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modernity + universalism, change own societies

question dominant paradigms of indigenous knowledge, focus on local cultures & any practical starting points?

deconstruction without reconstruction

dichotomy: Global=evil/Local=good, assumed homogeneity in Global south, romanticization of poverty,

main critique towards PD:

post-development: utopian + abstract

critique of DEVELOPMENT

or

starting point for "development" from below?

Julia Schöneberg

development as hegemonic discourse

development = historically produced discourse within Western dispositf, serving to establish, stabilize, reproduce hegemony and control

development actors = apparatus producing knowledge about & exercising power over 3rd world -> experts & labels

main claim: development has failed

main argument: neither economic nor methodological issues are root causes of persistent inequalities; but **power, ideology, representation.**

main works: the development dictionary (1993), encountering development (1995), the post-development reader (1997)

development interaction implements inequalities

development = western construct serving to legitimize inequalities

western definition of poverty = creating binary and narrative of deficits

development as western project of modernization

development = western capitalist ideals (e.g. standards of living, needs), enforcement of value system of the economy

antagonism of wealth vs poverty & misery

main aim: reject the development paradigm altogether, formulate alternatives to development

main actors: social movements, local grassroots groups

theoretical underpinnings: post-structuralism, marxism, postcolonial theories