Saturday 25th September 2021 - 18:00 BST (17:00 UTC)
via Zoom

''HOW OFFICIAL HISTORY OBSCURES BRITAIN'S COLONIAL ROLE''
with
Dr Les Levidow & Dr Mohammad Tabarra
Chaired by
Dr Hashim Reza

In this, the second in a series of AMR Forum talks and conversations, our guest speakers will revisit, discuss and expand on issues raised by AMR in its early 2000s conference entitled *''Horrid History''* .

Interest in ''de-colonising'' the curricula has become a contentious subject, arising as it did from the BLM movement and the murder of George Floyd. Nearly 20 years on, why are British people still largely so ignorant of the origins and causes of the many issues that confront them in the daily news? Why are large swathes of young people (especially from the BME communities) still so disaffected? How does the teaching of History, Science and Technology impact on identity and belonging? And, what issues arise out of the way in which 'development' models promote neo-colonial domination disguised as 'modernisation'? These and related issues will be discussed in this Forum.

Speakers' bio-notes:

Dr Les Levidow is a Senior Research Fellow at the Open University. His research includes 'development' models that promote neo-colonial domination, disguised as 'modernisation'. He co-edited the 1987 book, Anti-Racist Science Teaching, based on experiences of secondary school teachers.

Dr Mohammad Tabarra is a Director at Arup, a global engineering and consulting firm. He has a keen interest in History, a baggage we carry that shapes our hopes, fears and prejudices – both conscious and unconscious.

Dr Hashim Reza is a Consultant Psychiatrist and Medical Member of HM Courts and Tribunal Service.

The forum meeting is free and aimed at the Alumni, members and friends of AMR. This is the EventBrite link to REGISTER. A ZOOM link will be provided to all who register an interest in attending.

The meeting will be private and so we will be grateful if you do not share the link when you receive it.