



# NEW DIRECTIONS IN PALESTINIAN STUDIES



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BRINGS TOGETHER EMERGING AND ESTABLISHED SCHOLARS  
TO SHAPE KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION  
ON PALESTINE AND THE PALESTINIANS.

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.

- NDPS has brought over 150 scholars to participate in **five annual workshops**.
- NDPS hosts the first and only **endowed post-doctoral fellowship** dedicated to Palestinian Studies.
- NDPS launched with University of California Press the first and only **book series** dedicated to Palestinian studies.
- 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.

5th annual new directions in  
palestinian studies workshop  
march 9-10, 2018



# THE SHADOW YEARS: Material Histories of Everyday Life



## 2018

How can we expand our understanding of “the political” by examining daily struggles for survival, freedom, and a dignified life?

How can we rethink the causes and consequences of ruptures such as 1917, 1948, and 1967 from the perspective of everyday material practices of ordinary Palestinians?



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2017

What does it mean for the colonized, the disenfranchised, and the displaced to produce narratives through archival and memorial practices?

How do Palestinian archives and memories serve as sites of struggle and mobilization or appropriation and looting?



## THE POLITICS OF ARCHIVES and

## THE PRACTICES OF MEMORY

joukowsky forum  
watson institute  
fri-sat  
march 3-4, 2017

2016

What are the intellectual and political stakes of scholarship on Palestine and the Palestinians?

And what are emerging and promising new directions of research?



3rd annual  
new directions in  
palestinian studies



**APPROACHES  
TO RESEARCH  
ON PALESTINE  
AND THE  
PALESTINIANS**

mckinney conference room,  
watson institute  
march 4 - march 5

2015

How do cultural practices inform and transform the political experiences of ordinary Palestinians?

How can we expand the field of politics through cultural practices?



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**PALESTINE:**  
POLITICAL CULTURES AND  
THE CULTURES OF POLITICS

2014

How do infrastructures of economy and power shape Palestinian politics?

And how do national politics configure economic possibilities?

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Political Economy and the Economy of the Political



[www.palestinianstudies.org](http://www.palestinianstudies.org)





**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,**  
**PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND CONFLICT STUDIES, TUFTS UNIVERSITY,  
AND 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.”



The thematically organized NDPS **workshops are designed to showcase the research of young scholars** working on Palestinian history, society, and culture.

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

- **Two-thirds are junior scholars** (PhD candidates, postdoctoral fellows, and assistant professors), who present the majority of papers and for whom NDPS covers travel and accommodation.
- More than **half are women**.
- **One-third are senior scholars** and practitioners, most of whom cover their own expenses.
- **One-third are based outside of the United States**. Nearly half of these are based in Palestine-Israel.



## NDPS PARTICIPANTS AND ATTENDEES:\*

**Toufoul Abou-Hodieb**, Nasser Abourahme, **Nadia L. Abu El-Haj**, **Lila Abu-Lughod**, Bashir Abu Manneh, Lama Abu-Odeh, Safa Abu-Rabia, **Faiz Ahmed**, Ala Alazzeah, Kristen Alff, Gadi Algazi, Diana Allan, **Ahmad Amara**, Amal Amireh, Francesco Amoruso, Charles Anderson, Sinan Antoon, Seth Anziska, Hanan Ashrawi, **Sa'ed Atshan**, **Issmat Atteereh**, Ibtisam Azem, **Ariella Azoulay**, Ryvka Barnard, Shahzad Bashir, Parsa Bastani, **Joel Bein**, Nimrod Ben Zeev, **Amahl Bishara**, Samia Botmeh, Tom Brocket, **Martin Bunton**, Nitsan Chorev, Emilio Dabed, Muna Dajani, Leena Dallasheh, Sophie Richter-Devroe, **Emily Drumsta**, Caroline Elkins, Kareem Estefan, Basma Fahoum, Munir Fakher Eldin, Hilary Falb Kalisman, **Leila Farsakh**, **Ilana Feldman**, Gary Fields, Malay Firoz, Nell Gabiam, Katharina Galor, **Julia Gettle**, Faris Giacaman, Jo Guldi, Bassam Haddad, Dotan Halevy, Weeam Hammoudeh, Anaheed Al-Hardan, Frances Hasso, Thayer Hastings, **Yara Hawari**, Sara Hefny, Shir Hever, Patrick Higgins, **Nadia Hijab**, Sandi Hilal, Marianne Hirsch, Sarah Ihmoud, **Omar Jabary Salamanca**, Manal Jamal, Rania Jawad, **Rhoda Kanaaneh**, Eileen Kane, Jennifer Kelly, Raja Khalidi, **Rashid Khalidi**, **Elias Khoury**, Joseph Leidy, Vincent Lemire, **Zachary Lockman**, Peter Makhoul, Shami-ran Mako, Maud Mandel, Adel Manna, Hani Masri, Mazen Masri, Susynne McElrone, Fredrik Meiton, **Brinkley Messick**, Andrew Meyer, Penelope Mitchell, **Sreemati Mitter**, **Chana Morgenstern**, Issam Nassar, Maha Nassar, Dina Omar, **Adi Ophir**, Molly Oringer, Maen Owda, **Ilan Pappé**, Silvia Pasquetti, **Keisha-Khan Perry**, **Nicola Perugini**, **Julie Peteet**, Sharri Plonski, Danya Qato, **Mezna Qato**, Kareem Rabie, **Hilary Rantisi**, **Shira Robinson**, **Nadim Rouhana**, **Dima Saad**, **Areej Sabbagh-Khoury**, Sobhi Samour, **Sherene Seikaly**, Gershon Shafir, Julia Shatz, Mtanes Shehadeh, Yehuda Shenhav, Naoko Shibusawa, Ahmad Shokr, Hana Sleiman, **Christian Sorensen**, Sophia Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Michael Steinberg, Ann Stoler, **Maysoun Sukarieh**, **Samee Sulaiman**, Maia Tabet, Abdel Razzaq Takriti, **Salim Tamari**, Alaa Tartir, **Omar Imseeh Tesdell**, Thomas Levi Thompson, Sarah Tobin, **Meltem Toksoz**, Foad Torshizi, Faedah Totah, **Hanan Toukan**, Gabriel Varghese, Randa Wahbe, Marshall Watson, Elizabeth Williams, **Alex Winder**, Polly Withers, Nadia Yaqub, Haneen Zoabi

*\*Bold names indicate those who have attended more than one workshop.*

PALESTINE-RELATED EVENTS AT BROWN SINCE 2013:  
 OVER TWENTY-FIVE LECTURES AND BOOK TALKS.  
 OVER TWENTY FILM SCREENINGS.  
 FIVE PANELS, WORKSHOPS, AND SYMPOSIA.  
 EXHIBITIONS AND PERFORMANCES.

SECURITY SEMINAR SERIES  
 Watson Institute for International Studies  
 Middle East Studies



**SECURITY SOCIETY IN GAZA:  
 POLICE ENCOUNTERS  
 UNDER EGYPTIAN RULE**

**ILANA FELDMAN**  
 Associate Professor of Anthropology,  
 History, and International Affairs  
 George Washington University


**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9 AT 5PM**  
 Joukowsky Forum  
 Watson Institute  
 111 Tliayer Street

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middle east studies  
 spring 2016 lecture

**SARA ROY**  
 senior research scholar, associate,  
 center for middle eastern studies,  
 harvard university



**GAZA:  
 CAST BACKWARDS,  
 A WAY FORWARD**

thursday, march 10  
 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.  
 joukowsky forum  
 watson institute  
 registration required

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middle east studies  
 film series spring 2016

**3000 nights**  
 with director mai masri

comments by beshara doumani  
 director, middle east studies  
 joukowsky family distinguished professor  
 modern middle east history

**&A with director mai masri**  
 follow screening

wednesday, april 13  
 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
 smith-buonanno hall 100

sponsored by the Department of Modern Culture and Media Studies  
 and the Malcolm S. Forbes Center for Culture and Media Studies

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**THE POLITICS OF HUMAN SHIELDING**

workshop with organizers  
 Neve Gordon and Nicola Perugini

Banu Bargu | Bruce Cronin  
 Avner Gidron | Lisa Hajjar  
 Chase Madar | Charles Dunlap  
 Alice Hills

Cosponsorship: Watson Collaboration Grant

McKinney Conference Room  
 9:15 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Tuesday, November 17, 2015

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Each semester, the **Critical Conversations** series brings together a panel of academics and practitioners and engages them in conversations with each other and with the community on questions of great public and historical import.

February 2014: **"After Oslo,"** with Rashid Khalidi

October 2014: **"Two States: An Illusion?"** with Ian Lustick

March 2015: **"What Is To Be Done?"** with Hanan Ashrawi and Hani Masri

March 2016: **"Suffocating Embrace? The Futures of Palestinians in Israel,"**  
with Haneen Zoabi, Shira Robinson, and Gershon Shafir

October 2016: **"Clinton, Trump, and the Middle East,"** with Rami Khouri

March 2017: **"Palestine-Israel in the Trump Era,"**  
with Rashid Khalidi and Sherene Seikaly

March 2018: **"Permission to Speak: Boycott and the Politics of Solidarity,"**  
with Nasser Abourahme, Laura Raicovich, and Sherene Seikaly



Middle East Studies at Brown University is home to the first **endowed postdoctoral position in Palestine and Palestinian Studies** in the United States. The annual award attracts scores of applicants from the top research universities in the world.

**Areej Sabbagh-Khoury** (2016–2017) works on relations between leftist Zionist kibbutzim and Palestinian villagers in Northern Palestine within a settler-colonial framework.

**Alex Winder** (2017–2018) focuses on policing and crime in British Mandate Palestine, with particular attention to tensions and accommodations between Arab policemen and Arab communities.







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 Palaestina: The Seven Photography Albums of Wasif Jawhariyyeh**, by Issam Nassar, Stephen Sheehi, and Salim Tamari.

*Photo from the Jawhariyyeh Collection, Institute for Palestine Studies*

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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.





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