

un/learning Palestine

— an embodied colearning space —



*** the following care-full resource bundles were prepared in the context of un/learning Palestine - an embodied colearning space cofacilitated by Valentina Azarova and Yara Hawari which met at FAC research in October and November 2024. the gatherings, including some 15 participants, culminated in a series of workshops and public discussions held during the final week of November with a delegation of Palestinian and Lebanese activists.***

Session #1

Resources

Reading

- Nada Elia, [Justice is Indivisible: Palestine as a Feminist Issue](#) (2017) especially pp 53-61
- Sara Ihmoud, [Palestinian feminism](#), Feminist Anthropology (2020) pp 284-295
- Sara Ihmoud, ['Ghassa,' The Lump in One's Throat Blocking Tears and Speech | Institute for Palestine Studies](#)
- Queers in Palestine, [From Palestine to the World October 2024](#) and [A Liberatory Demand](#)

Questions

1. why and how is the Palestinian liberation struggle and Palestine an (abolition) feminist issue?
2. what are palestinian feminisms inviting us to be and sit with and to enact?
3. how does the palestinian struggle intersect with other feminisms and struggles?
4. how do we practice our solidarity with Palestinian struggles?

Session #2

Resources

Readings

- ME O'Brien and Eman Abdelhadi's [Everything for everyone](#), chapter 2
- Raya Ziada in "[Necesitamos seguir imaginando la posibilidad de una Palestina libre](#)" ([google translation in English](#))
- Sarah Ihmoud, [Decolonizing "Peace": Notes Towards a Palestinian Feminist Critique](#)
- Mohammed El Kurd, [Jewish settlers stole my house. It's not my fault they're Jewish. – Mondoweiss](#) (inspired by James Baldwin's [Negroes Are Anti-Semitic Because They're Anti-White](#))

Listening/watching

- [Palestine is a Feminist Struggle! Join for a conversation with Soheir Assad and Dr. Sarah Ihmoud](#) (video, March 2021)
- [Walaa Alqaisiya – Queer Feminism in Palestine](#) (video, 2022) (fyi - maybe for another session - we have Walaa's articles (eg [anti-imperial feminism](#)) and book ([Decolonial Queering in Palestine](#) (Routledge, 2022, especially the chapter on 'futural imaginaries', PDF in Drive) on the list)

Poems

- Hiba Abu Nada, [Not just passing](#)
- Rafeef Ziadeh, ['We teach life, sir'](#)
- Alex Greene, [minizine](#) (inspired by [bint haram](#))

Questions

1. what anticolonial and queer feminisms and feminist praxes are revived and perhaps also reframed through and by Palestinian liberation?
2. what queer/ing Palestinian liberation means?
3. what is radical imagination and how is it a force for transformation and liberation?
4. how can we hold the realities and complexities of antisemitism, (anti)zionism and Jewish (state) violences?

Session #3

Resources

Reading

- Yara Hawari, [Reimagining Palestine After One Year of Genocide | Al-Shabaka](#) (2024)
- Tuck and Yang, [Decolonization is not a metaphor](#) (especially intro + section on 'settler move to innocence')

- Nour Joudah, [Honoring pasts, escaping presents, and dwelling in futures: The Palestine land society village reconstruction competition, 2024](#)
- Valentina Azarova & Alexandra Lily Kather (emergent justice collective), [Contemporary International Criminal Law After Critique Symposium: embodied justice through praxes of abolition feminisms](#) (2024)

Listening / watching

- [Countless Palestinian Futures with Danah Abdulla & Sarona Abuaker | Al-Shabaka](#) (podcast 2023)
- Isabella Hammad, [Recognizing the Stranger](#) (based on [this](#) lecture given before October 7th)
- [Indigenous solidarity in the time of genocide w/ Madonna Thunder Hawk](#) (optional)
- Devin Atallah on [Palestinian Grief and Undying Liberation](#) (podcast 2024) (optional)

Poems

- Mahmoud Darwish's '[on wishes](#)' & sabreen's [song](#)
- Abdul-Latif Aqil's '[love the Palestinian way](#)' & sabreen's [song](#)
- Haya Zaatry's '[borders and promises](#)' (lyrics + translation in description)

Questions

1. How can we begin to imagine a radically different future for Palestine and beyond?
2. How do we work towards justice at a time of immense grief and loss?
3. How can we understand solidarity and decolonisation beyond rhetoric?

Session #4

Resources

Reading

- Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian and Stephen Sheehi, [Abolitionism, settler colonialism and state crime](#), State Crime Journal (2024) pp 132-143
- Walaa Alqaisiya, [The urgency of anti-imperialist feminism: Lessons from Palestine](#) (2024) pp 33-41
- Yara Hawari, [Community Accountability in Palestine: An Alternative to Policing](#) (Al-Shabaka, November 2021)
- Rana Barakat, [Reading Audre Lorde in Palestine: Exploring Differences between Generative and Extractive](#) Kohl - A Journal for Body and Gender Research 9:1 (Winter 2023)

Listening / watching

- [The Palestinian Prisoners' Movement](#) (Popular Cradle Podcast, July 2024)
- [The Struggle for Abolition: From the US to Palestine](#) (Haymarket Webinar 2020)

Poems / letters

- [Hind Joudah's poems](#) (in Passages Through Genocide)
- [Letter from Khalida Jarrar to her deceased daughter](#) (Mondoweiss, July 2021)
- [Living in a time not mine: An anonymous letter from inside an Israeli prison](#) (Skin Deep Mag, August 2022)

Optional/additional:

- Gesturing Towards Decolonial Futures on ['the gifts of failure'](#) and ['denials'](#) (see also: Vanessa Oliveira de Machado, [Hospicing modernity: Facing humanity's wrongs and the implications for social activism](#) (2019) & the recent [call for participants in a reading group on this book, from Mouries Collective](#))
- Critical Resistance, [Abolition and the Liberation of Palestine](#) (Webinar, November 2023)
- [Justice for Palestine: A Call to Action from Indigenous and Women of Color Feminists](#) (statement, June 2021)
- Nada Elia, [Greater Than the Sum of Our Parts: Feminism, Inter/Nationalism and Palestine](#) (Pluto Press, 2023) (chapter: 'a global intifada')

Questions

1. How and in what ways do abolition feminist values intersect and align with the Palestinian struggle for liberation? And where are there nuances and possible tensions?
2. What political, visions, narratives and lessons can we understand/ learn from the Palestinian prisoners' movement?
3. What anticolonial, anti-imperial and abolitionist visions and senses (thank you Dana!) of justice and accountability do these political struggles orient us towards?