

Terra Nullius

- Chinese: racially categorized between native + black people
 - utterly alien
 - but cheap labour → a strong city!
 - influence on western culture: food, farm, fruit, nuts

Tsing: Transitions as Translation: Western knowledge influenced by Arab knowledge

- Medical botany is not singularly discovered by the west - it is publicized by Europeans in contact zone
- very rarely, there is pure, uninfluenced knowledge.
- Our readings are asserting that settler colonialism resulted in British imposing their way of living
 - Their knowledge is not pure.

• Glenn - settler colonialism is a structure through its policies, institutions, etc.

• social structure: arrangements of institutions whereby humans in a society live and interact.

- sources: origin stories
- settler colonialism hides violence behind the institutions it creates
- social structure seems stable, disregarding the conflict

• e.g. marriage

• Margaret Jacobs: race conditioned by gender

• land has become a structure for ↑

• anti-conquest: insisting on innocence while asserting European hegemony ("seeing man" - Pratt

• "I'm not doing anything wrong! Just writing things down."

• Q: Through whose eyes is the story being told?

The Doctrine of Discovery:

- Columbus: "paradise" discovered
- Conquest shaped by Papal Bulls (Pope's law)

Terra nullius: land is empty & needs to be conquered
"nobody's land"

Doctrine of Discovery: If Christians come onto land that is not occupied by other Christians, they can claim it.

Oneida could not assert tribal immunity over repurchased land. (Seen like Oneida wasn't there at all).

- paid taxes. "̂"

The Frontier: the idea of frontier enables the claim of innocence.

- heroic narratives of settler triumphs
- obscures truth w/ myth
- scientific knowledge (Linnaeus) enables this as well. -claims ownership of land

- imposed an institution for seeing the land
- nature becomes something seen through European lens.

· Europeans considered the wilderness as hyperseparate

· Kincaide: if you can claim your knowledge is objective, you can claim innocence.

· European colonists: "dafuq are we seeing"

· gotta name it. gotta assert control

Essentialism: belief in identity categories of race, sex, and sexuality as true distinct human essences.

social historical construction: response to essentialism

- being a member of a certain category is not inherent, but a phenomenon
- it instead comes through social power relations

Race & gender: social constructs that work together

Intersectionality: checking out the ways gender, race, class, and sexuality overlap

- Gender facilitates trade

- "protecting white women" \Rightarrow white women gain authority