This year’s symposium is organized and largely funded by Middle East Studies at Brown University. The senior scholars in the program have kindly agreed to pay their own expenses, thus freeing resources for younger scholars.

The following institutions also contributed, in a variety of ways, to the realization of this gathering:

- The Watson Institute, Brown University
- The Center for Palestine Studies, Columbia University
- The Hagob Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University
- Birzeit University
- The Institute for Palestine Studies
- Muwatin: Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy
- Masarat: the Palestinian Center for Policy Research and Strategic Studies

New Directions in Palestinian Studies continues to expand its collaboration with universities, programs, and centers inside and outside of the United States in support of emerging scholars in the growing field of Palestinian Studies.

Middle East Studies at Brown University is home to the first endowed postdoctoral position in Palestine and Palestinian Studies in the United States.

The New Directions in Palestinian Studies book series, published through University of California Press’s open access platform Luminos, will be inaugurated with the publication of Camera Palaestinia: The Seven Photography Albums of Wasif Jawhariyyeh, by Issam Nassar, Stephen Sheehi, and Salim Tamari.

Rashid Khalidi, Edward Said Professor of Modern Arab Studies, Columbia University

“This initiative is really one of the one or two instances in the American academy where serious attention, serious resources, and quite substantial scholarly work is being devoted to a question that is burgeoning.”

Nadia Hijab, Co-founder of al-Shabaka, The Palestinian Policy Network

“NDPS is vital for an organization like mine—which is a think tank that deals with Palestinian policy—to keep abreast of what the recent research is and what the recent thinking is, and also to identify people whose expertise we can tap for the network.”

Nadim Rouhana, General Director of Mada al-Carmel, Arab Center for Applied Social Research

“NDPS is a very important symposium. It is trying to establish the field of Palestinian Studies.”

Sherene Seikaly, Associate Professor of History, University of California, Santa Barbara

“NDPS is important because it brings together three generations of scholars working on the study of Palestine and Israel. It is unique because it gives us a site to think about the relationship between political practice and historiographic practice.”

Sa’ed Atshan, Assistant Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies, Swarthmore College

“It has been heartening to just watch the field [of Palestinian Studies] blossom and flourish... What is being built here at Brown, I think, is tremendously encouraging.”
Over the past generation, the field of Palestine and Palestinian studies has grown rapidly, attracting some of the best and brightest scholars. Launched as a research initiative of Brown University's Middle East Studies program in 2012, New Directions in Palestinian Studies (NDPS) has built an international community of scholars dedicated to decolonizing and globalizing this field of study.

Annual thematically-organized NDPS workshops are designed to showcase the research of emerging scholars working on Palestinian history, society, and culture.

Over 150 different junior, mid-career, and senior scholars participated in NDPS workshops since 2013.

NDPS coordinates with academic partners such as Columbia University, Birzeit University, SOAS University of London, and University of Exeter, and with research centers such as the Institute for Palestine Studies, Mada al-Carmel, and the Palestinian American Research Center.