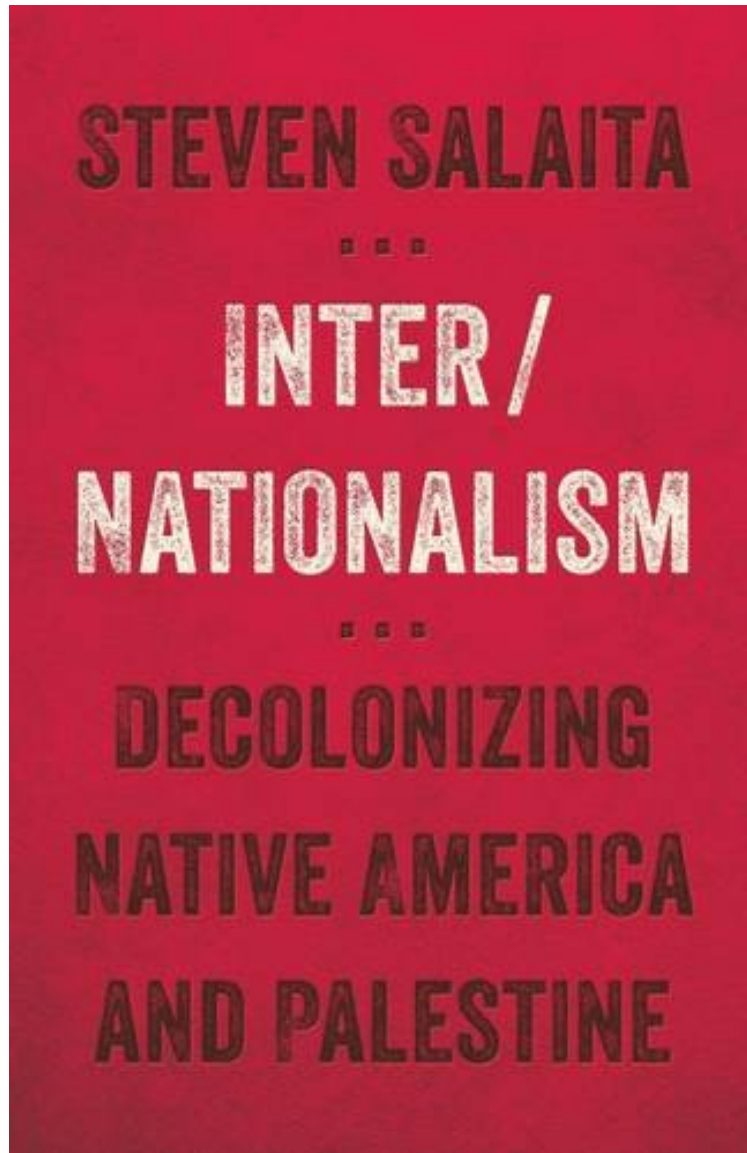


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**Steven Salaita : Inter/Nationalism: Decolonizing Native America and Palestine (Indigenous Americas)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Inter/Nationalism: Decolonizing Native America and Palestine (Indigenous Americas):

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following review helpful. Five StarsBy Kyle Goen1 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Another piece of pseudo scholarship from Salait --By Semeka, Ph.D.Salaita's radical anti-American and anti-Israel political views has clouded his "scholarship" to such a degree that he can no longer be taken seriously. His comparison of Palestinians to Native Americans is weak. His understanding of the Middle East is superficial (he commands neither Arabic nor Hebrew languages). He denies the Jewish people any connection to the land of Israel/Palestine: to him Palestinians who have lived there since the 8th century CE are "indigenous" and "Brown" and Jews, who have much longer historical, religious and various other ties to the land are 'settler colonialists" and "White" (what about all those Middle Eastern/Sefardic/Mizrahi Jews?) If you despise Israel, share Salaita's politics, and are satisfied with shoddy research, you might enjoy the book, but if you do not, don't waste your time. The man could not make it even at a Lebanese university. Now he makes money writing this stuff.

The age of transnational humanities has arrived. According to Steven Salaita, the seemingly disparate fields of Palestinian Studies and American Indian studies have more in common than one may think. In *Inter/Nationalism*, Salaita argues that American Indian and Indigenous studies must be more central to the scholarship and activism focusing on Palestine. Salaita offers a fascinating inside account of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement which, among other things, aims to end Israel's occupation of Palestinian land. In doing so, he emphasizes BDS's significant potential as an organizing entity as well as its importance in the creation of intellectual and political communities that put Natives and other colonized peoples such as Palestinians into conversation. His discussion includes readings of a wide range of Native poetry that invokes Palestine as a theme or symbol; the speeches of U.S. President Andrew Jackson and early Zionist thinker Zeev Jabotinsky; and the discourses of shared values between the United States and Israel. *Inter/Nationalism* seeks to lay conceptual ground between American Indian and Indigenous studies and Palestinian studies through concepts of settler colonialism, indigeneity, and state violence. By establishing Palestine as an indigenous nation under colonial occupation, this book draws crucial connections between the scholarship and activism of Indigenous America and Palestine.

"This is a powerful and moving analysis of what it means to decolonize settler societies through an unflinchingly ethical and incisively original notion of inter/nationalism. Steven Salaita is, as always, bold, brilliant, and visionary. *Inter/Nationalism* offers a searing, comparative analysis of what liberation means in North America and Palestine-Israel. It is a must read for academics, activists, and anyone interested in challenging the logics of ethnic cleansing and settler civility."Sunaina Maira, University of California, Davis"Steven Salaita grounds his analysis within various literatures, histories, and political movements in order to consider the ongoing, transnational circuits of liberalism and empire in the politics of critique, aspiration, and solidarity. Much to Salaita's credit, his cases do not lose their specificity and their nuance as he considers specific efforts for land, global justice, and dignity. This is a welcome work of criticism and analysis from a truly transnational scholar of Indigenous politics and literature."Audra Simpson, Columbia University"Although often specific in its geographical articulation, settler-colonialism is a global phenomena that requires a truly global response. This is the message powerfully hammered home in Steve Salaita's crucially important *Inter/Nationalism*. Building on years of research and activism in support of Native American and Palestinian self-determination, Salaita advances a radically transnational view of decolonization grounded in a richly comparative account of Native American/Indigenous solidarity and our mutual struggles for land, freedom, and dignity."Glen Coulthard, author of *Red Skin, White Masks: Rejecting the Colonial Politics of Recognition*