



theory, and I have no intention to. I've read some of and deeply value Emma Goldman's development of Anarcho-Feminism but I've never read Kropotkin, Bakunin and I don't plan to anytime soon. My most important and foundational left politics have been derived from observing organisations and political formations themselves.

The Black Panther Party taught me what it would look like to apply Maoism to a racialized resistance politic for community self determination.

The Zapatista's Zapatismo taught me about the synthesis of articulated indigenous practices and sovereignty and socio-cultural organisation with familiar principles and ideology.

African liberation leaders like Thomas Sankara taught me what a culturally relevant post-colonial formation and an agrarian revolution might look like on the continent before being assassinated.

Brazil's Landless Workers Movement & South Africa's Shack Dwellers Movement and they're about land reclamation and about widespread democratisation processes beginning with the most poor and the most disenfranchised communities in the country. Taught me what it meant to organise around reclaimed resources.

Indigenous peoples and First Nations peoples taught me what sovereignty meant and in addition to these global struggles I'm deeply inspired by the myriad ways that black people have resisted in the Americas and throughout the African diaspora.

Boaventura de Sousa Santos (I do read a tonne of theory, I just don't read white dudes) developed a concept of societal fascism which describes the mechanisms and logics of state formation wherein whole populations are excluded prior to or after the formation of a social contract.

Pre contractual exclusion refers to populations that have never been part of and can never be a part of the social contract. So in the United States think of Indigenous people, of black people and post contractual exclusion or rejection from the contract means that a given population could enjoy condition access to the contract, think of immigrants who had to appeal to a proximity to whiteness. Think of poor white people who are part of the contract through the merit of their whiteness but are excluded because of their working classes.

Black people, obviously as I said exist within the former realm of exclusion because black people are residents within a settler colony. Predicated upon the

