

## NEW DIRECTIONS IN PALESTINIAN STUDIES

brings together emerging and established scholars to shape knowledge production on Palestine and the Palestinians

**New Directions in Palestinian Studies (NDPS)** at Brown University has built an international community of scholars dedicated to decolonizing and globalizing this field of study. The initiative continues to expand its collaboration with universities, programs and centers inside and outside of the United States.

In 2020, Brown University established the **Mahmoud Darwish faculty chair in Palestinian Studies**, the first of its kind at a major research university. NDPS also hosts a **post-doctoral fellowship** dedicated to Palestinian Studies. Both appointments teach undergraduate-level courses and organize programming around a variety of topics on Palestine and the Palestinians.

New Directions in Palestinian Studies' **book series** is published through University of California Press' open access platform, Luminos. Books in the series are made available as free e-books as well as an affordable paperback edition. This series publishes books that put Palestinians at the center of research projects and that make an innovative contribution to decolonizing and globalizing knowledge production about the Palestinians in and beyond Palestine.

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NDPS hosts annual thematically-organized **workshops** designed to showcase the research of emerging scholars working on Palestinian history, society and culture.



**2014**  
**Political Economy and the Economy of the Political**

Political economy, broadly construed to include a range of approaches from social history to discursive constructions of “economy,” constitutes an enduring perspective that resists the hyper-focus on politics, identity and other subjects shaped by Palestine’s embroilment in conflict or identification as the “Holy Land.”



**2015**  
**Palestine: Political Cultures and the Cultures of Politics**

Setting out to fill major gaps in understanding the political experiences of ordinary Palestinians and their mediation, reproduction and transformation by cultural practices, this workshop pushed the “political” beyond its conventional boundaries through both materialist and discursive analyses of political culture and the culture of politics.



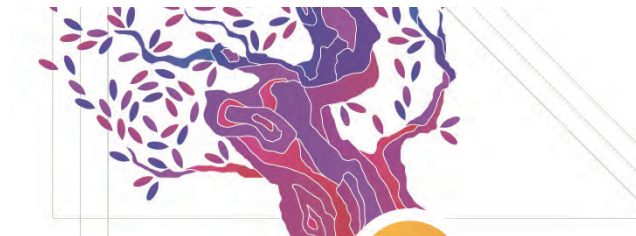
**2016**  
**Approaches to Research on Palestine and the Palestinians**

This workshop reflected on emerging lines of inquiry on Palestine and the Palestinians, considering the past, present and future of Palestinian Studies as a field—and NDPS as an initiative—and addressing the larger intellectual and political stakes of particular topics, methodologies and paradigms.



**2017**  
**The Politics of Archives and the Practices of Memory**

An archive fever has been coursing through the Palestinian body politic for two decades now. This workshop considered Palestinian archival and memorial practices under conditions of colonization, disenfranchisement and displacement, viewing archives as sites of appropriation as well as struggle.



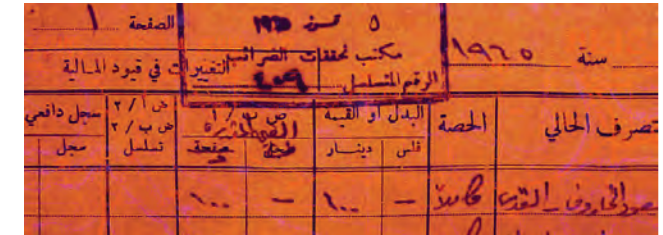
**2018**  
**The Shadow Years: Material Histories of Everyday Life**

At a time of grim anniversaries—100 years since Balfour, 70 years since 1948, 50 years since 1967—we considered not only the monumental impact of but the shadows that these events cast over Palestinian history. This workshop explored adjacent periods to recast and contextualize these moments of trauma and violence within the larger dynamics of Palestinian society and history.



**2019**  
**Palestinian Homes and Houses**

Whether inhabited, remembered, imagined or recently lost, home is the engine room of Palestinian subjectivities: a site of social relations and emotional investments. Houses are also sites of capital investment, the core of the built environment, embedded in property and planning regimes. This workshop examined houses and homes—and the relationship between the two—to explore subjective and material dimensions of being Palestinian.



**2020**  
**Who Owns Palestine?**

This workshop considered different ways of understanding, claiming, representing and mobilizing ownership in and of Palestine. By thinking of what it means to “own” Palestine in the past, present and future, workshop participants brought into question the very notion of ownership and its commensurability with Palestinian indigenous practices and contemporary realities.



**2023**  
**The Palestinian Revolutionary Tradition and Global Anti-Colonialism**

This workshop explored the historic and contemporary manifestations of Palestine’s vibrant anti-colonial revolutionary tradition. By examining its past trajectories and its future horizons within Palestine and across the *shatat*, the workshop illuminated new departure points for understanding the revolutions’ global influences, interconnections and impacts.



**2024**  
**Palestine and the Palestinians after October 7**

Three generations (emerging, established, senior) of engaged scholars envisioned how to move forward conceptually and practically as a community. Attendees discussed twelve short think pieces focused on the internal landscape of the Palestinian body politic within regional and global contexts.