



**PALESTINIAN  
STUDIES**  
BROWN UNIVERSITY  
CENTER FOR MIDDLE EAST STUDIES

## Who Owns Palestine?

Seventh Annual Workshop of New Directions in Palestinian Studies  
March 6–7, 2020  
Watson Institute, McKinney Conference Room

### Friday, March 6, 2020

9:00–9:30 a.m. Welcoming Remarks **Beshara Doumani**

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9:30–11:15 a.m.

#### **Panel 1: Land and Settler Colonialism**

**Discussant: Shiri Pasternak**

1. **Suhad Bishara**, Legalities of Indigeneity and the Politics of Power in Palestine
  2. **Haim Yacobi** and **Elyna Milner**, Ownership as a Battleground: The Politics of Planning and Land in Israel/Palestine
  3. **Paul Kohlbry**, Ownership without Guarantees: Palestinian Titles, Settler Markets, and the Problem of the Future
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11:15–11:30 a.m. *Coffee Break*

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11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

#### **Panel 2: Ownership Troubles**

**Discussant: Sherene Seikaly**

1. **Fadia Panosetti**, Evolving Regimes of Land Use and Ownership in the West Bank: Between Dispossession, Resistance to it, and Neoliberalism
  2. **Kjersti Berg**, From Mu'askar to Shu'fat camp. Humanitarian Contradictions and Refugees' Struggles to Belong in Jerusalem
  3. **Tareq Radi**, Cultivating Credit: Financialized Urbanization is Alienation!
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1:15–3:00 p.m. *Lunch*

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3:00–4:45 p.m.

#### **Panel 3: Spatiality and Heritage**

**Discussant: Sa'ed Atshan**

1. **Caitlin Procter**, Visit Gaza: Promoting Ownership of Public Space in the Gaza Strip
2. **Nour Joudah**, Palestinian Countermapping: Reclaiming Pasts and Futures via Archives and Design

3. **Elizabeth Bentley**, *Owning Extinction: Tracing Rhetorical Figurations of the Last Crocodile in Palestine*
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4:45–5:00 p.m. *Coffee Break*

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5:00–6:00 p.m. **Open Discussion**

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7:30 p.m. **Official Dinner** for Participants and Invited Guests at The Summit, Graduate Hotel, Providence

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**Saturday, March 7, 2020**

9:00–10:45 a.m.

**Panel 4: Law and Ownership**

**Discussant: Beshara Doumani**

1. **Munir Fakher Eldin**, *British Land Reform and the Frontier Situation in Palestine*
  2. **Terry Rempel**, *Custodians of Law: Palestine Refugees, Property Rights, Legal Paradigms (1948-1968)*
  3. **Ahmad Amara**, *The "Holy Lands" of Jerusalem: Waqf/Trust Land and Inter-Communal Relations*
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10:45–11:00 a.m. *Coffee break*

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11:00 am–12:45 p.m.

**Panel 5: Family and Property**

**Discussant: Rashid Khalidi**

1. **Randa Wahbe**, *Martyrs as State Property: The Cemeteries of Numbers as a Case Study in Body Commodification*
  2. **Lucy Garbett**, *Land Contestation and Class Formation in Jerusalem: A Tale of Two Families*
  3. **Clayton Goodgame**, *Custodians of Descent: The Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem and the Family Waqf*
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1:00–2:30 p.m. **Concluding Discussion over Lunch**