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# **The Palestinian Revolutionary Tradition and Global Anti-Colonialism**



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**FRI., MARCH 10 - SAT., MARCH 11, 2023**  
**JOUKOWSKY FORUM, WATSON INSTITUTE.**



# DAY 1

**Friday, March 10**

**8:30–9:00 a.m.** Registration and Continental Breakfast

**9:00–9:30 a.m.** *Welcoming Remarks on behalf of the Center for Middle East Studies to be delivered by CMES Director Nadjé Al-Ali (Brown University)*

*Welcoming Message from Palestine*

Beshara Doumani (Birzeit University and Brown University)

*Opening Remarks by Workshop Host*

Abdel Razzaq Takriti (Brown University)

**9:30–11:15 a.m. Panel 1: Transnational Mobilization in the High Age of Anti-Colonialism**

Julia Gettle (Brown University)

Political Life in the Shadow Years: Palestinian Popular Mobilization in the 1950s

Fadi Kafeety (University of Houston)

Revolutionary Horizons: The Movement of Arab Nationalists and the Marxist Turn in the Arabian Peninsula and Palestine

Jacob Norris (University of Sussex)

The Palestinian Americas in the age of Third World Revolution

Discussant: Ussama Makdisi (University of California, Berkeley)

**11:15–11:30 a.m. Coffee Break**

**11:30 am –1:15 p.m. Panel 2: Revolutionizing Culture/Culturing Revolution**

Chandni Desai (University of Toronto)

"The Revolution of Your Pens and Consciences": Palestine and Afro-Asian Internationalism in *Lotus*

Alessandra Amin (Columbia University)

Palestine and the "Question of Freedom" at the First Pan-African Cultural Festival

Klaudia Wieser (University of Vienna)

Researching the Struggle: Palestinian Affairs in Revolutionary Beirut

Discussant: Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian (In 2023, University of California, Los Angeles)

**1:15–3:00 p.m. Lunch**

**3:00–4:15 p.m. Panel 3: Gendering the Palestinian Revolution in Jordan and Lebanon**

Samar Saeed (Georgetown University)

The Palestinian Revolutionary Tradition and Global Anti-Colonialism: Revolutionary Women in Jordan During the 1960s–1970s

Jennifer Mogannam (University of California, Davis)

Women of the Revolution: Palestinian Decolonial Praxis and Gendered Labor in Civil War Lebanon

Discussant: Nadjé Al-Ali (Brown University)

**4:15–4:30 p.m. Coffee Break**

**4:30–6:15 p.m. Panel 4: Global Revolutionary Solidarities**

Jeremy Randall (CUNY Graduate Center)

Globalizing the Palestinian Resistance: The Laju Incident and the Siege of the Japanese Embassy in Kuwait

Derek Ide (University of Houston)

On "Long Histories" of Solidarity: The Palestinian Revolution, *al-Hadaf*, and Black Anticolonialism

Sara Camile Awartani (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)  
Weaponizing Solidarity: Puerto Rico, Palestine, and

Discussant: Lila Abu-Lughod (Columbia University)

**6:20–6:30 p.m. 10-Minute Video** "Archiving Black Palestinian Solidarity: Visions of Liberation 1968–2021." Advised by Lila Abu-Lughod and Nora Akawi and edited by Rahaf Salahat and Hicham Faraj. Center for Palestine Studies, Columbia University

**8:00 p.m. Official Dinner**

# DAY 2

**Saturday, March 11**

**8:30–9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast**

**9:00–10:45 a.m. Panel 5: Palestinian Anti-Colonialism and the Struggle Against Empire**

Tariq Radi (New York University)

Indigenous Futures and Imperial Anxieties: A Ledger of Palestinian Insurgency and British Strategy of Necropolitical Hedging

Samar al Saleh (New York University)

Forced Labor in British Prison Labor Camps: The Class Struggle of Palestinian Prisoners Under British Occupation

Patrick Higgins (University of Houston)

Return, Not Dependency: Palestinian Resistance to the "American Project" in the 1950s

Discussant: Alex Winder (Brown University)

**10:45–11:00 a.m. Coffee Break**

**11:00 a.m.– 12:45 p.m. Panel 6: Approaching the Revolution: Theories, Concepts, and Methodologies**

Abdalla N. Bayyari (Darat al-Funun)

The Power of Dissensus: An Interdisciplinary, Comparative Approach for Undoing the Archival Erasure in/of Palestine

Erica Augenstein (University of Houston)

Uniting Anti-Colonial Theory: Gramsci's Mezzogiorno and Palestinian Resistance

Thayer Hastings (CUNY Graduate Center)

First Intifada Bayanat and the Recurrences of Anti-Colonial Revolt

Discussant: Samera Esmeir (University of California, Berkeley)

**1:00–2:15 p.m. Lunch**

**2:15–4:15 p.m. Panel 7: Towards a Revolutionary Future? Anti-Colonial Spaces and Practices in Palestine**

Alyssa Bivins (George Washington University)

Re-contextualizing East Jerusalem Education as Resistance: 1967 – 1994

Nour Bader (University of Tunis)

Digging Into the Roots: In the Meaning of Resisting Hidden Places and Invisible People

Ashjan Ajour (University of Wolverhampton)

Hunger Strike Experience and the Embodiment of Palestinian Dispossession and Collective Revolutionary Subjectivity

Faiq Mari (ETH Zurich)

Alternative Spaces of Revolt: The Commons of the Palestinian Liberation Struggle

Discussant: Loubna Qutami (University of California, Los Angeles)

**4:15–4:30 p.m. Concluding Remarks**