Higher Education: Who Does the Curriculum Represent?

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Key points

- * Background theory
- * Who is marginalised?
- * How are they marginalised?
- * Specific examples

Background theory

- * Critical information literacy
 - * Elmborg (2012)

- * Based on Pedagogy of the Oppressed
 - * Freire (1972)

Who can be marginalised?

- * Women (Ahmed 2012, 2013)
- * People of colour (Ahmed 2012, 2013)
- * Indigenous peoples (Kara 2017)
- Disabled people (Tremain 2018)
- * LGBTQI+ (Hudson-Sharp and Metcalf 2016)

* Must be others...

How?

- * Make-up of panels at conferences (Ahmed 2012, 2013)
- * Reading lists (Ahmed 2012, 2013; Kara 2017)
- * Use of citations in gaining/keeping academic jobs (Tremain 2018)
- * Reference lists (Netolicky 2018)
- * Scholarly publishing and discovery (Regier 2018; Mongeon and Paul-Hus 2016)

Key example

- * University of Cambridge
 - * Open letter about decolonising the curriculum
 - Response from York St John academics

* How about your reading lists?

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