

Birzeit University's Institute of Women's Studies' 3rd annual conference

Re-thinking Governance & Gender in an Age of Empire

Day 1

Panel 1: Gender, Governance & Colonialism - Framing the Debate
Conference overview & introduction of theme & panelists / Islah Jad

Keynote: A Gendered Approach to Governance in Post-Colonial Contexts / Aruna Rao

- Palestinian Governmentality: Between the Politics of Life & Death/ Rema Hammami

Panel 2: The Politics of Rights between Colonialism & Statelessness
Introduction of theme & panelists/ Hadeel Qazzaz

Keynote: Gender & Rights under Colonialism - The Palestinian Struggle Inside 1948 /Hassan Jabareen

- Legal Reform in Palestine & Its Implications for Gender Equity/Reem Botmeh
 - The Rule of Law in Gaza: Is Law Still a Useful Tool for Women? /Raji Sourani
- Commentary /Esmail Nashif

Panel 3: Gender, Political Economy & Post-Colonial Contexts
Introduction of theme & panelists / Samia Botmeh

Keynote: The Intersection of Globalization, Religious Fundamentalism & Militaristic Nationalism & the Resurgence of Patriarchy. The Indian Experience/Kalyani Menon-Sen

- Palestinian Political Economy under Colonialism: Toward Greater Dependency/Eileen Kuttab
 - The Economic Situation of Palestinian Women in Jaffa: Between Globalisation & Exclusion/Mtanes Shihadeh
- Commentary/Jamil Hilal

Day 2

Panel 1: Gender & Governance: Resisting or Securing the Occupiers?

Introduction of theme & panelists Linda Tabar

Keynote: Palestinian Civil Society - An Alternative System of Governance? /Ala Al-Azzeh

- Mainstreaming Gender: Palestinian Women's Experience Within the Establishment/Zahira Kamal
 - In Search of the Social:
Prisoners & the Poor in an Emerging Palestinian Social Contract/Penny Johnson
- Commentary/Linda Tabar

Panel 2: Testimonies of Survival & Resistance from Sheikh Jarrah

Introduction of speakers/Rula Abu Duhou

- Testimonies from Sheikh Jarrah (Ms. Maysun Al-Ghawi, Ms. Khawla Hanun, Ms. Nadia Hanun, Ms. Rivka Al-Kurd, Ms. Maissa Al-Kurd, Ms. Mariam Al-Ghawi)
- Gesture of appreciation/Islah Jad

Panel 3: Plenary Discussion Governance for Liberation, Self-Reliance & Gender Justice

Introduction to theme & invitation to discussion/Lena Meari