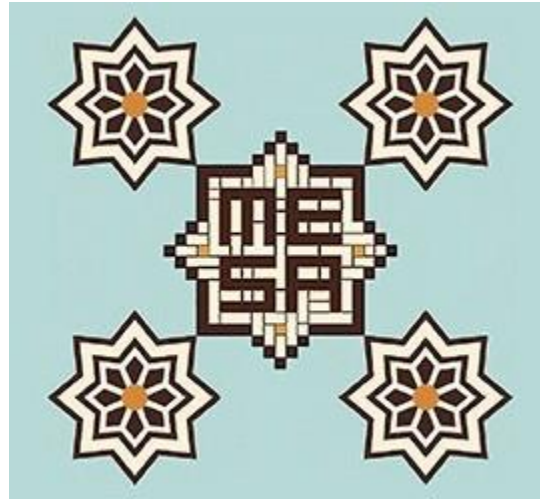


## MESA 2021 ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS ON PALESTINE



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### PARC-Sponsored MESA Panels

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**MESA Panels, Papers, Special Sessions, Thematic Conversations, and Roundtables Related to Palestine**

**MONDAY, 29 NOV 2:00 PM**

**[P6583] Whose Narratives? Whose Classrooms? Teaching Palestine and Gender; Sexual Justice in the Age of (Corporatized) Pandemic**

Chair: Jamila Ghaddar (U of Toronto)

Discussant: Michelle Hartman (McGill U)

Organizer: Rabab Abdulhadi\* (San Francisco State U) *Whose Narratives? Teaching Palestine in the Age of Pandemic and the Corporate University*

Saliem Shehadeh\* (UCLA/San Francisco State U) *Speaking Palestine at San Francisco State?*

Tomomi Kinukawa (San Francisco State) *Redefining Intellectual Labor at a Neoliberal University: Knowledge Production for Militant Feminist and Queer Resistance*

**[P6648] The Politics of Infrastructure: Colonialism and Conservation**

Chair: Joyce Daisheim (UNC) *The Temporality of a Structure: When is Settler Colonialism*

Esther Noah Rubin (Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design) *Cultural heritage in the digital age: Digitizing Modern Jerusalem Archives*

Marianna Reis (U of Toronto) *Borderland Infrastructures in the Greater Nazareth Area*

Connie Gagliardi (U of Toronto) *The Icon of "Our Lady Who Brings Down Walls", Scralizing the Palestinian Face of the Israeli Separation Wall with Divine Presence*

**[P6640] Environment, Infrastructure, and Geopolitics**

Peter Valenti (NYU) *Food Politics versus Political Food: Palestinian Cuniculture under Israeli Occupation*

**[P6628] Technologies of Empire: Medicine, Land Policy, Special Commissions, &**

### **Financial Advisory Missions**

Alyssa Bivins\* (George Washington U) *Sir Abdur Rahman and the "Unfortunate" Partitions of 1947*

Martin Bunton\* (U Victoria) *Land Policies in Occupied Enemy Territory: the case of British rule in Ottoman Palestine, 1917–1920*

### **[P6508] Governing through the Senses: Garbage and other Slow Violences**

Chair: Hiba Bou Akar (Columbia U)

Organizer: Michelle Weitzel\* (U Basel) *Access Denied: Temporal Mobility and Circulation at the Ibrahimi Mosque*

Hana Masri (U Penn) *Sewage's Living-Dead Discourse in Necropolitical Palestine*

### **[P6564] Imagining Alternative Commons from the Levant: Digital Archives, Images Documents and Ecologies**

Organizer: Kareem Estefan, (Brown U) *Permission to Fabulate: Archival Absence and Reparative Fabulation in Azza El Hassan's Kings and Extras*

Molly Oringer (UCLA) *Borders and Gardens: Avi Moghrabi's Cinema Verité and Possibilities for a Future Levant*

Sherena Razek (Brown U) *From Environmental Nakba to a Worldly Hydrocommons: Reading the Waterscapes from the Jordan River and the Dead Sea as Ecopolitical Refusal*

### **[P6505] Rethinking Race as an Analytic in the Early Twentieth Century**

Frances S. Hasso\* (Duke U) *"Children are the Treasure and the Property of the Nation": Eugenics and Mothercraft in Colonial Palestine*

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### **[P6596] Armed Non-State Actors and Their Quest for Legitimacy**

Chair: Christina Sciabarra (Bellevue College)

Alaa Tartir\* (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies) *Addressing and Preventing Violent Extremism in the Borderlands of South Libya and Northern Sudan*

Martin Kear (U Sydney) *Questioning the Moderation Dichotomy: Understanding Hamas's Progressive Moderation*

### **[P6526] Exilic Cultural Production: Belonging and Estrangement**

Nida Kaili (U of Washington) *From Nationalization to Transculturation: New Approaches to Palestinian Literature in Israel*

**[P6622] Internationalizing the Middle East and North Africa in the mid-Twentieth Century**

Andrea L. Stanton (U of Denver) *Reading for Sound: Memoirs and Mid-Century Arabic Radio Broadcasting*

**[P6415] Medical Humanities in the Middle East: Health, Medicine, and Life**

Chris Sandal-Wilson (U of East Anglia) *Petitions and colonial psychiatry in British Mandate Palestine*

**[P6322] Security in Context: Political Economies of 21st Century Violence and Conflict**

Tariq Dana (Doha Institute for Graduate Studies) *Weapon diplomacy: Israel military/security productions and the regional order*

**[P6302] Early Modern Mobilities: People, Animals, and Objects within and beyond the Ottoman Empire**

Erin Pinon (Princeton U) *Printing Pilgrimage: Replication and Imagination between Tokat and Jerusalem*

**[P6639] Politics of Place and Displacement: Afghanistan, Morocco, Oman, and Palestine**

Chair: Rami Salameh\* (Birzeit U)

David Marshall\* (Elon U) *Sacred Space/Contested Place - The Shifting Meanings of Joseph's Tomb*

Heba Alnajada (UC Berkeley) *"This Camp is Full of Hujjaj": Land Tenure and Property in the Shadow of Black September*

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**[P6315] Gaza on Screen**

Chair, Organizer: Nadia G. Yaqub (UNC Chapel Hill)

Discussant: Kamran Rastegar (Tufts University)

Yaron Shemer (UNC Chapel Hill) *So Close, So Far: Gaza in Israeli Cinema*

Hatim El-Hibri (George Mason U) *Televised Solidarity and the 2014 Lebanese Broadcast for Gaza*

Viviane Saglier (McGill U) *Gazan Cinema as an Infrastructure of Care*

Shaira Vadasaria (U Edinburgh) *Sound as Method: The Politics of Hearing Gaza under Siege*

**[R6457] Gender and Political Economy Across the Middle East**

Organizer: Sherene Seikaly\* (UC Santa Barbara) “*The book is not really political economy.*”  
*This was the critique a trusted mentor relayed to me...*

**[P6651] Commodities, Finance, and Colonial Ecologies**

Rasmieyh Abdelnabi\* (George Mason U) *A Gendered Politics of Life: Embroidery as a Source of Economic Sustenance and Cultural Continuity*

**[P6312] Confessional Frontiers in the Islamicate Mediterranean**

Fadi Ragheb (U of Toronto) *Writing in the “Other” in an Islamic Chronicle of Medieval Jerusalem: Mujīr al-Dīn al-‘Ulaymī and the Paradoxical Boundaries of Inter-Confessional Knowledge in al-Uns al-jalīl bi-ta’rīkh al-Quds wa-al-Khalīl*

**[P6594] Israeli and Palestinian Diplomacy: Traditional and Non-Traditional Approaches**

Daniel Levine (U of Alabama) *Voices Carry: Teaching the Israel/Palestine Conflict in the time of COVID*

**[P6671] Narrating Dispersed Identities**

Hella Cohen (St. Catherine U) *Wild Ecologies of Palestinian Diaspora Poets*

**[P6626] New Perspectives in Middle Eastern Environmental History**

Noah Haiduc-Dale (Centenary U) *Bird Watching as Blood Sport: The Politics of Birding in Israel/Palestine*

**[R6309] The Unmaking and Making of the Middle East in the Great War**

Organizers: Mustafa Akasal (Georgetown U) and Jonathan Wyrzten (Yale)

Ali Abdullatif Ahmida (U of New England)

Elizabeth Thompson (American U)

Firoozeh Kashani-Sabet (U of Pennsylvania)

Christine Philliou (UC Berkeley)

Laura Robson (Penn State U)  
Hussein Omar (U College Dublin)

### **WEDNESDAY, 01 DEC 11:30 AM**

#### **[P6364] Beyond Discipline: Faith, Gender, and the Surveilled Society of the late Mediterranean**

Discussant: Kent Schull\* (SUNY Binghamton)

Julia Gettle\* (Brown U) *"We All Were Arrested": Arab Nationalist and Marxist Activists and the Rise of the Eastern Mediterranean Security State, 1950-1970*

Emily O'Dell\* (Independent Scholar) *Spiritual Technologies of Surveillance in Malta: Slavery, Superstition, and Religion in the Medieval Mediterranean*

#### **[P6638] Art Histories of Design and Visualization**

Liat Berdugo (U San Francisco) *The Weaponized Camera in the Middle East: Video, Politics, and the Visual in Israel and Palestine*

#### **[R6396] The Cultural Cold/Hot War in the Arab World**

Chair, Organizer: Adey Almohsen\* (Grinnell College) *"Printing/Translating Modernism: Palestinians in Beirut's Postwar Publishing Scene"*.

Sarah Rogers\* (Middlebury College) *Modernist Abstraction in Cold War Beirut: A Pericentric Framework In Cold War Beirut, 1964 marks a key...*

#### **[P6481] Interrogating Citizenship in the Middle East**

Chair: Laurie Brand\* (U of Southern California)

Discussant: Shira Robinson\* (George Washington U)

### **WEDNESDAY, 01 DEC 2:00 PM**

#### **[R6459] Ethnographies of Uprisings: Exploring Approaches to Understanding Revolt in the Middle East**

Organizer: Sa'ed Atshan\* (Emory U)

#### **[P6585] Political Socialization and Value Change**

Emily Schneider (Northern Arizona U) *Politicization through Dialogue? Sympathy, Attitude Change, and Mobilization in Conflict Resolution Programs*

#### **[P6436] Political Economy of Palestine: Critical, Interdisciplinary, Decolonial Perspectives**

Organizer, Chair, Discussant: Alaa Tartir\* (Graduate Institute of International and Development)



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Timothy Seidel (Eastern Mennonite University) *Settler Colonialism, Political Economy, and Land-Based Struggle in Palestine*

Catherine Chiniara Charett (U of Westminster) *Gaza, Palestine, and the Political Economies of Indigenous Non-Futures*

Walid Habbas (Hebrew U of Jerusalem) *The West Bank-Israel economic integration Palestinian interaction with the Israeli border and permit regimes*

Ibrahim Shikaki (Trinity College) *The Political Economy of Dependency and Class Formation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories since 1967*

## **THURSDAY, 02 DEC 11:30 AM**

### **[P6382] Problematizing Child Rights: Researching Palestine/Israel Beyond and Against the Child Rights Discourse**

Sponsor: Association of Middle East Children and Youth Studies (AMECYS)

Organizer: Hedi Viterbo (Queen Mary U) *The Complicity of Child Rights in State Violence Against Palestinians*

Bree Akesson (Wilfrid Laurier U) *Beyond Trauma: Researching the Everyday Experiences of Palestinian Children and Families*

Heidi Morrison\* (U Wisconsin, La Crosse) *How did the Child Behave?: Rethinking Children's Agency in Palestine from an Emotions-Based Perspective*

Mohammed Alruzzi\* (U of Bath) *The visible and invisible everyday resistance of children in the occupied territories*

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### **[P6368] (Re)creating Home: Belonging and Finding Community for Refugees in or from the Middle East**

Nell Gabiam (Iowa State U) *Encampment and homemaking after the War in Syria: Experiences of Secondary Palestinian Displacement*

Wendy Pearlman\* (Northwestern U) *What is Home? Displaced Syrians' Narratives of Identity*

*and Belonging*

**[P6676] Between Empire and the Post-Colony: Memory, (un)Belonging, and Reproducing State**

Chair: Najat Rahman\* (U of Montreal)

Yulia Gillichinskaya (UC Santa Cruz) *Settler Innocence or What Really Happened on May 14*

Lucy El-Sherif (U of Toronto) *Tightrope Dabke: Embodiment and Settler Citizenship on Turtle Island*

**[P6417] Infrastructure and Society in the Middle East and North Africa**

Zachary Cuyler\* (New York U) *Two Battles of the Holiday Inn*

**[R6445] Canada and the Middle East**

Costanza Musu (U of Ottawa) *Canada's history of global engagement has always included a commitment to address the Israeli- Palestinian...*

**THURSDAY, 02 DEC 2:00 PM**

**[P6348] Rhapsody and Revulsion in Arabic**

Organizer: Samuel England\* (U Wisconsin Madison) *In Praise of Yachts*

**[P6560] Analyzing Histories of Struggle: Palestine, the Past, Present, and Future**

Organizer: Chandni Desai (U of Toronto) *Palestinian Revolutionaries in Lotus and Third World Cultural Movements*

Wafaa Hasan (McMaster U) *Palestinian Women, Interrupted: Colonial Dialogues in Anti-Occupation Solidarity Organizing*

G.N. Nithya (York U) *Resistance Pedagogies: Labour Struggles in Palestine and Beyond*

Rana Sukarieh (York U/AUB) *Towards a sustained solidarity in Palestine in Toronto: a political generational analysis*

**[P6418] Laughter in Times of Distress: Humor and its Politics in Middle Eastern Literature and Popular Culture**

Elianne El-Amyouni (U Waterloo) *Humor in Contemporary Palestinian Hip Hop*

Niall Ó Murchú (Western Washington U) *Transtextual Blending and Political Laughter in "Divine Intervention" (2002)*

**[P6589] Narratives of Loss and Violence**

Elizabeth Bentley\* (U of Arizona) *Telling an Extinction Story: Animal Extinction and Indigenous Human Dispossession in Palestine*



## **FRIDAY, 03 DEC 11:30 AM**

### **[P6613] Palestine International: Resistance from Algeria to Amman**

Dainella Talmon-Heller (Ben-Gurion U) *Saladin in Palestine and Israel: Myths, Historiography and Commemoration*

Erica Augenstein (U of Chicago) *Jabra Nicola and the Construction of a Revolutionary Legacy*

Marwan D. Hanania (UC Berkeley) *Amman 1970: A New Social and Political History*

Arab Yanise (U of Montreal) *Rouaged Sadek Ben Brahim, itinerary of a native Algerian in Palestine (1923-1954)*

### **[R6440] The Lebanon Uprising of 2019: Reflections during (Counter-)Revolutionary Times**

Moné Makawi\* (New York U) *In July of 2019, demonstrations erupted in the Palestinian refugee camps across Lebanon...*

### **[P6421] Societal Resistance in the Arab Gulf States**

Chair, Discussant, Organizer: Dana El Kurd (U Richmond) *Pro-Palestine Groups as Incubators of Democracy*

### **[S6678] Where is Palestine in the Battle over anti-Semitism Definitions?**

Organizer, Chair: Jens-Peter Hanssen (U Toronto)

Organizer: Dyala Hamzah (U Montreal) *IHRA, the "surge in Antisemitism" and the obfuscation of Palestine*

Seth Anziska (U College London) *UK Universities and the IHRA: On the Limits of Definitions and Institutional Responses to Antisemitism, Racism and Prejudice*

Meera Shah (Harvard U) *Chilling speech in support of Palestinian rights: Flawed Definitions and How to Push Back*

Sarah Anne Minkin (Foundation for Middle East Peace) *Debating Israel/Palestine: the Battle over IHRA and Competing Definitions of Antisemitism*

Anna-Esther Younes (U Amsterdam) *"The War on Anti-Semitism" as the "New anti-Semitism"*

### **[R6394] Critical Environmental Perspectives of the MENA**

Organizer: Gabi Kirk\* (UC Davis) *Israel-Palestine is predominantly spoken about in environmental studies scholarship in two ways.*

Jennifer Derr (UC Santa Cruz) *The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted (once more) the intimacy and complexity of the linkages...*

### **[P6466] State and the City: Presences and Absences in the Mashreq**

Discussant: Sophia Stamatopoulou-Robbins\* (Bard College)

Nadi Abusaada\* (U Cambridge) *The City and the Non-State: Municipalisation in Late Ottoman*

*and Mandate Palestine*

**FRIDAY, 03 DEC 2:00 PM**

**[P6455] Space, Place, and Textual Objects: Transforming Social Realities in the Modern Middle East**

Organizer: Carly Krakow (LSE) *The 'Jealous States' of Literature and International Law: Exile in Contemporary Iraqi and Palestinian Fiction*

Mekarem Eljamal (Columbia U) *From Medina to Eir: Imagining Haifa through Municipal Plans, 1948-1968*

**[P6550] Israel, Palestine, and the Third World**

Organizer: Maya Wind (NYU) *Collectivist Conquest: Israeli military ventures in the Third World*

Chair: Loubna Qutami (UCLA) *Karameh: The Palestinian Guerillas and Third World Solidarity*

Jennifer Kelly\* (UC Santa Cruz) *Witnesses in Palestine: Imperfect Analogies, Acts of Translation, and Refusals to Perform*

Gavriel Cutipa-Zorn (Yale U) *Historiographic Hindsight: Israeli Developmental Imperialism after Bandung*

Sara Awartani (Harvard U) *Weaponizing Solidarity: Puerto Rico, Palestine, and US Counterterrorism in the 1980s*

**[P6513] Crime in the Archives**

Chair: Alex Winder\* (Brown U) *Bandit Narratives in 1930s Palestine: Abu Jilda in Fact and Fiction*

**[P6446] The Colonial Hourglass: Sand and Political Power in the Southeastern Mediterranean**

Fatina Abreek-Zubiedat (Swiss Federal Inst. of Technology) *Concrete Conflicts: The Israeli Resettlement of the Palestinian Refugees in the Coastal Cities of the Gaza Strip*

Dotan Halvey (Columbia U) *Settling Lands: The Ecological Alienation of Native Rights in Coastal Dunes*

Moriel Ram (Newcastle U) *Building Barricaded Castles in the Sands: The Bar-Lev Line and the Geopolitics of Fantasy*

**[P6361] Colonial Cancers, Incarcerations, and Workplace Accidents: Embodied Histories of Labor in the 20th-Century Middle East and North Africa**

Organizer: Kristen Alff\* (North Carolina State U) *Correcting Bodies: Incarceration, Debt, and Capitalism in Early 20th Century Palestine*

Basma Fahoum\* (Stanford U) *More Than Depeasantization: The Body and Labor of Tobacco-Growing Peasant Family Households in Palestine/Israel (1920s-1980s)*

Nimrod Ben Zeev (Van Leer Jerusalem Institute) *“That’s When I Understood the French Revolution”*: Narrating Pain, Danger, and Injury in Palestine/Israel’s Construction Industry, 1930-1993

**[P6341] Women Writers: Literary Interventions in Arab History and Politics**

Stephanie Kraver (U of Chicago) *Two Elegies by Fadwa Tuqan: Mourning for the Physical and Metaphysical in Palestine*

**[P6500] The Critical Hope of Palestinian and Mizrahi Studies**

Organizer: Nancy Ko (Columbia U) *Complicit Racialization: The Making of the Mizrahi Native from the Perspective of Asian Americanist Critique*

Discussant: Bryan Roby (U Michigan)

Chelsie May (U Chicago) *Zionist Racism from the Standpoint of its Jewish Victims: Iraqi Jews, Israeli Immigration Camps, and the Construction of Racial Difference*

Caroline Kahlenberg\* (Harvard U) *Age, Race, and Jewish Terrorism on Trial in Mandatory Palestine: The Case of Rachel Habshush*

Ryan Zohar (NYU/Long Island U) *“Isrā’īl al-thāniyah”*: The Mizrahi Question from the Perspective of Palestinian Intellectuals in the Arab World

**[R6490] New Directions in the Study of Palestinian Politics**

Organizer: Nathaniel Shils (U Penn) *My contribution to this roundtable will be built around a discussion of the current Palestinian strategy...*

Chair: Khaled Elgindy (Georgetown U)

Diana Greenwald (City College of NY, CUNY) *As part of this roundtable, I will consider the relative merits and drawbacks of bringing the post-1967...*

Dana El Kurd (U Richmond) *My contribution to the roundtable would be to highlight the various strands of both comparative politics...*

Tareq Baconi (International Crisis Group) *New Directions in the Study of Palestinian Politics Recent developments, from the Nation State Law...*