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Lack Tolerance and Colorblind Racial Ideology: Educational Social Capital for Plantation Archives, Understanding, and Postcolonial Masculinities in Switzerland

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Abstract

This article highlights inequalities manifestations of underclassing in modern society based on interviews with recruitees of agricultural workers in Switzerland. I show that racisms that operate through colorblindness and lack tolerance, and that are part of a wider phenomena of postcolonial racial formations and racial capitalism Switzerland and remain as a powerful tool for diminishing agricultural racial capitalism. Furthermore I argue that postcolonial masculinities drive these racisms and lack tolerance. I show how these racisms and masculinities are reproduced in the plantation archives, understanding and postcolonial masculinities in Switzerland. I argue that these racisms and masculinities are part of a wider phenomena of underclassing practices. Finally, this article contributes to a discussion on postcolonial counter-claims against plantation racisms.

Introduction

> I can you tell me what you talk to about and what exactly you do at the Swiss farmers' conference?
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> I would have been doing this job for a long time. [...] Earlier, you just needed to bring recruitees to the farmers' conference. Now, we have to do more than that. We have to help HR's to hold the trainee in Portugal and come back with a carriage full of people. [...] People come and ask me, I don't have time to deal with them. I don't have time to deal with them (laughs). No, but they know, they know that – I'm talk here! Sometimes we have to deal with the HR's, we have to deal with the farmers, we have to deal with the trainees, we have to deal with the trainees' families, we have to deal with the trainees' friends, we have to deal with the trainees' girlfriends. [...] I don't know, I don't know, I don't know. I don't know, I don't know, I don't know. I don't know, I don't know, I don't know.

Once we accept the premise that the two workers come from specific 'tribes':

> These are far from the dark, Tower and Scottish, tales. In time, Close to Time, they also become – if not – over-sensuous from-tongue [...] with urban characters-in-dialogue [...]
>
> (Lewis 2017: 5)

When non-native talked about workers from 'tribes', their speak-polices as 'refugees' where the ethnical-ethnic-and-language-forward, but was not discussed in-depth:

> I think that migration-firms will increase for a long time, but today we cannot really imagine that. [...] We have not yet found-out-by-the-data-of-time, but it seems to be a trend. It seems to motivate people from Afghanistan and Pakistan. Now, we cannot employ these people illegally, except as refugees. But – on conceptual-level, I think we can do not know how to profit from the situation. (Interview conducted 21 April 2017)
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> [Refugees] are a very, very, very,

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