IJCDS News

In Memory of Finn Reygan

IJCDS notes with great sadness the passing of one of our board members Finn Reygan. Finn was part of our board since the establishment of this journal and he has greatly contributed to our work. His absence will be deeply felt.

Call for Papers

VOLUME 5 ISSUE 2, WOKENESS, SLEEPWALKING AND STUPORS: THE WAR ON SOCIAL JUSTICE DISCOURSE

IJCDS invites scholars to submit manuscripts for a special issue that engages with the metaphor of “awakeness” and wishes to invite thinking on awareness, social conscientization, critical consciousness, and the attempts to prevent, reverse, and generally provide all manner of soporifics, sedatives and lullabies in both political and popular culture to counter democratically-inspired discourse.

The world as we know it is undergoing dynamic transformation. Many gains have been made in recent decades towards loosening the grip of some of the belief systems that have enabled many systemic inequalities in the modern world. The ideological underpinnings of white supremacy, heteropatriarchy and coloniality, for example, have been rigorously challenged and are being steadily eroded, leading to changes in legal frameworks, social practices and the norms of acceptable everyday behaviour. As these pressures of norm change accelerate, coupled with shifting demographics within nation-states and moving geo-political dynamics, the resistance and mobilization against change has also accelerated, a fact indelibly etched on the global imagination in the images of the attack on the US Capitol Hill by right-wing groups, egged on by the erstwhile President of the US, Donald Trump.

One of the most virulent forms this resistance has taken is the war on Critical Race Theory and Gender Studies as discourses supportive of social change. We envisage articles to span topics/fields such as:

- The censorship of Critical Race Theory; gender, sexual and reproductive knowledge and other diversity discourses
- The “war on wokeness”
- Cancel culture
- Freedom of speech/academic freedom and critical approaches to hate speech
- New forms of eugenicist thinking, as in language of genetics, or populist Covid-19 discourse, especially as these impact people living with disabilities and the elderly
• Critical sleep studies – sleep as a form of resistance, for example
• The role of social media in creating/suppressing critical social justice thinking
• Epistemologies of ignorance
• Decoloniality, epistemocides and epistemological disobedience
• Control of historical knowledge
• Different lullabies of gaslighting in the age of neocolonialism/neoliberalism/post-race/post-feminism
• Activism, conscientization and challenges of anti-foundationalist thinking
• Policing of “wokeness”
• Ecocidal thinking

This special issue of IJCDS requires authors to critically engage these topics with consideration with particular focus on hierarchies of power that create and sustain privilege and oppression along axes of difference. This journal will accept original research and theoretical articles, commentaries and book reviews.

Submission deadline: 31, October 2022