

# MESA 2024 ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS ON PALESTINE



#MESA2024

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**PARC-Sponsored MESA Roundtable and Panel** 

## MONDAY, 11 NOV 2:30 PM - Session II

[II-03] ROUNDTABLE
Histories of Palestinians Navigating Education: Struggles across Time and Space
Sponsor: Palestinian American Research Center (PARC)
Organizer: Alyssa Bivins\* (George Washington U) and Hilary Falb Kalisman\* (U
Colorado at Boulder)
Chair: Mezna Qato\* (U of Cambridge)
Julia Shatz (California State U)
Alyssa Bivins\* (George Washington U)
Hilary Falb Kalisman\* (U Colorado at Boulder)
Jo Kelcey (Lebanese American U)

THURSDAY, 14 NOV 11:30 AM – Session VII [V1I-02] ROUNDTABLE Finding Palestine in Israeli Archives Sponsor: Palestinian American Research Center (PARC) Organizer: Basma Fahoum\* (Ben-Gurion U) and Shay Hazkani (U of Maryland, College Park) Basma Fahoum\* (Ben-Gurion U) Mezna Qato\* (U of Cambridge) Shay Hazkani\* (U of Maryland, College Park) Leena Dallasheh\* (Independent Scholar) Nimrod Ben Zeev (Tel Aviv U)

# Films Related to Palestine

## LYD

American filmmaker **Sarah Friedland**\* and Palestinian filmmaker Rami Younis explore multiple pasts, presents, and futures of the city of Lyd in Palestine/Israel. For Palestinians, Lyd's story is a painful and tragic fall from grace, which is why our film dares to ask the question: what would the city be like had the Israeli occupation of Lyd never happened?

**Other films on Palestine** include: Bye Bye Tiberias Fattoush; Little Palestine, Diary of a Siege; Mahdi Amel In Gaza; and R 21 aka Restoring Solidarity.

# <u>MESA Panels, Papers, Special Sessions, Thematic Conversations, and</u> <u>Roundtables Related to Palestine</u>

# MONDAY, 11 NOV 11:30 AM - Session I

## [I-01] Academic Freedom in North America and Europe and the War on Gaza

Organizer/Chair: Maria Chiara Rioli (Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia) Discussant: Pelle Valentin Olsen (U of Oslo) Zachary Lockman\* (New York U) Paola Rivetti (Dublin City U) Atwa Jaber\* (Graduate Institute, Geneva) Napolitano Valentina (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement) Lucia G. del Moral (U of Granada) Neve Gordon (Queen Mary, U of London) Koenraad Bogaert (Ghent U)

## [I-06] Publics and Presence in Times of Change, Part One, "New Public Horizons"

Organizer/Chair: Stephanie Victoria Love (U of Pittsburgh) Organizers: Deina Rabie (U of Arizona ) and Zachary Sheldon (U of Pittsburgh) Yzza Sedrati (Graduate Center, CUNY) *Reciting the Power of the People: The Minipublics of Solidarity in the ProPalestinian Movement in Morocco* 

#### [I-10] Production of Knowledge

Mohannad Abusarah (U of Toronto) Hasan alHusayni: A Gateway into Early 19th Century Palestinian Intellectual and Social History

#### [I-16] Zionist Settler Violence

Amir Reicher (The Hebrew U of Jerusalem) Becoming and Unbecoming "Real" Men and Women on the West Bank Settler-Colonial Frontier

- Nathaniel Shils (Wellesley College) Annexation and the "One State Reality" in Israel/Palestine: The Evolution of Israel's Mechanisms of Territorial Incorporation
- Maia Carter Hallward\* (Kennesaw State U) and Amer Alnajar (Kennesaw State U) From Disengagement to Invasion to Reoocupation? Analyzing Israeli Narratives of Gaza
- Netanel Flamer (Bar-Ilan U) The Israeli Perception and Response to the Phenomenon of Harming Individuals Suspected of Collaborating with Israel within Palestinian Society during the First Intifada (1987-1993)
- Beatrice Waterhouse (U of California, San Diego) Political Vigilantism in Israel: Lehava's Violent Incitement as Moral Panic

## [I-19] Justice and Human Rights

Chair: Lily Hindy (UCLA) Lillian Frost (Virginia Tech) Temporary Citizens: Precarious Gaza Refugee Rights in the Shadow of Jordan's Law

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Chair: Mezna Qato\* (U of Cambridge)

- Julia Shatz (California State U, Fresno) Gendered Rehabilitation: Practical Education in Reformatory Schools During the Mandate
- Alyssa Bivins\* (George Washington U) The First Intifada and the Fight for Schooling in East Jerusalem
- Hilary Falb Kalisman\* (U Colorado at Boulder) Boulder The Rest and the Test: Israel's Psychometric Examination, Its Palestinian Population, and the Globalization of American Educational Methods
- Jo Kelcey (Lebanese American U) Navigating the Nineties: Palestinian Education during Lebanon's Postwar Reconstruction (1990-2010)

# [II-10] Reclaiming Identity and Indigeneity: Forms of Resistance and Memory in (Post)genocidal Contexts

Organizer/Chair: Enaya Othman (Marquette U)

Enaya Othman (Marquette U) Palestinian Women's Activism to Resist Genocide through Embroidery and Cultural Dress

Silvia Marsans-Sakly (Fairfield U) Resilient Threads: Palestinian Solidarity and Diasporic Memory in Cuba's Arab Community

#### [II-12] Reframing Artistic Terrains: Landscapes, Migrations, and Modernisms

Elisabeth Friedman\* (Illinois State U) Politics and Mythology in Dor Guez's Palestinian Landscapes

#### [II-13] Academic Freedom and Pedagogy on Trial

Amanda Najib (New York U) Unveiling Structural and Institutional Racism: Palestinian American Experiences in U.S. Higher Education through a Critical Race Theory Lens

## TUESDAY, 12 NOV 11:30 AM – Session III

#### [III-12] (Post)Colonial Violence

Francesca Freeman (U of Notre Dame) *The Paradox of an International Police Force for the Partition of Palestine* 

Mara Albrecht (U of Erfurt) Competing Claims to the Homeland: Contentious Performances and Urban Violence in the Public Space of Early British Mandate Jerusalem

# Moheb Zidan (Knox College) Capital Punishment in Palestine during the British Mandate

#### [III-13] Translating Difference

Peiyu Yang (George Mason U) Translating the Other: Ghassan Kanafani's Travelogue ... And Then Arose Asia

#### [III-14] Palestinian Governance

Chair: Alyssa Bivins\* (George Washington U)

- Maya Rosenfeld (Hebrew U of Jerusalem) On the Contribution of the Palestinian National Authority to the Formation of a New Middle Class in the Occupied Palestinian Territories
- Mae Cannon (Churches for Middle East Peace) Gender in Middle East Peace Negotiations: Contributions and the Exclusion of Palestinian Women as Active Members of the Palestinian Authority
- Anas Iqtait (Australian National U) Public Revenues under Colonialism: The Fiscal Politics of the Palestinian Authority
- Samira Alayan (The Hebrew U of Jerusalem) *The Reflection of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in History Textbooks for Palestinian Pupils in East Jerusalem*

François Ceccaldi (Collège de France) The Fatah in Power: When Nothing Is Legitimate

#### [III-16] Debates on Aid, Rents, and NGOs

Chair: Fulya Pinar (Brown U) Ahd Alaraj (Arab American U) *The Importance of Foreign Aid for the Palestinian Case: Gaza Strip as a Case Study* 

## TUESDAY, 12 NOV 2:30 PM - Session IV

#### **[IV-08]** Alternative Sovereignties

Organizer/Chair: Omar Shehabi (Yale Law School) Discussant: Aslı Bâli (Yale Law School) Omar M. Dajani (U of the Pacific) *Israel-Palestine and the Future of the Nation-State* 

# [IV-10] Colonial Feminism and the Manufacturing of Consent for Israel's Genocide: A Critical Discussion

Organizer: Alia Al-Saji (McGill U) Alia Al-Saji (McGill U) Brittany Munro (CUNY Graduate Center) Saadia Toor (College of Staten Island, CUNY)

#### [IV-11] Making and Breaking Family Ties

Marisa Natale (U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) Criminal Law as Family Law in Mandate Palestine

#### [IV-12] Nationalisms and Sovereignties in the Long 20th Century

Omar Kamal (U of Chicago) Late Ottoman Responses and Communication from Palestinian Bedu and Fellahin Regarding the New Yishuv

#### [IV-14] Memory and Living History

Amal Amireh (George Mason U) Gaza Voices: Literary Representations of Palestinian Children

#### [IV-15] Geobodies and Geographies

Sara Elizabeth Green (U of Oxford) Negotiating Algerian Postcolonial Identities through Imagining Palestine, 1962-1982

#### [IV-16] Generations

Michaelle L. Browers\* (Wake Forest U) Generational Consciousness as a Resource for Memory and Future Visions in Nablus, Palestine

#### **[IV-20] SPECIAL SESSION**

## Sustaining Higher Education in Gaza

Organized by MESA Global Academy Chair: Judith E. Tucker\* (Georgetown U) Ahmed Abu Shaban (Al-Azhar U) Wesam Amer (Gaza U) and Ata Darwish (Al-Azhar U) Osama Hamdouna (Al-Azhar U) Mnawar Najim (Islamic U of Gaza)

## WEDNESDAY, 13 NOV 11:30 AM – Session V

# **[V-01] SPECIAL SESSION**

#### In Defense of Academic Freedom

Organized under the auspices of the Gaza in Context Project Organizers: Bassam Haddad (George Mason U) Mariam Durrani (American U) Darryl Li (U of Chicago) Jairo Funez\* (Texas Tech U) Emmaia Gelman (Sarah Lawrence College) Mariam Durrani (American U) Sherene Seikaly\* (U of California, Santa Barbara) Bassam Haddad (George Mason U)

## [V-10] New Histories of Disability in the Modern Middle East

Organizer/Chair: Sara Scalenghe (Loyola U Maryland)
Organizer: Beverly Tsacoyianis (U of Memphis)
Discussant: Gildas Bregain (National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS))
Marco Di Giulio (Franklin & Marshall College) Contesting the Politics of British Prosthetic Care: Pain, Nativeness, and the Plight of Palestinian Jewish Amputees in WWII
Beverly Tsacoyianis (U of Memphis) "In This House of the Insane I Will Rescue Myself:" Gender, Disability, and Psychiatry in 1940s and 1950s Palestine and Israel
Maria Chiara Rioli (U di Modena e Reggio) Emilia Portraying Disability in Refugeedom: Palestinian Refugees with Disability through UNRWA Photographs and Videos (1950s–1990s)

## [V-14] Negotiating Belonging and Identity

Chair: Samer Alnasir (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia) Lana Shehadeh (Arab American U) *Women in the Diaspora: Palestinian Self-Perception of the Colonial Experience* 

## [V-15] Regional Actors' Policies and Perceptions on the War in Palestine

Chair: Mirna Lattouf (Arizona State U)
Khalid Al Bostanji (Australian National U) *Turkey's Evolving Position on Palestine and Soft Power in the Arab Region*Elham Fakhro (Exeter U) *The Legacy of the Abraham Accords in the Wake of Gaza*Mate Szalai (Corvinus U of Budapest) *Omnibalancing and Virtual Enlargement - The Gulf States' Approach towards Gaza* Randall Fowler (Abilene Christian U) From Reformer To Peacemaker: The Rhetorical Evolution of Mohammad bin Salman's Persona post-October 7

#### WEDNESDAY, 13 NOV 2:30 PM – Session VI

**[VI-01] SPECIAL SESSION** 

**Reimagining the Teach-In: Israel/Palestine Post October 7** 

Organizer: Victoria Hightower (U of North Georgia) Chair: Jane Murphy (Colorado College) Marcus Smith (Lindenwood U) Kristi N. Barnwell (U of Illinois at Springfield) Awad Awad (U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) G. Carole Woodall (U of Colorado at Colorado Springs) Sahar Razavi (California State U, Sacramento)

#### [VI-02] Rethinking Land, Money, the Company, and Property

Organizer/Chair: Rana Baker (King's College London) Kristen Alff\* (North Carolina State U)

#### **[VI-03] ROUNDTABLE**

The Graveyard of Law: Interdisciplinary and Transnational Approaches to Palestine

Organizer/Chair: Maya Mikdashi (Rutgers, State U of New Jersey) Discussant: Aslı Bâli (Yale Law School) Maya Mikdashi (Rutgers, State U of New Jersey) Lisa Hajjar (U of California, Santa Barbara) Noura Erakat\* (Rutgers, State U of New Jersey)

# [VI-13] Climate Justice in the Arab World: Resisting Colonialism, Extractivism, Occupation and Conflict

Organizer/Chair: Marwa Daoudy (Georgetown U) Muna Dajani\* (London School of Economics and Political Science) Decolonising Climate Justice – Reflections from Palestine Zeinab Shuker (Sam Houston State U) The Weaponization of the Environment in Warfare: The Changing Landscape of Iraq and Gaza

#### [VI-15] Practicing Science and Healing

Chair: Melis Sulos (Graduate Center, CUNY) David Marshall\* (Elon U) Folk Cures, Magic, and Healing in Sacred Landscapes in Palestine

## THURSDAY, 14 NOV 11:30 AM – Session VII

[V1I-02] ROUNDTABLE

#### **Finding Palestine in Israeli Archives**

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## [VII-06] Alternative Orientalist Perspectives on Palestine and Israel

Organizers/Discussants: Fadi Ragheb (U of Toronto) and Bogdan Smarandache (U of Liege) Camelia Suleiman (Michigan State U) Ethnography of Arabic at Israeli Higher Education Amit Levy (U of Haifa) From Beirut with Love: Young Zionist Orientalists at the AUB, 1930– 1940 Irina Piippo (U of Helsinki) On Heikki Palva and Late 20th Century Finnish and Nordic

Oriental Studies: Exploring Dialects of the Arab East Hannu Juusola (U of Helsinki) Finnish Orientalism in the 21 Century Mustafa Kabha (Open U of Israel) An Eastern Critique of Orientalism Prior to Edward Said: A Reference to the Theories of 'Abd Latif Tibawi

#### [VII-07] Frontiers of Resource Extraction in the Modern Middle East

Organizers: Guillemette Crouzet (European U Institute) and Shira Pinhas (Princeton U) Shira Pinhas (Princeton U) Brothers in Arms: Late-Imperial Economic Development and Armament in Mandate Palestine

#### [VII-09] Cooperatives in the Arab World

Organizer: Max Ajl (Ghent U) Discussant: Yasmine Zarhloule (U of Oxford) Faiq Mari\* (ETH ZurichI) *The Commons of Palestinian Liberation Struggle* 

## THURSDAY, 14 NOV 2:30 PM – Session VIII

[VIII-03] Decolonizing Research/Politicizing Ethics

Organizer/Chair: Lila Abu-Lughod (Columbia U) Yara Sa'di-Ibraheem (Polonsky Academy) Producing Rooted Knowledge: Predicaments of Palestinians Positioned in Israeli Universities

[VIII-06] Theorizing from a Crossroads: Ethnographic and Historical Approaches to Jordan Organizers: Tariq Adely (George Washington U) and Eliza Marks (Graduate Center, CUNY) Samar Saeed\* (Georgetown U) Beyond Battlegrounds: Uncovering the Socio-Cultural Impact of the Palestinian Revolution on Jordan in the 1960s and 1970s

# [VIII-07] Gendered Reading and Fearless Teaching of Palestinian Fiction, Film, Memoir, and Poetry

Organizer/Chair: Mohja Kahf (U of Arkansas) Mohja Kahf (U of Arkansas) Syllabus-Building a Course Centering Queerness and Gender in Palestinian Literature in an Anti-BDS Campus Climate during Genocidal Times

- Nadine Sinno (Virginia Polytechnic Institute) "Even Cows Have Failed to Escape this War": Precarious Environments in Palestinian Literature and Film
- Sarah Hudson Pipinich (Tulsa Community College) Palestinian Film through a Postcolonial Ecocritical Lens: The Films of Elia Suleiman
- Manal Al-Natour (West Virginia U) Memory, Home, and Identity in Palestinian Resistance Literature
- George Abraham (Northwestern U) Palestinian Spectrality: Teaching Poetry in a Palestinian Catastrophe
- Ghadir Zannoun (U of Kentucky) Spirituality, Gender, and Palestinian Nationalist Discourse in Zeina Ghandour's The Honey

#### [VIII-10] Financial Crisis and Sovereignty in the Late Ottoman Arab World

Organizer: Aviv Derri (New York U) Chair/Discussant: Sherene Seikaly\* (U of California, Santa Barbara) Aviv Derri (New York U) The Promise and Peril of Public Debt: A View from Late Ottoman Palestine on Sovereignty and Financial Investment

#### [VIII-11] Towards a Feminist Artificial Intelligence (AI): Critical Studies on LLMs, Surveillance, Algorithmic Bias, and Social Justice

Organized under the auspices of Network of Arab Women in AI Organizer: VJ Um Amel (U of California, Santa Barbara) VJ Um Amel (U of California, Santa Barbara) *Surveillance AI, Occupation, and Glitch Resistance in Palestine* 

#### [VIII-14] Representing the State

Geoffrey Levin (Emory U) The Diplomat from Palestine: The Lost History (and Forgotten Archive) of Fayez Sayegh

#### [VIII-15] Iran in the Diasporic Activism and Imagination

Camron M. Amin (U of Michigan, Dearborn) Iran Specialists in the US Respond to the Muslim Ban, Covid, Women.Life.Freedom, and Gaza

## FRIDAY, 15 NOV 11:30 AM – Session IX

#### [IX-01] ROUNDTABLE

Challenges of Solidarity: In Queer/Digital/ BLM Palestine Movements Sponsor: The Arab American Studies Association (AASA) Organizer: Kimberly W. Segall (Seattle Pacific U) Chair: Danielle Haque (Minnesota State U, Mankato) Discussant: Charlotte Karem Albrecht (U of Michigan, Ann Arbor) Kimberly W. Segall (Seattle Pacific U) Randa Tawil (Texas Christian U) Sara Shaban (Seattle Pacific U) Sa'ed Atshan\* (Swarthmore College)

## [IX-03] ROUNDTABLE

The Global Palestine and the Formation of the Axis of Resistance Organizers: Maryam Alemzadeh (U of Oxford) and Mohammad Ataie (U of Massachusetts Amherst) Mohammad Ataie (U of Massachusetts Amherst) Maryam Alemzadeh (U of Oxford) Antonella Acinapura (U of Oxford)

Susann Kassem (U of Oxford)

#### [IX-11] Contentious Entanglements: Israel's Foreign Relations in the Middle East

Chair: A.R. Joyce (Independent Scholar) Arturo Marzano (U of Pisa) *The Border between Israel and the Gaza Strip (1967-2007)* 

# [IX-14] Racialization and Resistance: The Palestinian Struggle in Local, Regional and Global Context

- Anne De Jong (U of Amsterdam) Unity beyond Fractures: Palestinian Resistance as Interplay between Unity and Fracture
- Oday Uraiqat (U of Bielefeld) The Globalization of the Palestinian Struggle, 1959-1975
- Alexandra Nikopoulou (U of Peloponnese) Iran's Revolutionary Politics: The Axis of Resistance, the Houthis and the Gaza War
- Melissa Weiner\* (College of the Holy Cross) Settler Futurity, Security, and Indigenous Annihilation: Zionist Origins of Anti-Palestinian Racism on Turtle Island, 1917-1948
- Marc Lamont Hill (Graduate Center, CUNY) "Destroy the Schools, Erase the People": Scholasticide as Settler Colonial Practice and Statecraft in Israel's War on Gaza
- Nida Ahmad (Independent Scholar) and Hillary Kipnis (Independent Consultant) *Raising the Flag and Donning the Keffiyeh: Symbolic Support for Palestine and Resistance in Sporting Spaces*

#### **[IX-18] Surveys, Legal Briefs and Citizen Social Science: Producing Knowledge in the MENA** Michael Samuel\* (Emory U) *The Nakba on Trial: Legalism, Denialism, and Pseudo-Moralism in Palestinian Deportations Cases From the 1950s*

#### [IX-20] Academic Freedom, Survival, and Sumoud amid Genocide

Dyala Hamzah (U of Montreal) Rana Barakat\* (Birzeit U) Ahmed Abu Shaban (York U) Mahmoud Loubani (Hull York Medical School) Ayman J. Oweida (U de Sherbrooke)

## FRIDAY, 15 NOV 2:30 PM – Session X

 [X-02] Transnational Feminist Solidarity in Times of War
 Organizer: Zeynep Korkman (U of California, Los Angeles)
 Sherene Razack (U of California, Los Angeles) Antimuslim Racism, Transnational Feminist Solidarity and the Question of Palestine
 Sarah Ihmoud\* (College of the Holy Cross) Love Letters to Gaza

#### [X-07] The Perils of Genocide: Past and Present

Organizer: Melanie Tanielian (U of Michigan, Ann Arbor) Chair: Erdag Göknar (Duke U)

Melanie Tanielian (U of Michigan, Ann Arbor) Famine and Starvation Crimes: Humanitarian Management of Colonial Settler Regimes Past and Present

Elyse Semerdjian (Clark U) Artsakh, Gaza, and the Slow Violence of Genocide by Attrition

Heghnar Watenpaugh (U of California, Davis) Captive Sites and Survivor Objects: Destruction and Confiscation of Cultural Heritage as a Hallmark of Genocide

Keith David Watenpaugh (U of California, Davis) Towards an Ethic of Comparison: Empathy, Consistency, and Middle Eastern Genocide in Comparative Perspective

#### [X-09] Riverine Journeys: Discovering New Selves and New Tropes

Organizer: Doaa Omran (U of New Mexico) Discussant: Feroza Jussawalla (U of New Mexico) Wael Salam (Kenyon College) *The River Sugreir in the Blue Between Sky and Water: The Palestinian Journey of Displacement, Expulsion and Homelessness* 

#### [X-15] Decolonizing Politics and Poetics

Zeena Fuleihan (Duke U) Unraveling Language: The Politics of Refusal in Witnessing Genocide Randal Khalil (U of Houston) Sisterhood and the Palestinian Metaphor: The Case of Sahar Khalifeh's The Inheritance (1997) and Susan Abulhawa's Against the Loveless World (2019)

## SATURDAY, 16 NOV 3:30 PM – Session XI

Georgetown University, ICC Auditorium & Livestreamed

[XI-01] Academic Freedom in Middle East Studies After October 7th (Presidential Panel)

Organizer, Chair: Asli Bâli (Yale Law School) Beshara Doumani\* (Brown U) Marc Lynch (George Washington U) Alondra Nelson (Institute for Advanced Study) Dylan Saba

# <u>Conference Sessions Not Related to Palestinian Studies with PARC Fellows or</u> <u>Board Members Presenting Papers</u>

## TUESDAY, 12 NOV 2:30 PM - Session IV

[IV-07] Slow Violence and Hidden Culprits in the SWANA: "Green Neoliberalism", Capitalist Exploitation and the Future of Global Environmental Governance

Organizer/Chair: Lauren Baker (Northwestern U)

Organizer: Khaoula Bengezi (York U)

Khaoula Bengezi (York U) Capitalist Dreamscapes of an "Arid" Desertland: Slow Violences in Transforming Morocco's Sahara Desert into a Site of Energy Production

Ekin Kurtic (Northwestern U) The Politics of Sacrifice and Nature Restoration in the Çoruh Valley

Lauren Baker (Northwestern U) The Cost of Cleaning: Tracing the Slow Violences of Sanitization at COP27 and COP28

Kali Rubaii\* (Purdue U) Against Cleanup: A Valley Harmed by Post-war Repair

## WEDNESDAY, 13 NOV 2:30 PM - Session VI

## **[VI-02] ROUNDTABLE**

## Rethinking Land, Money, the Company, and Property

Organizer: Rana Baker, King's College London Kristen Alff\* (North Carolina State U) Aaron G. Jakes (U of Chicago) Rana Baker (King's College London) Nada Moumtaz (U of Toronto)

# THURSDAY, 14 NOV 11:30 AM – Session VII

## [VII-01] SPECIAL SESSION

## Mapping and Critiquing the Humanities in the Arab Region

Organized by the Arab Council for the Social Sciences and MESA Organizer: Seteney Shami (Arab Council for the Social Sciences) Elizabeth Suzanne Kassab (Doha Institute for Graduate StudiesI ) Mohammed A. Bamyeh (U of Pittsburgh) Hoda Elsadda (Cairo U) Dina Rizk Khoury\* (George Washington U)