

Dedication

While finalizing my Master's thesis in July 2022 at the University of Cape Town, I dedicated my study 'to the victims of slavery, colonialism, and apartheid of all global regions, including Palestine, still being occupied'.

Today, as a third-year Global Development PhD researcher at the University of York, UK, I write my PhD Dedication ahead of completing my study (currently coding transcripts on NVivo and will complete by God's mercy) - Towards Decolonising Development Studies: Teaching Informed by Alternative Development Epistemologies in Nigerian Universities. I dedicate my study to ALL victims of Israeli aggression, ethnic cleansing, and genocide against the Palestinians.

To every body covered or left uncovered, to every shot and bombed bodies; to every broken bone, every handicapped and limb amputated; to the homeless, the multiple displaced, the ravaged and starved; to every murdered son and daughter, wife and husband, old and young; to every destroyed universities, hospitals, mosques and every targeted Professor, journalist, student, and activist; to the poisoned flora and fauna, dismembered land, and Gaza's battered ecology, and to the once-living Gaza Strip now hunted by Netanyahu's naivety and terrorism, this work RECOGNISES and REMEMBERS you in silence.

At a time when the world feels helpless and the genocide in Gaza, alongside the victimisation of the West Bank, makes settler colonialism and coloniality seem unalterable, I dedicate my PhD to all who stand in solidarity with Palestine and all victims of settler colonialism! Between 2020 and 2022, the COVID-19 pandemic brought the world to a standstill, disrupting lives, movements, mobilities, and sustenance. To everyone whose life ruptures daily (from Oct 2023 onward) and accepts the urgency of global justice, reflection, and acting with humanity and conviviality, as we ALL did in 2020, this work is for you.

Finally, to the Supervisors, Departments, Universities, Colleagues, and mentors who understands that we're unable to write, research, collect data, and analyse "as normal"

under these conditions and who refuse to reduce and oversimplify what we witness daily to "being emotional", "a complex issue," or "another global problem", and sees it for what it is: daily dehumanisation and dispossession THAT AFFECTS US ALL — you are respected.