

# Hidden Hurdles

\*Throughout,  
"Global Majority" (GM)  
=  
citizens of the  
Global South  
(70-90% world)

GLOBAL SOUTH  
from the  
NORTH



(gm = global minority)

# 1. Access to Mathematical "Folklore"

- Most known mathematics is strictly contained in oral tradition
- Most mathematical agendas are set in the Global North (GN)
- The GM has heavily restricted access to the GN
- ∴ The GM has heavily restricted access to most known mathematics

• Things are mostly getting MUCH WORSE!



## 2. Access to Mathematical Spaces

- Universities
- Journals
- Invitations to share own work
- Complete attribution ( $\Rightarrow$  visibility  $\Rightarrow$  metrics  $\Rightarrow$  opportunities)

• Biases, biases, BIASES!!!



# 3. Hidden costs

- Economical

- Admission

- Migratory

- Entrance
  - Moving
  - Permanence

- Family related (dependants / support)

- Psychological

- Helplessness/frustration

- Discrimination

- Cultural barriers

- Time-related

- Increased bureaucracy (nontrivial!!!)

- Language learning

- Social



## 4. Hidden limitations

- Funding/job opportunities

- Restricted mobility

Concrete proposal #1: Organize and institutionalize welcome committees

- Assistance
- Mentoring
- CARE packages

Concrete proposal #2: Support & promote events which support the GM!

- Online events
- Occasionally travel to the GS
- Invite researchers from the GM for stays, talks, etc.

Concrete proposal #3:

Organize and promote boycotts of academic events taking place in countries hostile to the Global Majority



# The full list of 75 countries where Trump is suspending visa processing



[factually.co/fact-checks/justice/has-ice-deported-us-citizens-874fd2](https://factually.co/fact-checks/justice/has-ice-deported-us-citizens-874fd2)

## factually

The short, evidence-backed answer is: yes—independent government review and multiple documented cases indicate that U.S. citizens have been deported or removed by U.S. immigration authorities, though the

A personal note:



# Impact of pegging the CFA franc to the euro on terms of trade and economic growth in the franc zone

## Que reste-t-il des intérêts économiques de la France en Afrique ?

Rapport inédit sur les intérêts français en Afrique



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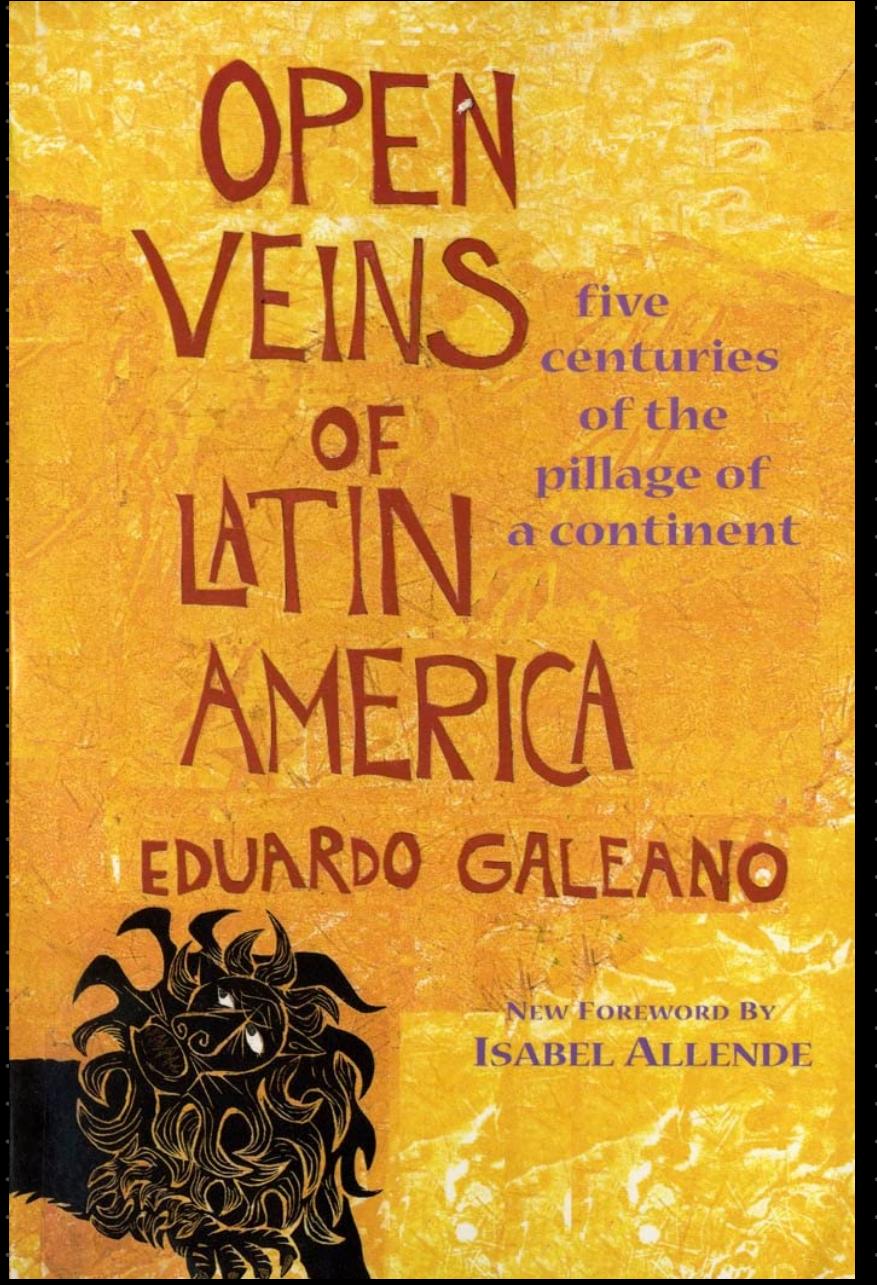
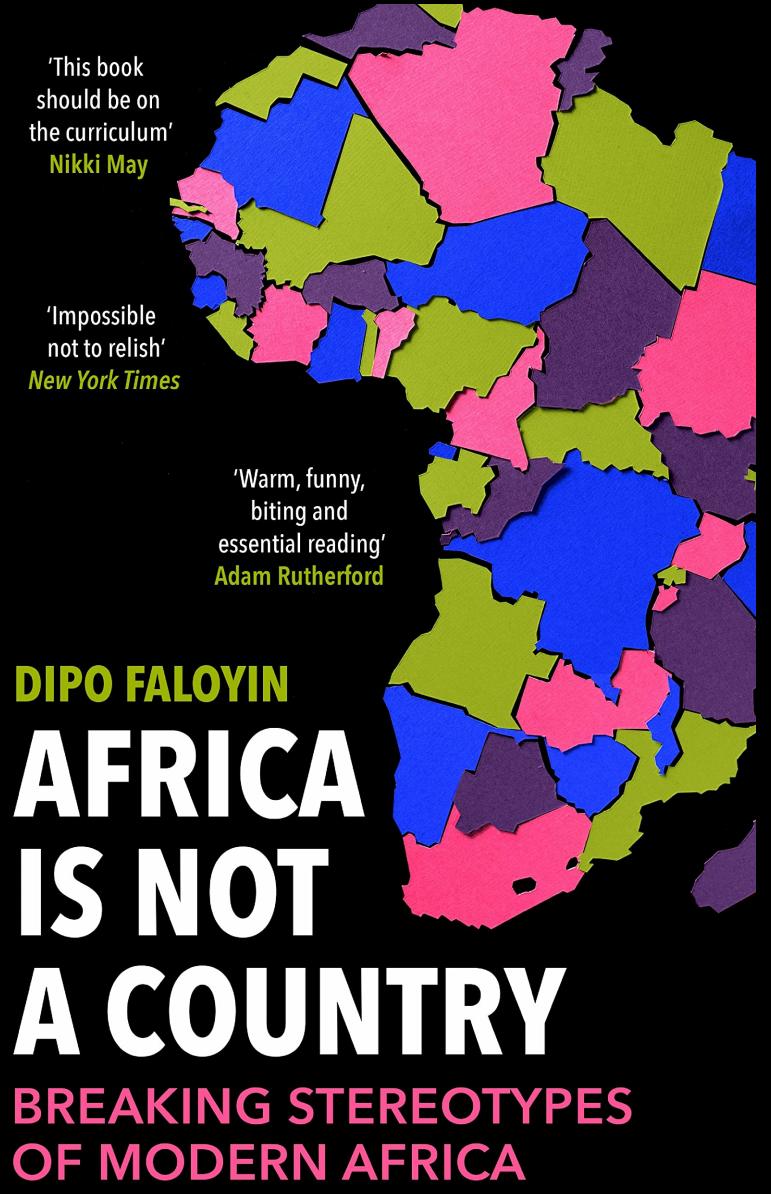
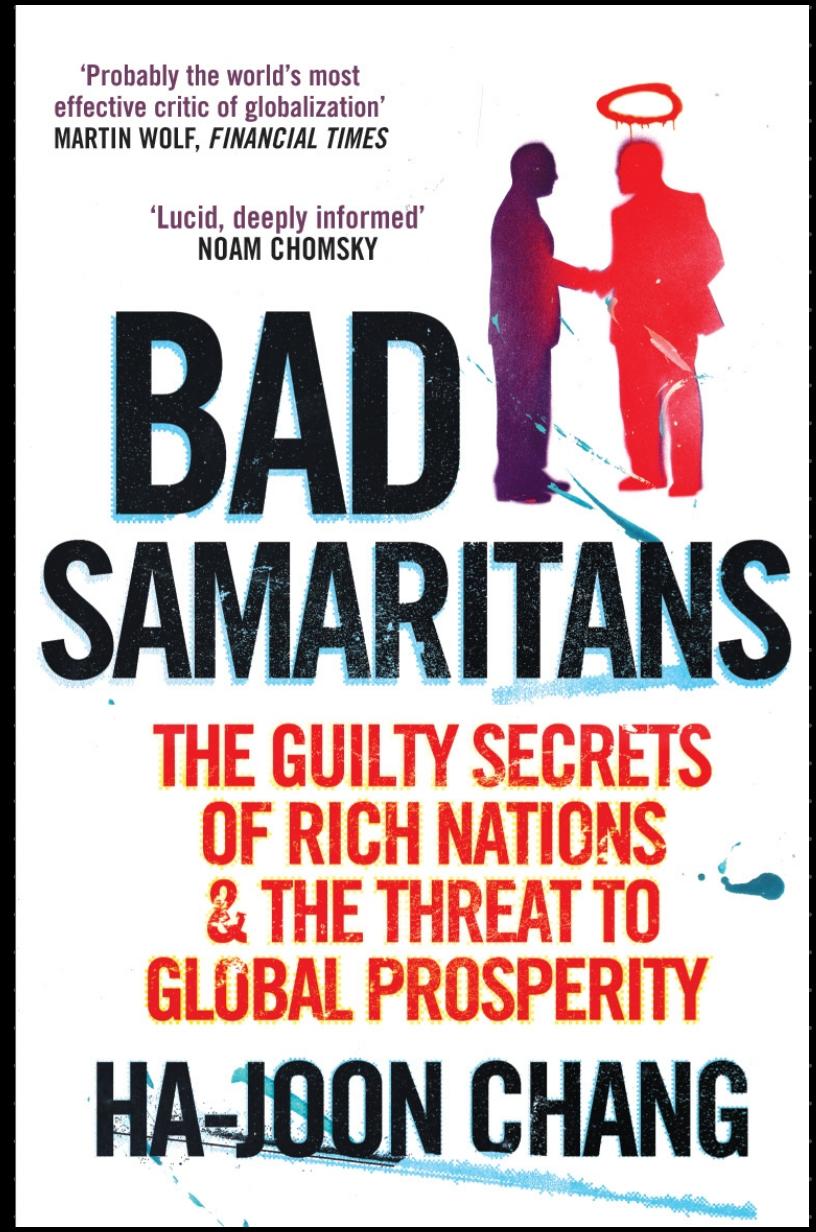
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Workshop and International Conference on Representations of Algebras



Concrete proposal #4: Decolonize!

A few book recommendations



Thanks for listening,

let's keep talking!

(Please don't make me  )