# 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, <u>Justice is Indivisible: Palestine as a Feminist Issue</u> (2017) especially pp 53-61
- Sara Ihmoud, <u>Palestinian feminism</u>, 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, <u>From Palestine to the World October 2024</u> and <u>A Liberatory Demand</u>

## Questions

- 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 <u>"Necesitamos seguir imaginando la posibilidad de una Palestina libre"</u> (google translation in English)
- Sarah Ihmoud, <u>Decolonizing "Peace": Notes Towards a Palestinian Feminist</u> <u>Critique</u>
- Mohammed El Kurd, <u>Jewish settlers stole my house</u>. <u>It's not my fault they're</u>
   <u>Jewish</u>. <u>Mondoweiss</u> (inspired by James Baldwin's <u>Negroes Are Anti-Semitic</u>
   <u>Because They're Anti-White</u>)

# 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 <u>anti-imperial feminism</u>) and book (<u>Decolonial Queering in Palestine</u> (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, <u>Reimagining Palestine After One Year of Genocide | Al-Shabaka</u>
   (2024)
- Tuck and Yang, <u>Decolonization is not a metaphor</u> (especially intro + section on 'settler move to innocence')

- Nour Joudah, <u>Honoring pasts</u>, <u>escaping presents</u>, <u>and dwelling in futures</u>: <u>The Palestine land society village reconstruction competition</u>, <u>2024</u>
- 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, <u>Recognizing the Stranger</u> (based on <u>this</u> lecture given before October 7th)
- Indigenous solidarity in the time of genocide w/ Madonna Thunder Hawk (optional)
- Devin Atallah on <u>Palestinian Grief and Undying Liberation</u> (podcast 2024) (optional)

#### **Poems**

- Mahmoud Darwish's 'on wishes' & sabreen's song
- Abdul-Latif Aqil's <u>'love the Palestinian way</u>' & sabreen's <u>song</u>
- 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, <u>Abolitionism</u>, <u>settler</u> <u>colonialism and state crime</u>, State Crime Journal (2024) pp 132-143
- Walaa Alqaisiya, <u>The urgency of anti-imperialist feminism: Lessons from Palestine</u> (2024) pp 33-41
- Yara Hawari, <u>Community Accountability in Palestine: An Alternative to Policing</u> (Al-Shabaka, November 2021)
- Rana Barakat, <u>Reading Audre Lorde in Palestine: Exploring Differences</u>
   <u>between Generative and Extractive</u> Kohl A Journal for Body and Gender
   Research 9:1 (Winter 2023)

# Listening / watching

- The Palestinian Prisoners' Movement (Popular Cradle Podcast, July 2024)
- <u>The Struggle for Abolition: From the US to Palestine</u> (Haymarket Webinar 2020)

# Poems / letters

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

# Optional/additional:

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