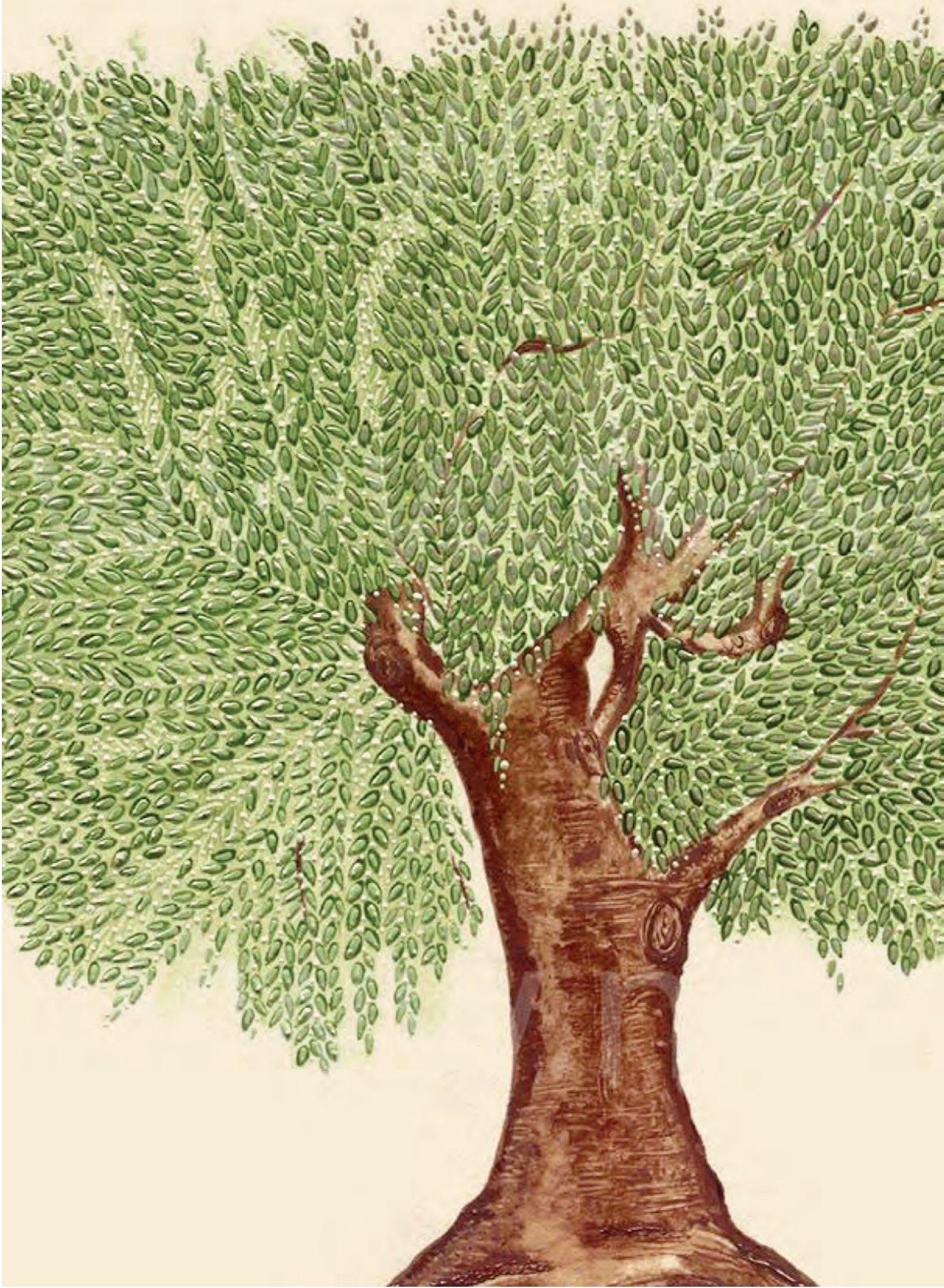


NEW DIRECTIONS IN PALESTINIAN STUDIES



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

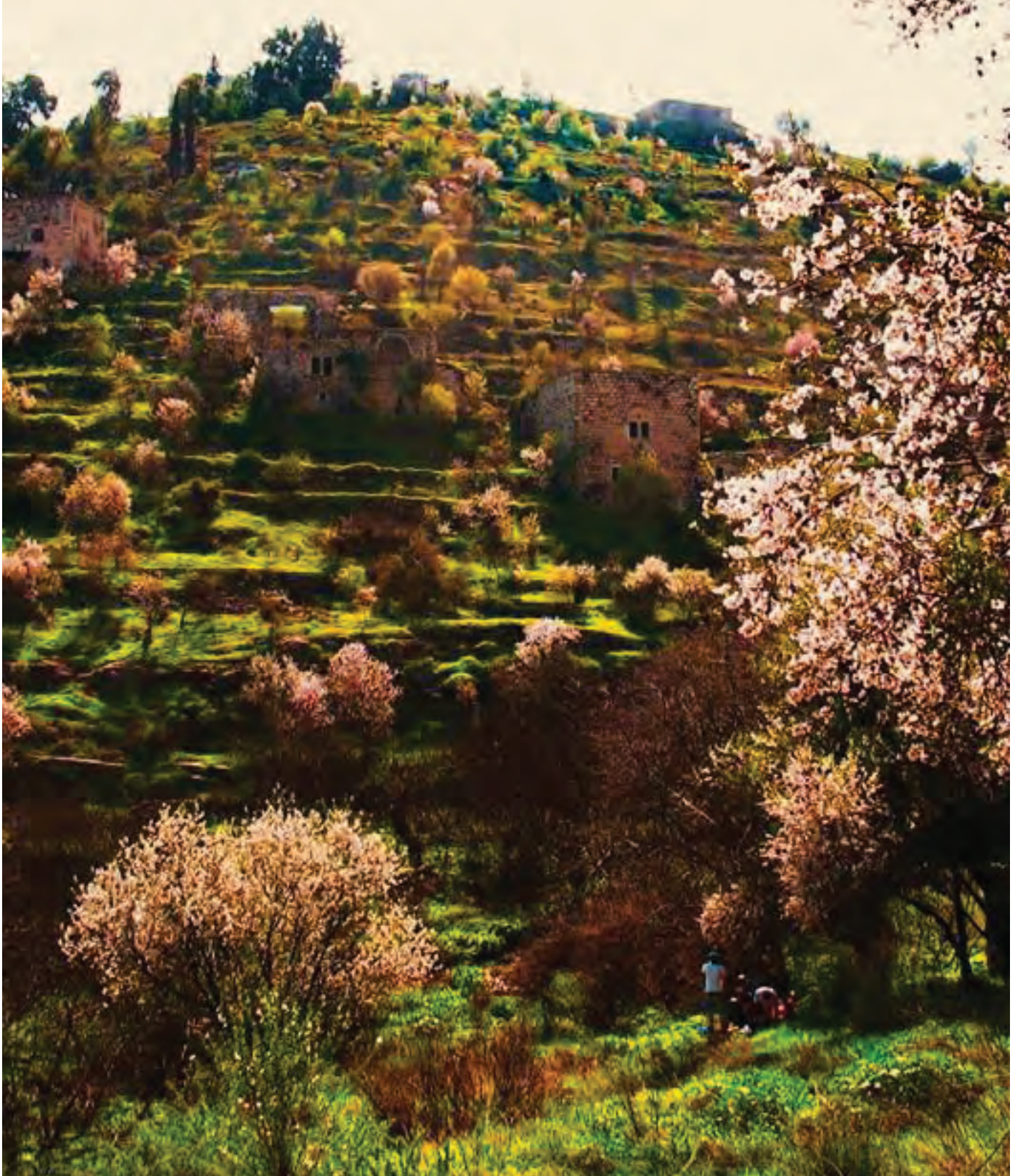
Birzeit University

The Institute for Palestine Studies

Muwatin: Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy

Masarat: the Palestinian Center for Policy Research and Strategic Studies

Mada al-Carmel: The Arab Institute for Applied Social Research.



MISSION STATEMENT

There is now a critical mass of innovative scholars in the U.S., Europe, and the Middle East who work on Palestine and the Palestinians. The field has grown quantitatively and qualitatively, with new lines of inquiry pushing in several new directions simultaneously.

New Directions in Palestinian Studies, a series of annual and thematically organized symposia supported by Middle East Studies at Brown University in cooperation with other universities and institutes, provides a space for systematic reflection on the fast-paced academic knowledge production surrounding Palestine and the Palestinians.

The symposia bring together established and emerging scholars in a low-pressure workshop environment to take stock of research trends, to identify promising new questions and sources, to exchange experiences and insights, and to encourage networking across disciplinary and field boundaries. New Directions in Palestinian Studies is founded and led by Beshara Doumani.

2014 THEME: POLITICAL ECONOMY AND ECONOMY OF THE POLITICAL

Palestinian studies has long been shaped by a hot and ongoing conflict and by the special place of the "Holy Land" in the global imaginary. This has resulted in a hyper focus on some areas of research, such as politics and identity; and a general neglect of others, such as political economy and social history.

The theme of political economy, broadly construed to include a range of approaches from social history to discursive constructions of "economy," has been chosen as a focus for the first symposium, because it constitutes an enduring perspective that has recently gained significant traction.

Sa'ed Atshan is the coordinator for the 2014 symposium, Molly Ratner is the research assistant, and Barbara Oberkoetter is the program manager.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

joukowsky forum, watson institute
111 thayer street, providence, ri

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION

9:00-9:30 a.m.

WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Beshara Doumani, Director, Middle East Studies, Brown University

9:30-11:30 a.m.

CRITICAL REFLECTIONS ON THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF PALESTINE

Discussant: Sherene Seikaly

Jamil Hilal: *Palestinian Class Formulation under Settler Colonialism*

Leila Farsakh: *The Meaning of Palestinian Economic Development*

Raja Khalidi: *Is There a Palestinian Economy?*

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Discussant: Mayssun Succarie

Sophia Stamatopoulou-Robbins: *Infrastructure and Materiality*

Omar Jabary Salamanca: *Hooked on Electricity:*

The Charged Political Economy of Electrification in the Palestinian West Bank

1:00-2:30 p.m.

LUNCH

For hosts and panelists

2:30-4:30 p.m.

LAND

Discussant: Jo Guldi

Martin Bunton: *Frames of Reference for the Study of Land in Palestine*

Munir Fakher el-Din: *The Legacy of Late Ottoman
and British-Mandate Land Reforms in Palestine, 1858-1948*

Ahmad Amara: *Echoes of Legal Pasts:
Landed Property Relations in the Negeb, 1858-1948*

4:30-5:00 p.m.

COFFEE BREAK

5:00-7:00 p.m.

CLASS

Discussant: Zachary Lockman

Mezna Qato: *Archives and Class in Exile*

Susynne McElrone: *Qadā al-Khalil:
Commerce, Business, and Livelihoods in the late-Ottoman Rural Sphere*

Leena Dallasheh: *Working for Palestine:
Nazareth Labor Mobilization in the 1940s*

7:15 p.m.

DINNER

For hosts and panelists

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

joukowsky forum, watson institute
111 thayer street, providence, ri

9:00-9:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION

9:30-11:30 a.m.

THE POLITICS OF ECONOMY

Discussant: Beshara Doumani

Sherene Seikaly: *Social Man: Palestinian Capitalists and Economy*

Sreemati Mitter: *A History of Money in Palestine:*

The Case of the Frozen Bank Accounts of 1948

Samia Botmehi: *The Political Economy of*

Palestinian Women's Labour Supply: 1920-2010

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF OCCUPATION

Discussant: Manal Jamal

Shir Hever: *Privitization of the Occupation: The Core Masked as the Periphery*

Omar Tesdell: *Land and the Question of Palestinian Cultivation*

1:00-2:30 p.m.

LUNCH

For hosts and panelists

2:30-4:30 p.m.

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF PEACE

Discussant: Sa'ed Atshan

Kareem Rabie: *Housing, the Production of the State, and the Day After*

Alaa Tartir: *Failing Aid: Towards a Viable Resistance Economy Model*

Mtanes Shihadeh: *The Israel Policy Towards the "Arab Economy"*

4:30-5:00 p.m.

COFFEE BREAK

5:00 p.m.

END OF FORMAL PROGRAM

5:00-6:30 p.m.

NEXT STEPS

Concluding Remarks by Rashid Khalidi, Ilan Pappé, and Beshara Doumani

7:00 p.m.

DINNER

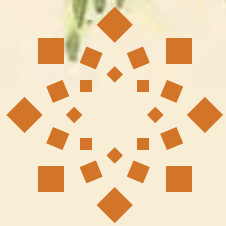
For hosts and panelists

SPECIAL GUESTS

NADIA ABU EL-HAJ | LILA ABU-LUGHOD | LAMA ABU-ODEH

JOEL BEININ | BASSAM HADDAD | ELIAS KHOURY

BRINKLEY MESSICK | NADIM ROUHANA



MIDDLE EAST
STUDIES
BROWN



WATSON INSTITUTE
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
BROWN UNIVERSITY

www.palestinianstudies.org