

The Nakba: Sixty Years of Dispossession, Sixty Years of Resistance

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Weekend Conference

21st-22nd February 2009 | The Brunei Gallery – SOAS – University of London

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Day One: Saturday 21st February

Registration and refreshments: 9.00am-9.30am

Keynote: Walid Khalidi (Co-founder of the Institute of Palestine Studies)

From 1947 to 1897: From Partition to Basle

9.30am-10.30am

Session One: Memory, Erasure, and the Search for Palestinian History

10.30am-12.30pm

Chair: **John Chalcraft** (London School of Economics)

Karma Nabulsi (University of Oxford)

**Resistance History from Below and the Collective Retrieval of Memory:
Towards a New Historiography**

Ilan Pappé (University of Exeter)

The Struggle Over Memory: the Future Agenda

Randa Farah (University of Western Ontario)

Palestinian Refugees and their Oral Histories: History's silence, Memory's Burden

Lunch: 12.30pm-1.30pm

Session Two: The Challenge of Sources and the Persistence of Myth

1.30pm-3.00pm

Chair: **Ilan Pappé** (University of Exeter)

Saleh Abdel-Jawad (Birzeit University)

The Credibility and Limits of Refugee Oral Testimonies

Isabelle Humphries (University of Surrey)

Reading from a Different Archive: Alternative History and Palestinian Internally Displaced of the Galilee

Norman Finkelstein (independent researcher)

The June 1967 War: What Bestsellers Proclaim, What Scholarship and the Documentary Record Show

Refreshments: 3.00pm-3.15pm

Session Three: Cultural Resistance

3.15pm-4.45pm

Chair: **Bashir Abu-Manneh** (Barnard College, New York)

Salwa Mikdadi (Curator and Publisher)

Creative Uprising – Palestinian Artists Alternative Strategies of Resistance

Suleiman Mansour (Artist)

Artists in the Time of Revolution: Demands, Tensions, Contradictions

Sinan Antoon (New York University)

Darwish and the Poetics of Resistance

Refreshments: 4.45pm-5.00pm

Session Four: History of the Palestinian National Liberation Movement

5.00pm-6.45pm

Chair: **Gilbert Achcar** (School of Oriental and African Studies)

Bashir Abu Manneh (Barnard College, New York)

Problems of Palestinian Liberation

Fadle Naqib (University of Waterloo)

The Economic Orientation of the Palestinian National Movement

Roger Heacock (Birzeit University)

Stones, Bullets, Ballots: Intifada, An Unfinished Drama in Several Acts

Khaled Hroub (University of Cambridge)

The Decline of Secular Nationalism and the Rise of Political Islam

Day Two: Sunday 22nd February

Session Five: Social and Economic History of Palestinian Resistance

10:45am-12:45pm

Chair: **Roger Heacock** (Birzeit University)

Musa Budeiri (Birzeit University)

What Would a Class Analysis of Palestinian history Conclude about Possibilities of Palestinian Resistance? (tbc)

Penny Johnson (Birzeit University)

"The Big Ones Can Do Nothing": Reflections on the Histories of Women's Struggles for Family, Community and Nation in the Lens of the Palestinian present

Ahmad Sa'di (Ben Gurion University)

Resisting to Survive: The Palestinians in Israel During the First Two Decades

Lori Allen (University of Cambridge)

Fatah and Hamas: Corruption and Political Ethics in Palestine

Lunch: 12.45pm-2.00pm

Session Six: Forces of Counter-Resistance: The (Still) Unvanquished Enemies of Palestine

2:00pm-4:00pm

Chair: **Fadle Naqib** (University of Waterloo)

Moshe Machover (Kings College, London)

The long-term strategy of Zionist Colonisation

Seumas Milne (The Guardian)

The Role of Imperialism in the Palestine Tragedy

Gilbert Achcar (School of Oriental and African Studies)

Collusions and Illusions: Arab States and Palestinian Liberation

Laleh Khalili (School of Oriental and African Studies)

The Location of Palestine in Global Counterinsurgencies

Refreshments: 4.00pm-4.15pm

Session Seven - Roundtable discussion: The Meaning of Gaza: History Reconsidered in Times of Catastrophe

4:15pm-6:00pm

Chair tbc

Karma Nabulsi, Saleh Abdel-Jawad, Gilbert Achcar, Norman Finkelstein, Ilan Pappé

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