

Birzeit University's Institute of Women's Studies' 2nd annual conference

Formations of Violence within the Palestinian Reality: Colonialism, Power Structure and Gender

Day 1

Panel 1: Theoretical Overview to the Study of Violence and Gender
Commentator: Lena Meari

- Feminist Conceptualizations of War: Geographies of Thinking/ Dubravka Zarkov
- Choking the Soul : Reflections on Violence, Subjugation, and Traumatic Becoming/ Stefania Pandolfo

Panel 2: Colonial Violence: Palestinian Perspectives on the Israeli Occupation and its Effects on Women and Gender Relations
Commentator: Eileen Kuttab

- The Israeli Occupation and its effects on Palestinian Women in Jerusalem/ Sama Aweidah
- The Impact of Siege and Sanctions on Women in Gaza/ Aitemad Muhanna
- Discourses on Masculinity in Oppressive Contexts: Palestinian Men under the Israeli Military Rule/ Arin Hawari
- The War on Gaza and its Effects on Psychological Health of Women and Men/ Rita Giacaman
- The Political Economy of Palestinian Women in Israel/ Himmat Zubi
- The Impact of Sanctions, Siege and Military Violence on Women and Men in Gaza: findings of a UNIFEM Gender Assessment/ Rema Hammami

Panel 3: Domestic Violence: Palestinian Research and Activist Perspectives
Commentator: Penny Johnson

- Gender Based Violence in Palestine/ Najwah Yaghi
- The Palestinian Experience in Surveying Violence: Findings of Domestic Violence Survey 2005/2006 / Ashraf Hamdan
- Violence Against Women/ Afaf Zebdeh

Day 2

Panel 1: National Violence: Palestinian Approaches to the Study of Structures of Political Power, Authority and Resistance and their Impact on Women
Commentator: Jamil Hilal

- Women of the Hamas Movement and Positions towards Martyrdom Operations by Women/ Islah Jad
- Women of Gaza: Teach Us Some of What You Have/ Hadeel Qazzaz
- Palestinian Women and the Security Forces/ Penny Johnson
- The Palestinian National Plan to Combat Violence Women and the Palestinian Authority/ Fatena Wazzaefi
- Internal Violence: Practices of the Security Forces in the West Bank and Gaza/ Khadija Hussein
- Women and Trafficking in Palestine/ Ohaila Shomar

Panel 2: Roundtable Analytical Wrap Up: Towards building a combined framework for understanding multiple fields of violence and gender
Chair: Samera Esmeir

Day 3

Panel 1: In Recognition of Palestinian Women and their Roles in Resistance: A Roundtable with Palestinian Women Ex-Political Prisoners

- Palestinian Women Political Prisoners Tell Their Stories
- Public discussion