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This paper focuses on a specific mode of domination and its contemporary manifestations. It outlines the global settler colonial present: a predicament fundamentally characterised by a logic of elimination and containment rather than exploitation. This appraisal of a developing dispensation is offered as a reminder of the need to develop indigenous-nonindigenous alliances.

This paper emphasises a growing commonality of dispossession. It argues that a commonality between indigenous and non-indigenous dispossessions informs a non-Indigenous responsibility to engage in reconciliation and indigenous-led struggles. Of course, commonality does not mean identity and this article is not suggesting that ‘we’ are actually becoming ‘indigenous’.

I remain a migrant and a settler on indigenous land. But it seems important to note that we are increasingly being subjected to a mode of domination that treats us like indigenous peoples. ‘Responsibility’ literally means being able to respond. Focusing on a growing crisis and a convergence of interests offer important opportunities for responsible resistance and reconciliation.

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