Transformative Civil Society Action – Undevelopment Practitioner's Talk

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Development as politics

o A journey from unlearning to learning

 Understanding development and developmentality in indigenous territory

Boxed in developmentality

- From critical thinking to factory schools
- o From multiple freedoms to monolithic integration
- From territorial sovereignty to violent dispossessions
 - From ecological well being to welfare dependency

Adivasi resurgence

- What is it?
- Why the imminent need?
 - How can that happen?
- Who can make it happen?

Beyond developmentality

- Indigenization of education through community control
- Assertion, conservation and popularization of freedoms (gender, language, worldviews and ways of life, etc)
 - Self-determination for sovereignty and territorial integrity
 - Communitarian sharing of resources for ecological wellbeing

Ya Basta!

'The European (read non-indigenous) materialist tradition of de-spiritualizing the universe is very similar to the mental process which goes into dehumanizing another person. Despiritualization of the universe, the mental process works so that it becomes virtuous to destroy the planet. Terms like progress and development are used as cover words here'—

Spirit Warrior (Russell Means), Oglala Lakota leader

In whose name is this?

Whose land I have no connection I was born on Monday with So was called Somra Whose history is not my history I was born on Tuesday And within their history So called Mangal, Mangar or I am looking out for my history Mangra I was born on Thursday Seeing, asking That's why I was called Birsa In every corner of the world everywhere Like day and date, Why is my murder so common Standing on the head of my time Why does every murder have a They came and changed my name beautiful name? Those days, dates all stand erased From where I derive the strength © Jacinta Kerketta 4 August 2020 of my own existence Now I am Ramesh, Naresh and Mahesh I am Albert, Gilbert or Alfred I have names of all those worlds

Johar!

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