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I value the process of commencing in-person events by acknowledging the indigenous histories of the land and territories within which our events are situated.

... but what does this mean for an online semester?

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For folks thinking about Land Acknowledgements & Zoom classes: we might talk with our classes about where we're all dispersed & that Zoom relies on servers at Equinix data centers in Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Melbourne, New York, Tokyo, Toronto, Silicon Valley & Sydney.

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Of course we can't practically offer acknowledgements for all those places & for many it wouldn't make sense. But considering it could be instructive about internet infrastructure & how present day capital makes accountability so difficult in relation to specific territories.

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Also our geographically dispersed classrooms may afford opportunities for students to consider & research the indigenous histories of where they're Zooming from. We could even open some class sessions by inviting dispersed students to share acknowledgements for their locations.

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Doing this could also be a way of acknowledging that these various forms of dispossession continue to reproduce themselves today in manifold racist and classist ways along various so-called "digital divides."



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Two students sit outside a Taco Bell to use Wi-Fi so they can 'go to school' online.

This is California, home to Silicon Valley...but where the digital divide is as deep as ever.

Where 40% of all Latinos don't have internet access. This generation deserves better.



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Zoom will also soon be allowing paying customers to choose where their packets will be routed, mainly to avoid fear of data moving through China, but perhaps this could prompt other discussions.



Zoom will let paying customers pick which data center their calls are routed fr...
Paying customers can "opt in or out of a specific data center region."

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The classroom at The New School where we *would* be meeting, as well as my home where I am Zooming from now, are situated on land that has been continuously inhabited for years, previously serving as a home to speakers of the Munsee language, as part of the Lenape Nation. I hope that this acknowledgement demonstrates a commitment to beginning the process of working to dismantle the ongoing legacies of settler colonialism

Since you too will be spending the semester at home, I encourage you to research and think about the indigenous history of wherever you might connecting from

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