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Resisting the Institutionalization of DEIA: Border Thinking and Academic Librarianship

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What is Border Thinking?

Occurs at the periphery
of the colonial system

Epistemic
Disobedience

Decolonial Project

Delinking from Western
philosophy and systems



INSTITUTIONAL DEIA

Lacks consideration of power dynamics

Emphasis on self reflection with vague notions of accountability

Elitist and academic language

Evaluation models too broad & undefined

Becomes a checklist or goalpost towards mastery. Mastery of what?

LIS BORDER THINKING FRAMEWORK


Awareness of colonization & injustice

Recognizes the body as a site of knowledge

Rooted in community and emerges from the margins

Resists classification

Continuous unlearning via process of delinking





Applying Border Thinking

**Third Space
Advocacy**

Resisting the Grade

**Reassessing
Committments**

**Creating
Community**



Thank You

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