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# **Lands of Solidarity: Understanding Contemporary North American Indigenous and Palestinian Realities**

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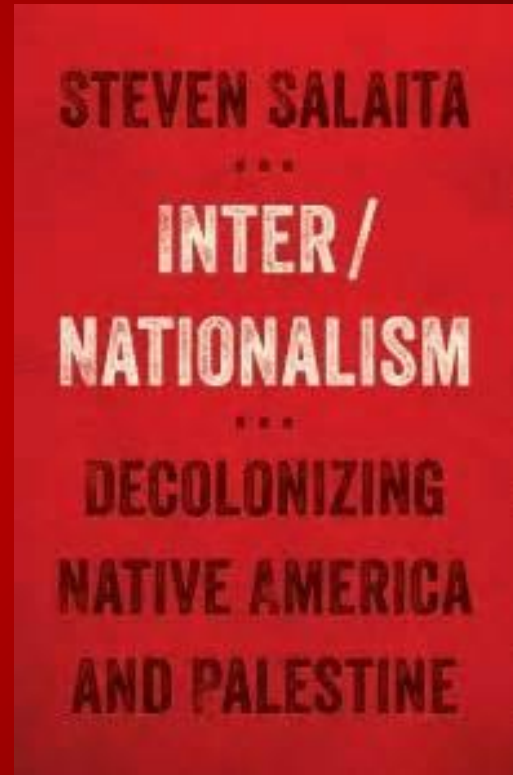
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## *Inter/Nationalism: Decolonizing Native America and Palestine*

- “A theory of inter/nationalism, an amalgamation of what is sometimes called solidarity, transnationalism, intersectionality, kinship, or intercommunalism” (Salaita ix).
- “ I use this term to emphasize action and dialogue across borders, both natural and geopolitical- not the nationalism of the nation-state, but the nation itself, as composed of heterogenous communities functioning as self-identified collectives attached to particular land bases” (xiv).
- In order to function optimally, the starting point for inter/nationalist methodologies, in both research and political organizing, must be sincere commitment to solidarity, to use a quaint term, one I prefer to similar possibilities: affinity, fraternity, unity, interconnection, fellowship, alliance (terms that actually describe the relationship between the United States and Israel)” (xviii).
- “Solidarity, though overused and subsequently attenuated in public discourse, can be distinguished from comparable terms because it implies pursuit of common goals – in this case a common future” (xviii).



# **“From Jerusalem to the Grand River, Our Struggles are one’: Challenging Canadian and Israeli Settler-Colonialism”**

“to be indigenous is to stand in solidarity with other indigenous peoples. It is to resist their occupations and the conditions of injustice to which they are subjected. It is to recognize, understand, and resist settler colonialism in its various manifestations and to make historical links between its interconnected racial logics” (142)



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# places-as key spaces for existences and resistances against colonial and state powers

- “The camps are the core of the Palestinian struggle: the birthplace of both Intifadas; the original power base of the Palestine Liberation Organization; the living reminder of the “right to return”” ([thenativeandtherefugee.com](http://thenativeandtherefugee.com)).
  - reservations represent and embody indigenous attempts at maintaining a communal and traditional system of life, governance, and connection to land in the face of United States and Canadian attempts at assimilation through individuation, proxy governments, and economic and material domination” ([thenativeandtherefugee.com](http://thenativeandtherefugee.com)).
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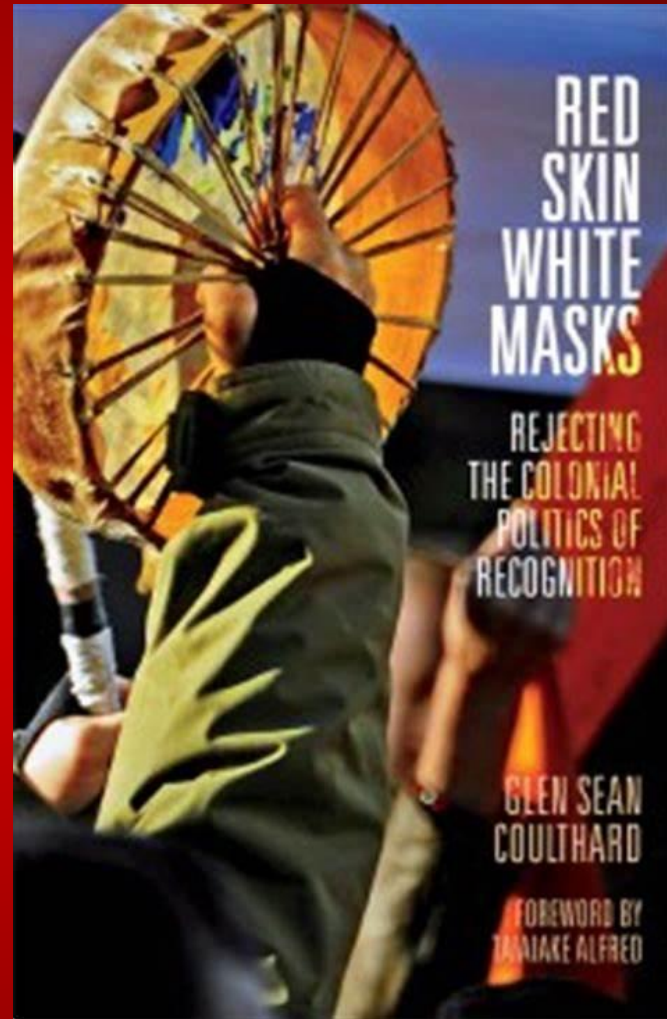
“all right , we’ll give you this reservation, but this isn’t your land, it is reserved for your use until Canada or the Crown deemed otherwise, or the great congress of the US deems otherwise.”

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- “Fat-taker trained us to wait, stand in line, to be the drunken Indian”.
  - “Not anymore, we are flourishing, we are growing. Fat-taker mentality wants the world to believe we are a myth, the age of the drunken bent-over Indian is over”.
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## *Red Skin, White Masks*

“the politics of recognition in its contemporary liberal forms promises to reproduce the very configurations of colonialist, racist, patriarchal state power that Indigenous people’s demands for recognition have historically sought to transcend”  
(Coulthard 1).





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