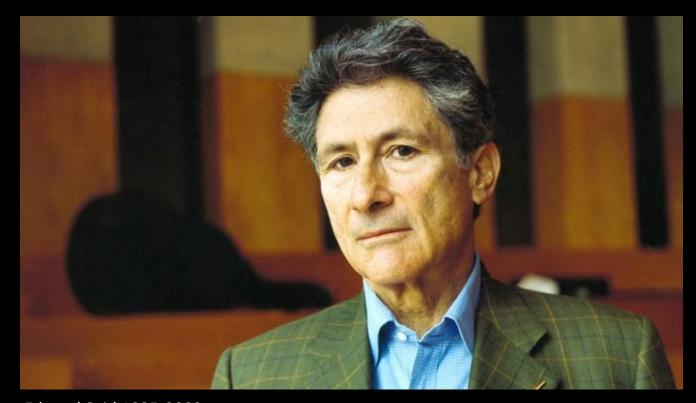
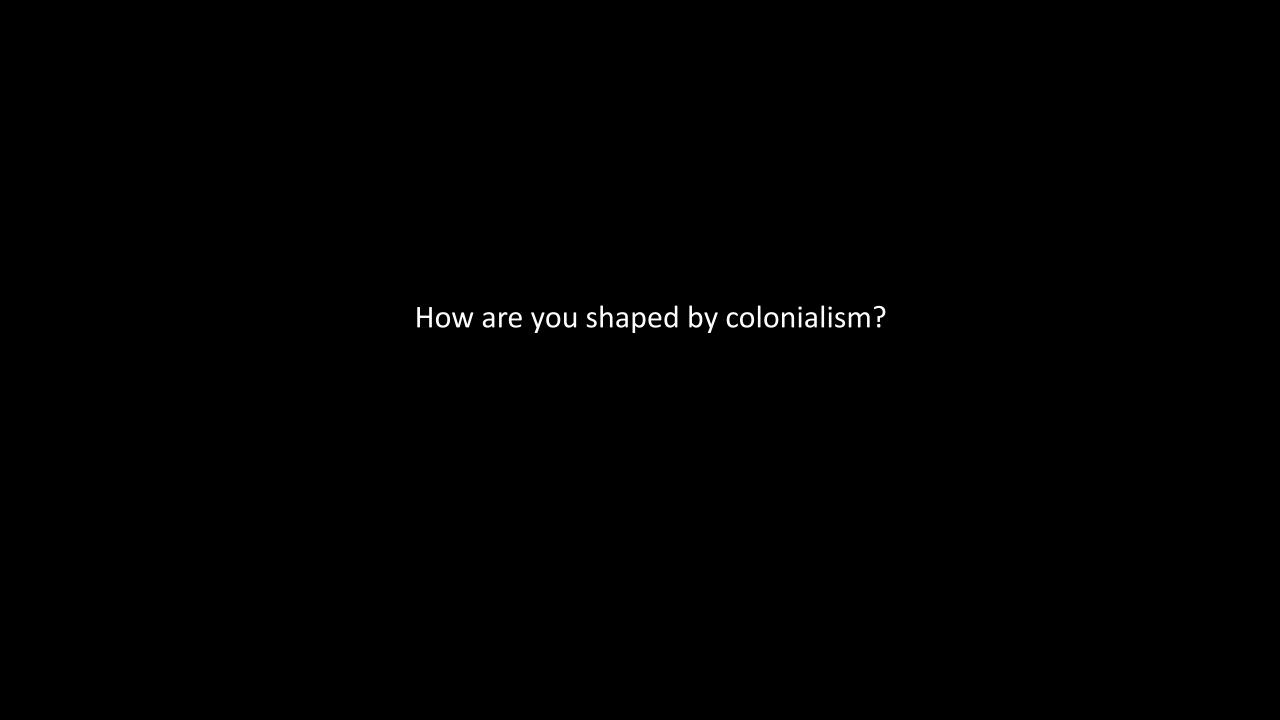
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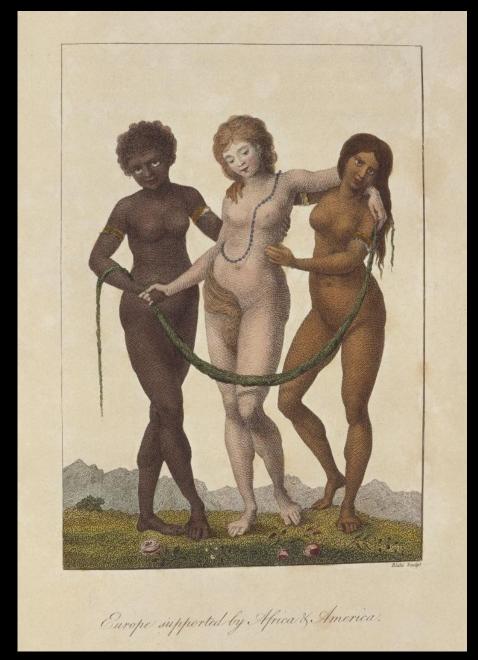


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What have you eaten today?



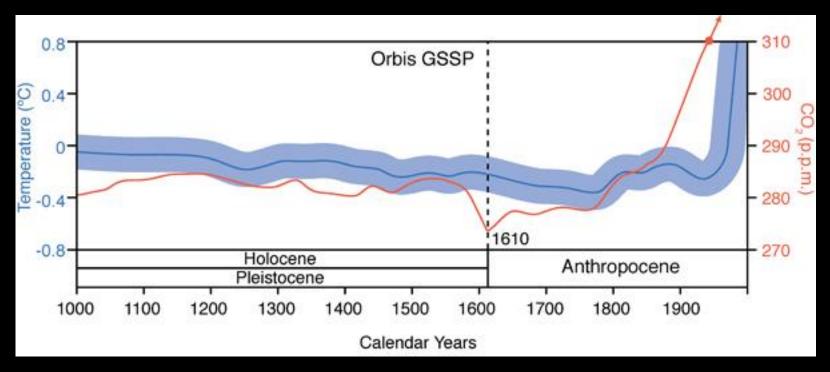
"Europe supported by Africa and America" William Blake (1796), engraving



I do not know if coffee and sugar are essential to the happiness of Europe, but I do know that these products have accounted for the unhappiness of two great regions of the world: America has been de-populated so as to have land on which to plant them; Africa has been depopulated so as to have the people to cultivate them.

J.H. Bernardin de Saint Pierre 1737-1814

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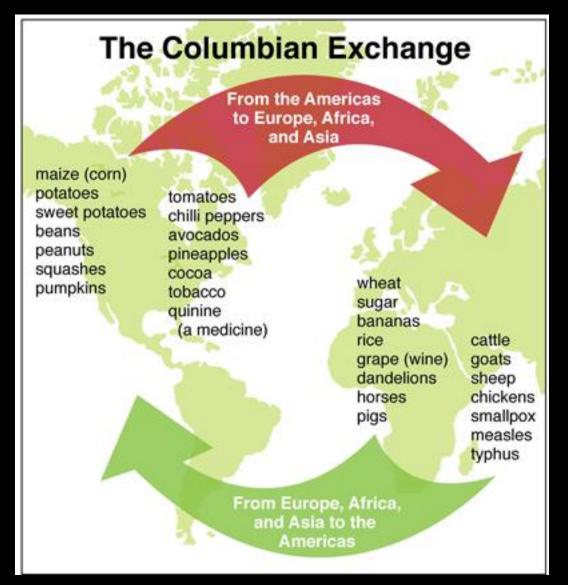
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GSSP: Global Stratotype Section and Point

aka: 'golden spike'

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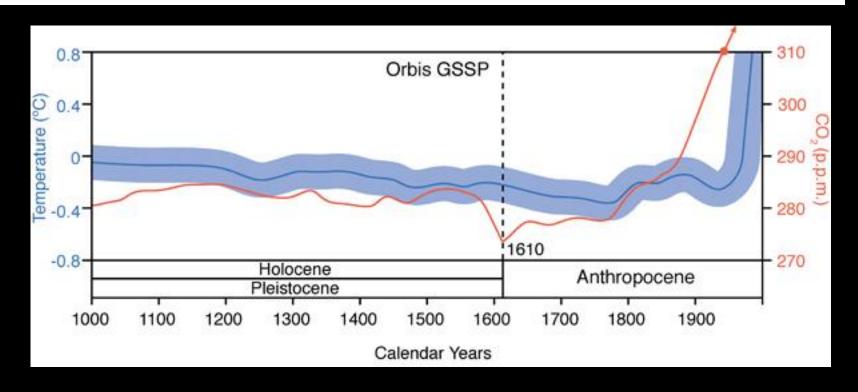


50m human deaths in Americas 28m human deaths in Africa

Inhale

Inhale. That breath has 36 percent more molecules of carbon dioxide than it would have had in 1750. There is no going back.

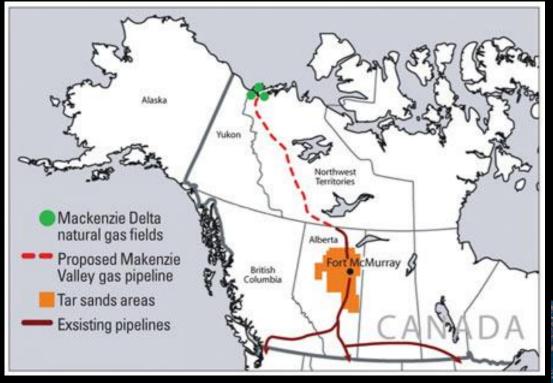
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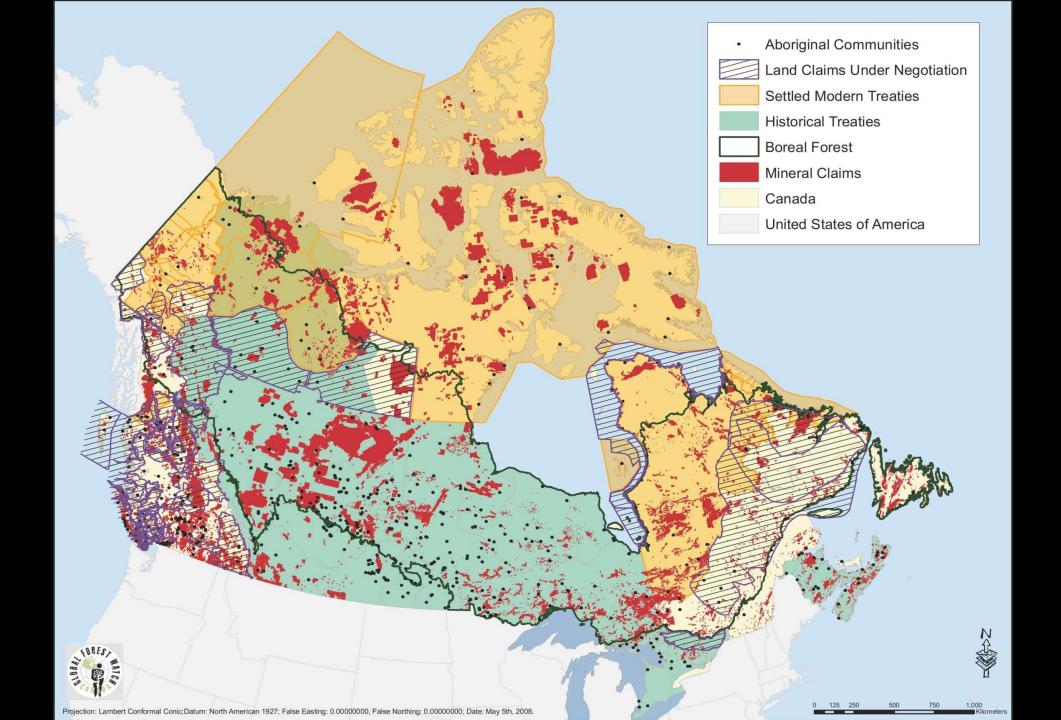
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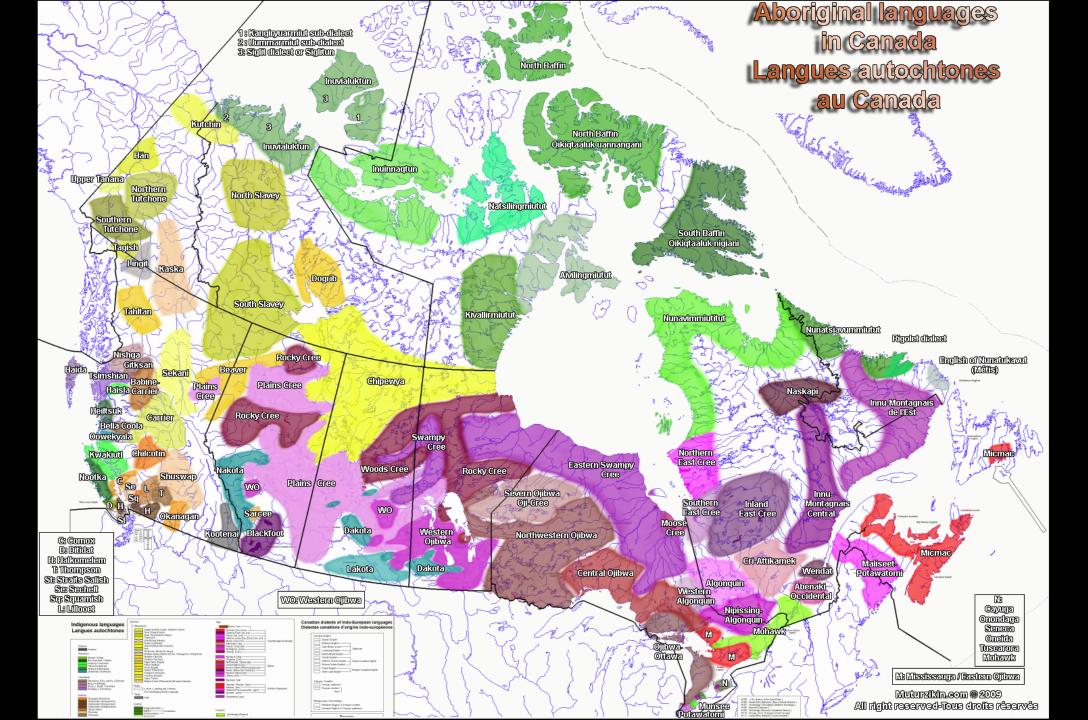


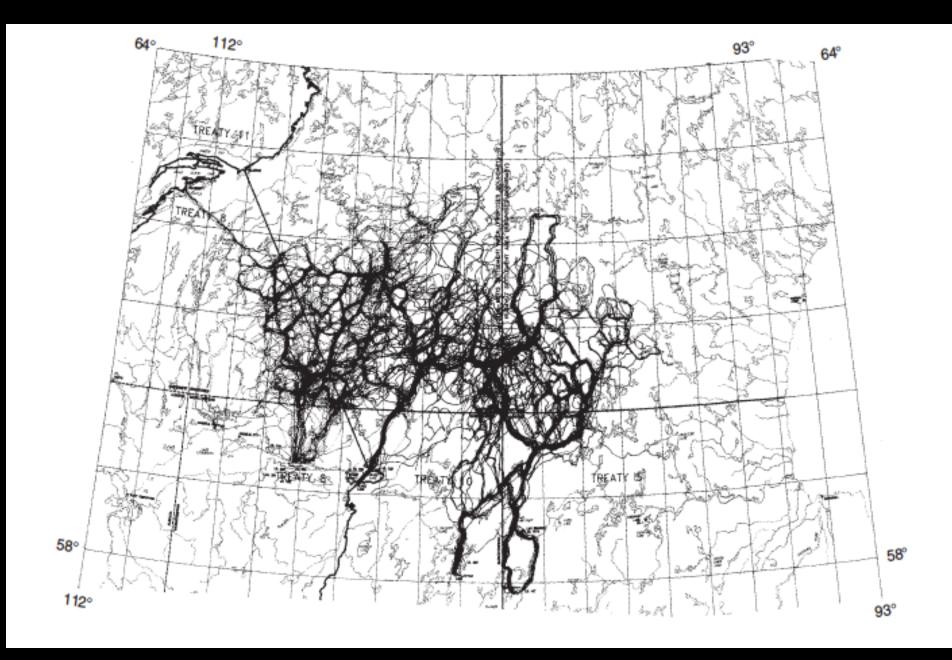










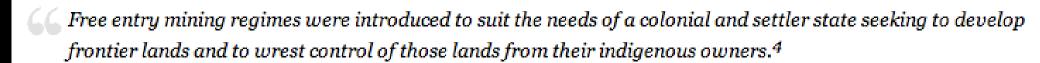


'free entry'

The concept of Free Entry mining, like our idealisms of "North," arose in Canada during Britain's expansionist wave to the "New World." In the 19th century, miners were viewed as leading settlement:

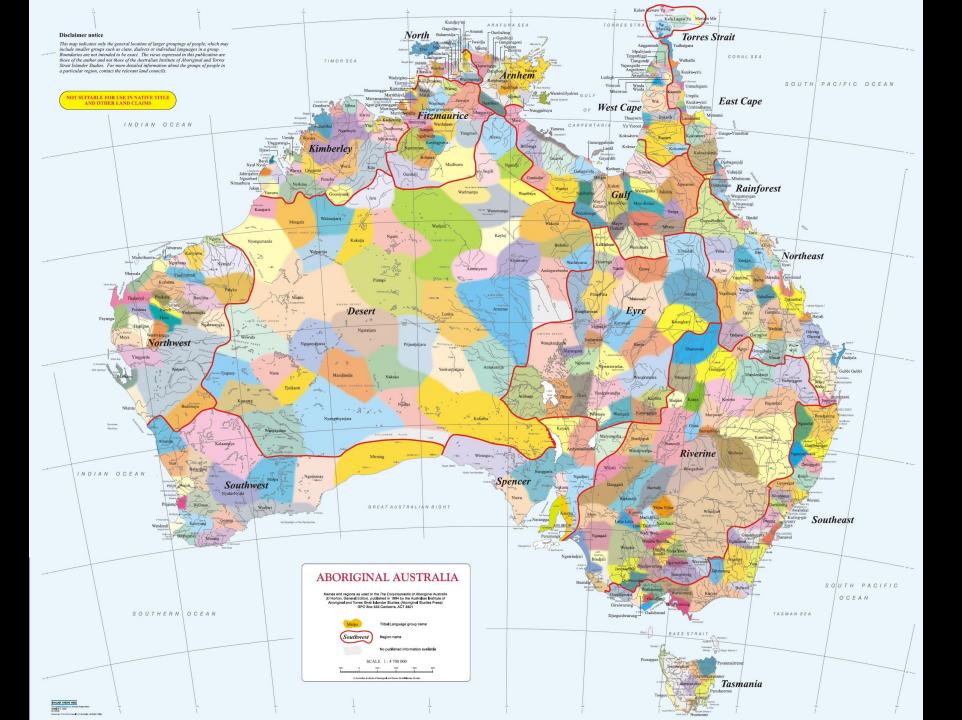
The land was perceived [by settlers] to be an unpopulated wasteland and its exploitation and settlement were high priorities.² In 1887, Canada officially "reserved" all mineral rights west of the Third Meridian to the Crown under the Dominion Lands Act.³ A decade later, the Quartz Mining Regulations (1898) effectively implemented Free Entry for the first time on "Canadian" soil.

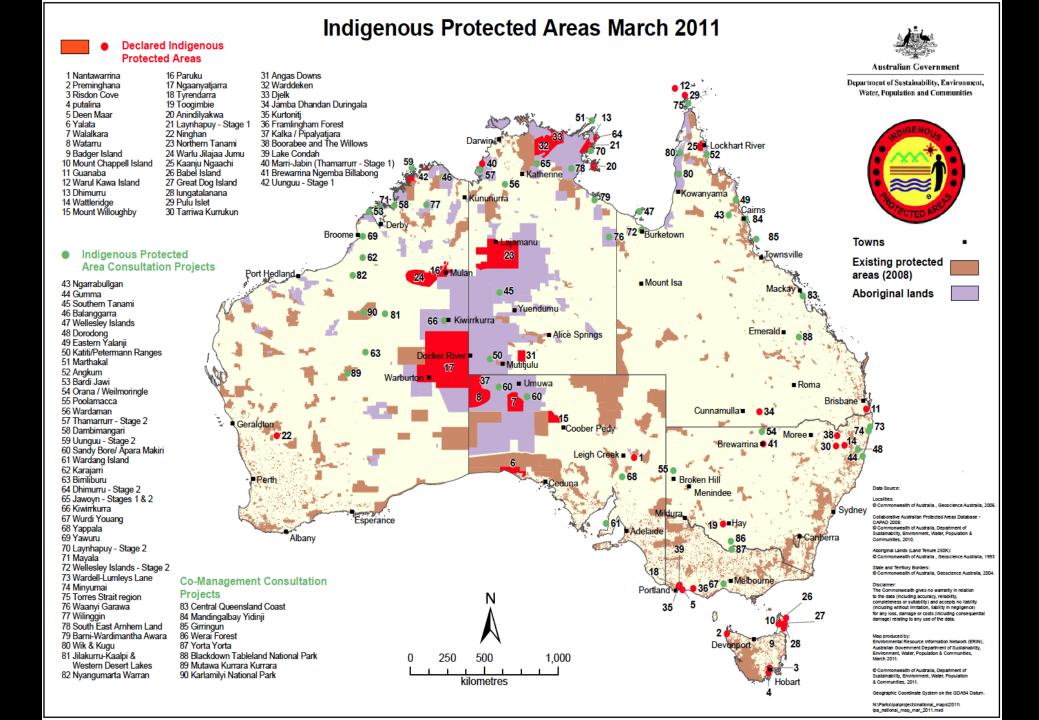
Colliding with the upsurge of the Klondike Gold Rush, Free Entry directly promoted the exploration and settlement of the Canadian North. It allowed miners to occupy traditional lands, stake claims, lease, produce, and export minerals without consent or compensation to existing aboriginal communities. Prospectors moved to seize and develop as much territory as possible. As voiced by historian Nigel Bankes:

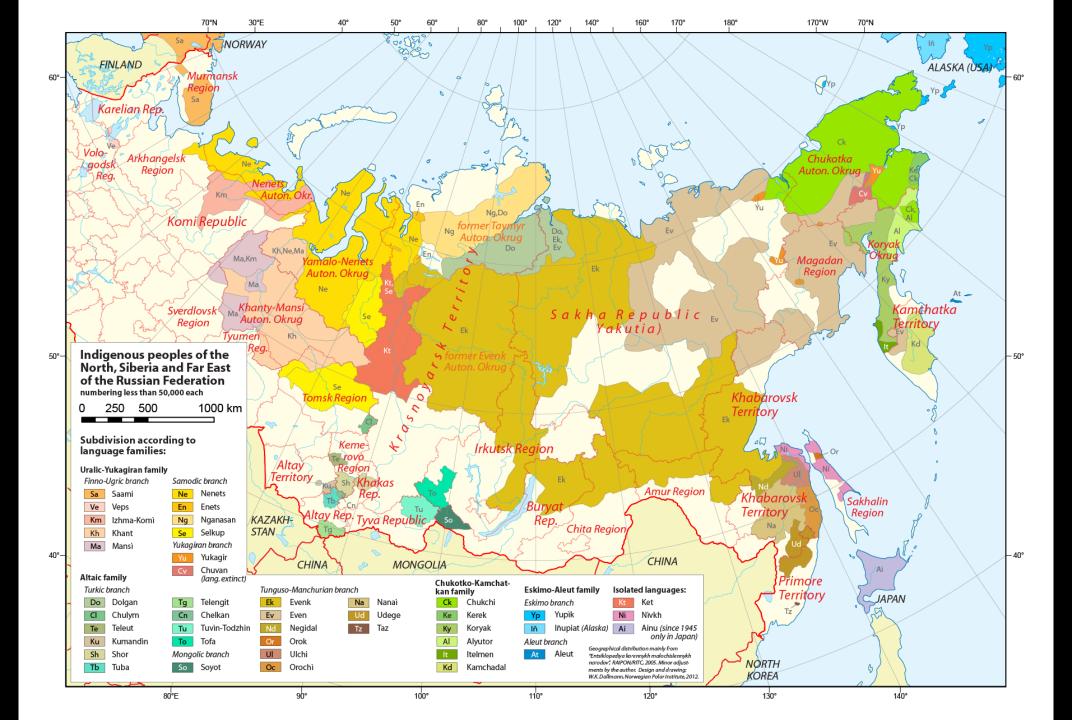


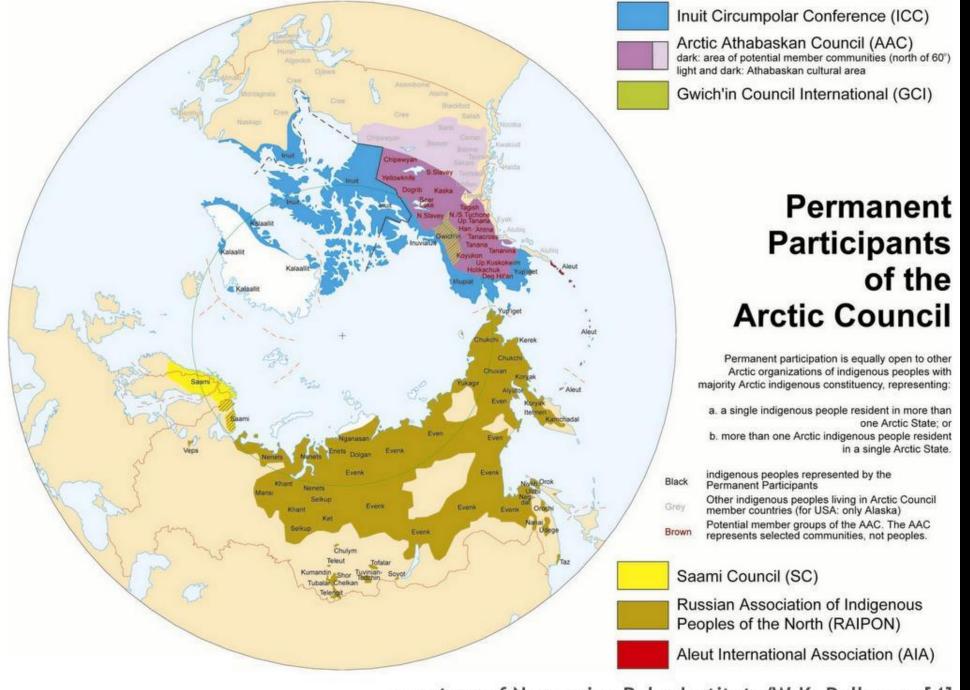
The colonial assumptions behind 19th century federal policy persist today under the Yukon Quartz Mining Act (YQA)* (1924). Mirroring the settler-state inspired legislation of its predecessor, the YQA has been described as "the least-amended mining legislation in Canada." It allows any individual over the age of eighteen to stake a claim on virtually any land – including Settlement Lands, traditional territory, and private property. In Yukon, 79% of the territory (375,900 km²) is available for mineral exploitation. Neither government nor First Nations discretion is required to register a claim, acquire a mineral lease, or develop minerals. Once a claim is staked, the claimant receives exclusive subsurface rights and may maintain those rights indefinitely**. 6











courtesy of Norwegian Polar Institute/W.K. Dallmann [4]

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Post/colonial

post

can refer to temporal stages of historical change

But, importantly,

- Colonial processes are important determinants of the contemporary world.
- Colonialism and imperialism are not simply behind us.

Postcolonial – a way of thinking about the scope of our coloniality.

Postcolonial Challenge



...not only to explore and explain the dominant writings and theories about historically colonized peoples in terms of their contribution to global inequity and oppression, but also to rewrite history from the point of view of the colonized, rather than that of the colonizer.

Paul Robbins

Political Ecology

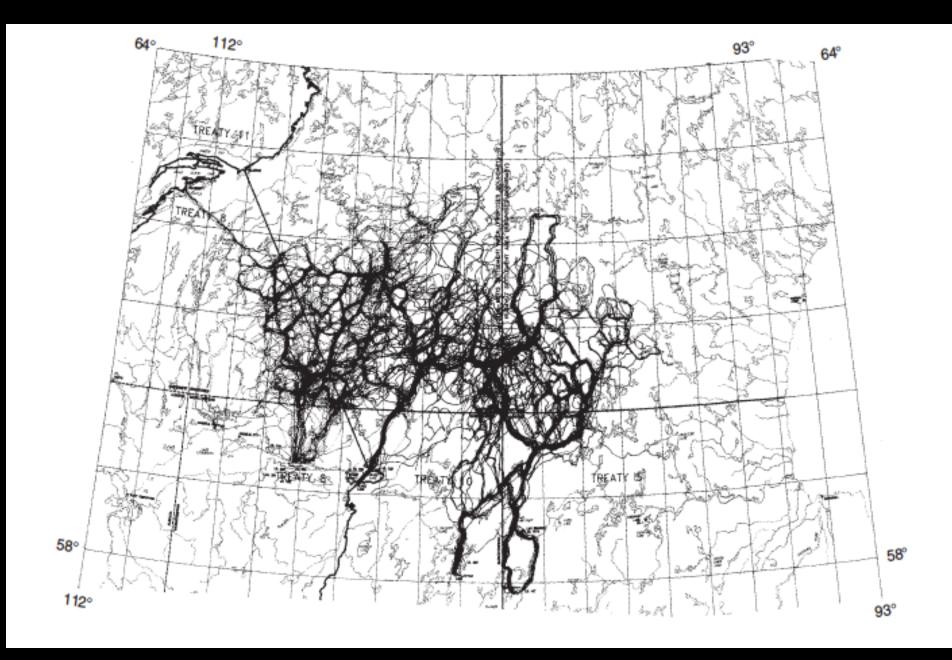
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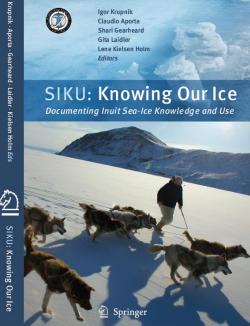


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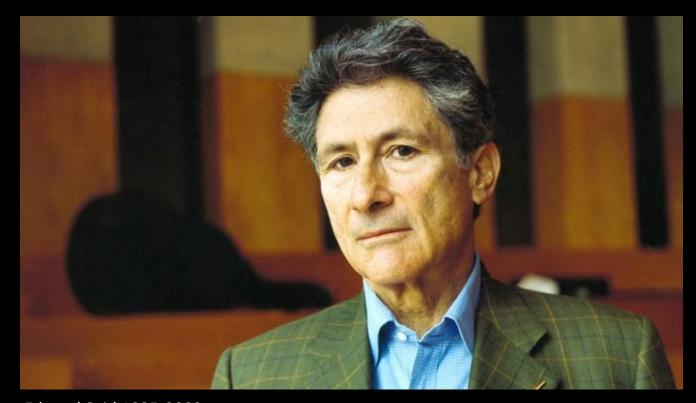
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