



**Birzeit University's Institute of Women's Studies' 9<sup>th</sup> annual conference**

## **Confronting Feminist Co-optation and Backlash: colonial legacies, imperial neoliberalism, and anti-feminisms**

### **Panels & speakers**

#### **Day 1**

**Keynote speaker:** \*KALPANA WILSON, “Resisting neoliberal feminism, building anti-imperial feminist solidarities

#### **Panel 1: Globalized feminist frames: liberal rights and neoliberal freedom**

Moderator: Rema Hammami

1. “Feminism and Neoliberalism: Women Farmers Rewriting a Gendered Land Tenure Reform in Sidi Kacem” / Souad Eddouda (virtual)
2. “The Brave Woman and the Protective State: Egyptian TV Narratives on Sexual Harassment” / Vickie Langohr
3. “(Re)doing Feminism: Digital Activism and the Mudawana Debate in Morocco” / Meriem El Haitami (virtual)
4. “Gender-based financial inclusion in Palestine” / Hanna Baumann, Christopher Harker, Dareen Sayyad, Reema Shebeith

**Keynote speaker: \*\*VERÓNICA GAGO (virtual)**

#### **Panel 2: Strategies of feminist mobilization: navigating limits, challenging constraints**

Moderator: Lena Meari

1. “From al-Fanar and al-Badil in the 1990s to Tal’aat: revolutionary movements and revolutionary mobilization” / Janan Abdu
2. “The Unfortunate Encounter between CEDAW and colonialism” / Islah Jad
3. “Feminist politics under colonialism: struggling for equality in personal status laws” / Areen Hawari
4. “Webs of oppression: an intersectional analysis of inequalities facing women activists in Palestine” / Amal Nazzal

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imperialism, fascism and reproductive rights and justice, with a focus on South Asia and its diasporas. She is the author of *Race, Racism and Development: Interrogating History, Discourse and Practice* (Zed Books, 2012) and has published widely on racialisation in development, appropriation of feminism, women's collective agency in labour movements, population policies, visual representations, and diasporas in development. She is a founder member of the South Asia Solidarity Group.

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## Day 2

### **Panel 1: Feminist challenges in neoliberal universities**

Moderator: Rana Barakat

1. "Spaces of in-between: Locating feminist trajectories in decolonial critique in contemporary Egypt"/ Sarah Farag
2. "Space invaders and the expulsion of the Revolutionary Subject: exploring feminism between betrayal and errant path to liberation"/ Hanna Al-Taher
3. "The crossroads of care practices in the neoliberalized academia: a feminist analysis of two public universities in Columbia and Mexico"/ Isaura Castelao-Huerta

### **Panel 2: Theorizing feminisms and contemporary formations of power**

Moderator: Amira Silmi

1. "A Double Helix: Feminist Theory and Imperialism"/ Frances S Hasso
2. "Western Feminism and its Analytics"/ Anna Krylova
3. "Patriarchal (Dis)orders: Backlash as 'Crisis Management' by Spatial Fixes"/ Chloe Skinner