

Development as Injustice: The Case of Namibia

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This ie.talk uses the lenses of decoloniality and restorative justice. It argues that development as true decolonization requires commitment to substantive justice through addressing the social structures that perpetuate material inequalities. It highlights the contribution of an Earth System Justice approach to debates arguing for a more pluralist, decolonial vision of justice.

The case of Namibia illustrates the legacy of colonial land dispossession and its impacts on marginalized communities, revealing the limitations to restorative justice. The German-Namibian Joint Declaration on the genocide committed in Southwest Africa and the planned German-Namibian mega-project to produce green hydrogen disclose the nature of continued unequal development.

