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What do social justice scholars, activists, and cultural workers need to know, analyze, and learn about so we can forge ethical solidarities across borders? How to build the landscapes of racial and gender justice that we dream about and struggle for? Reflecting on my own journey as a feminist from the Global South, committed to building cross-border solidarities, I examine the “imperial democracies” of the USA, Israel and India. I compare the three geopolitical sites as areas of normalized violence: (1) the US/Mexico Border struggles around immigration and cross border indigenous rights in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas, (2) Israel’s rule over the occupied Palestinian territories of the West Bank/Gaza and (3) India’s military rule and occupation of the Kashmir Valley (Jammu and Kashmir). I connect these cartographies of violence to the current refugee/migrant crises in Europe.

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