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## IMPERIALISM AND DIASPORA

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How can the study of imperialism impact what we know about ourselves, about others and about the world?

*“Looking at the historic influences of imperialism requires a transnational framework for study. This makes present-day interpretations of interconnections between Canada, the United States, and Asia clearer and their roles in imperialism more easily understood.”* – Roland Sintos Coloma

Roland Sintos Coloma studies imperialism and its influence on acts of migration and education within global societies. An historic view of public school systems reveals how colonizing forces can affect the education of racially and culturally different students. His work follows the evolving relationship between North America and Asia to demonstrate how some countries within these continents have a tendency to apply “a certain kind of historic amnesia” when recalling the past.

These selective interpretations affect how countries like Canada, the United States and the Philippines view imperialism from their present contexts. Roland’s work encourages renewed dialogue within colonizing countries in particular, so that they may learn more about their imperialist history and improve their approaches to international policy. Roland’s work also aims to move present-day educational policy-makers and their practices to better serve racialized school-communities in North America and around the world.

How these groups are perceived influences how schools educate them. Educators can use Roland’s work to understand how students integrate into a multicultural school setting and apply their personal histories to their learning.

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For more information about Roland’s research and the impact of his work, please visit [http://www.oise.utoronto.ca/oise/About\\_OISE/Issues\\_That\\_Matter\\_in\\_Education.html](http://www.oise.utoronto.ca/oise/About_OISE/Issues_That_Matter_in_Education.html)

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