

Birzeit University's Institute of Women's Studies' 4th annual conference

Getting Right Women's Rights: Re-thinking Gender and Law in Colonial Palestine

Panel 1: Law, Gender and Violence; Palestinian Women, Israeli Law

Chair: Reem Botmeh

1. Confined and Condemned: A Socio-legal Analysis of the Israeli Military Court System on Palestinian Society in the West Bank and Gaza/ Lisa Hajjar (University of California - Santa Barbara)
2. Casting Out: "Citizenship," Legal Surveillance and the Eviction of Palestinians/Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian (Mada al-Karmal, Haifa)
3. Israeli Legislation on Family Unification/ Advocate Hassan Jabareen (Adalah)

Plenary Session: Re-thinking Gender Rights: The Law, Liberal Subjects and Colonial Violence

Chair: Dr Islah Jad

Keynote Speech: Secularism, Sexuality and Family Law: The Making of Sectarian Conflict?

Saba Mahmood (University of California - Berkeley)

Panel 2: Government, Gender and the Personal: Women's Rights and the Palestinian Authority

Chair -Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian (Mada al-Karmal, Haifa)

1. The Palestinian Authority and Law: the Post-Oslo Project of Instituting a Legal System/Reem Botmeh
2. Reflections on Gender Legal Strategies Post-Oslo: Strategies, Achievements, and Failures/Maha Abu Dayyeh Women's Center for Legal Aid and Counseling, Jerusalem)
3. Gender and Christian Family Law/Ghassan Faramand
4. Gender and the Palestinian Labor Law/Bouthaina Salem (Palestinian Ministry of Labor)

Closing Plenary: Reflections on Conference Proceedings

Chair - Dr Lisa Hajjar

Special Roundtable: Women's Rights and the Law-Lessons from the Arab Spring - The Cases of Egypt and Tunis:

- Egyptian Women's Rights, the Revolution and the Problematic Legacy of State Feminism/Hala Kamal (Women and Memory Forum, Cairo) via satellite
- Strategizing Through the Context of Possibility: The Process of Actively Negotiating Women's Rights in the Tunisian Revolution/Nabila Hamza (Foundation for the Future, Amman)