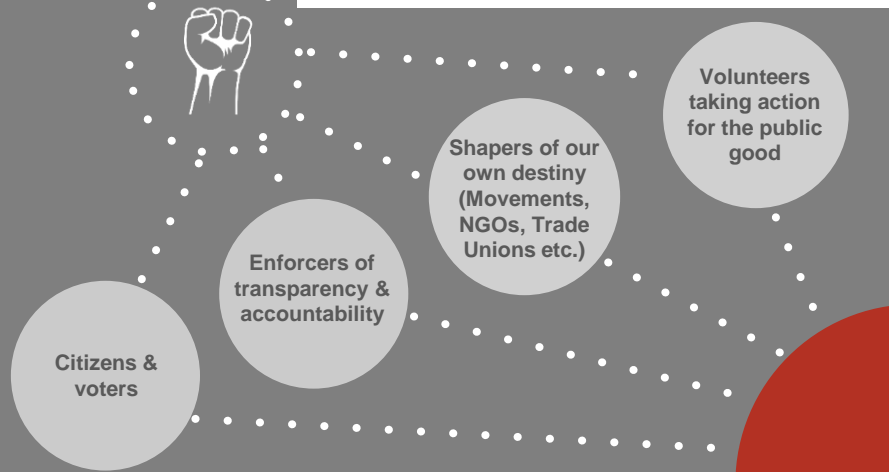
Recommendations to Belgian NGOs for a decolonized approach to Human Rights

- a. Support social movements
- b. Listen
- c. Embrace Intersectionality
- d. Resist the culture of denialism
- e. Resist Affluenza
- f. Embrace creative maladjustment

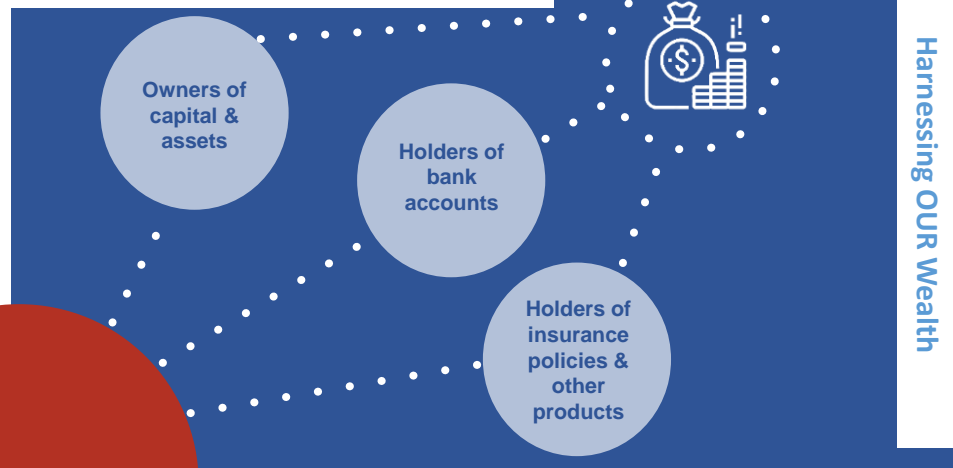


PEOPLE'S PATHWAYS TO GLOBAL JUSTICE

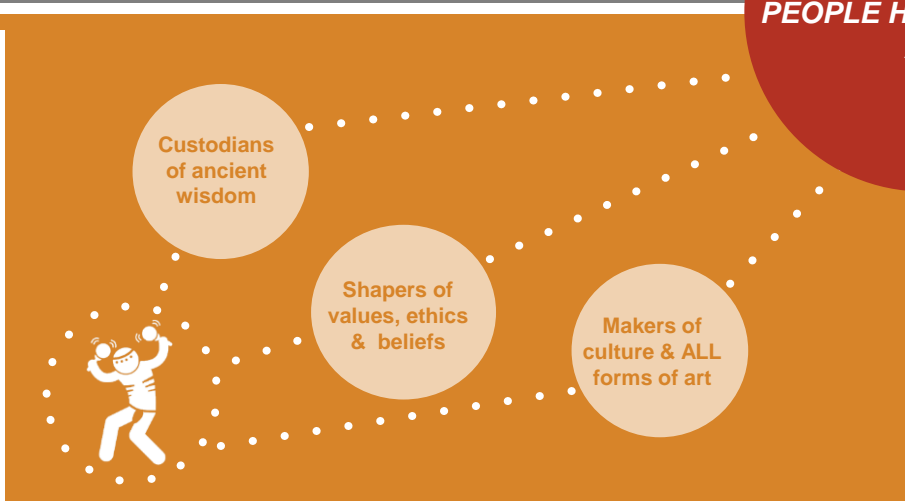
Harnessing OUR Autonomy



Harnessing OUR Wealth

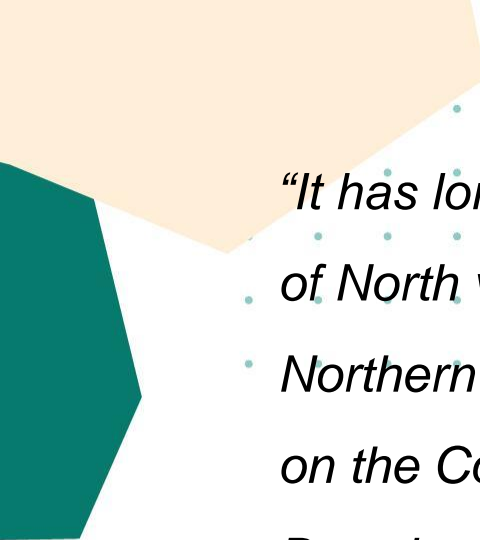


Harnessing OUR Creative Participation



Harnessing OUR Consumption





“It has long been fashionable to look at human rights in terms of North versus South, or East versus West – emphasising the Northern or Southern philosophical underpinnings, or focusing on the Cold War dynamic between the USA and USSR.

But what these analyses tend to miss is the historical connection between the human rights system and the element of people’s struggles against oppression. The whole purpose of human rights demands that our vantage point is not top-down, but bottom-up”.

**Salil Shetty, London
School of Economics,**

Thank you

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