

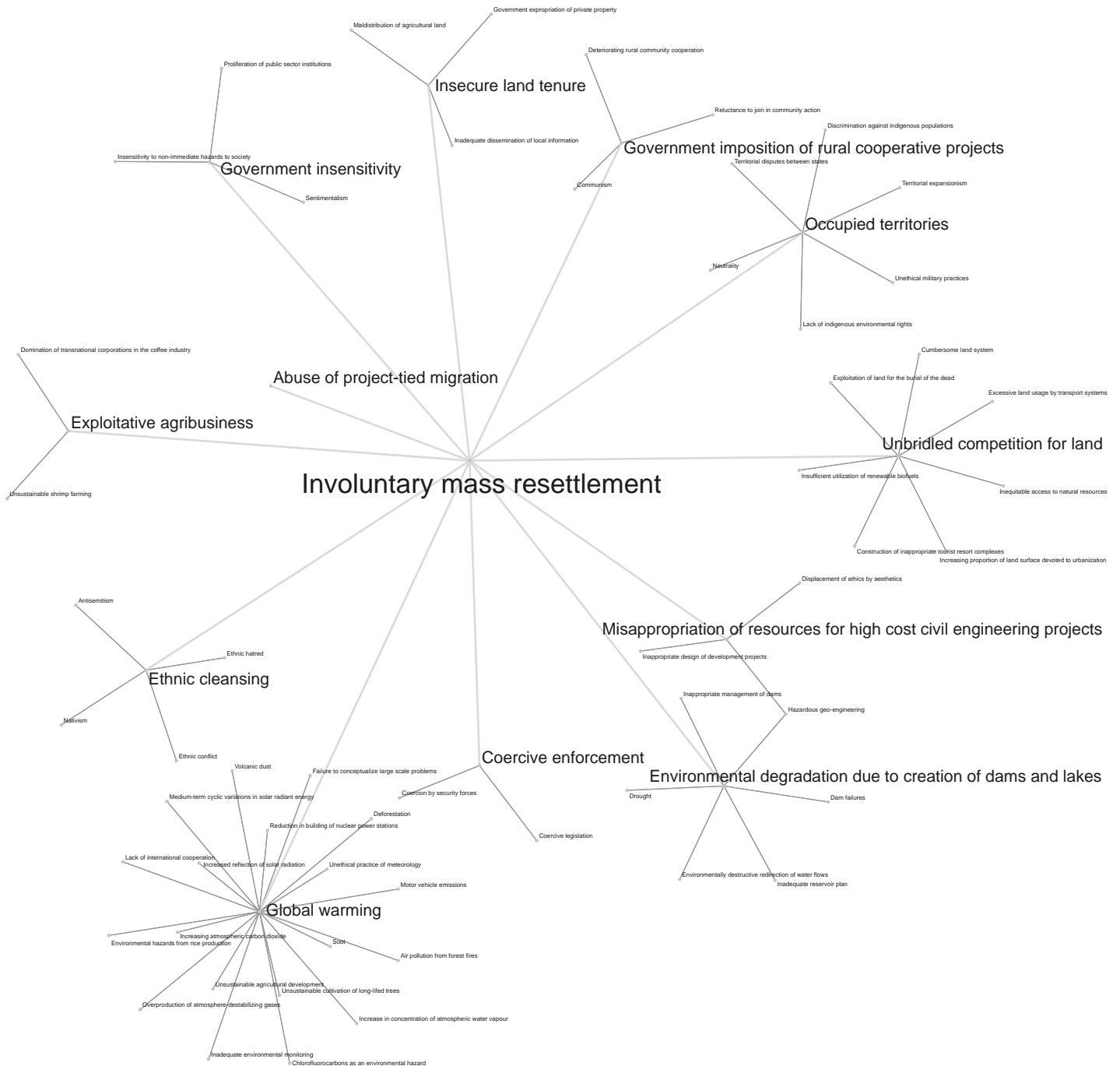
Figure 10.2.11. Involuntary mass resettlement

Database: World Problems and Issues

Link type: aggravated by problems

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A group of Chagos inhabitants want compensation and the right to return to the islands from which they were unlawfully removed by Britain more than 30 years ago. At least 1,000 people, the entire population of the archipelago, were displaced from the archipelago between 1967 and 1973, to make way for a US military base on the island of Diego Garcia. Britain leased Diego Garcia, halfway between Africa and Southeast Asia, to the United States. Most of the claimants and their descendants now live in poverty on Mauritius. All of them have the right to hold a British passport under the Overseas Territories Act 2002. The displaced islanders are totally destitute as they have no skills beyond those in the coconut industry, of which there is none in Mauritius.