



Palestine is a Feminist Issue | 44th Annual Conference Plenary Session

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For a number of people, the focus and commitment to a Free Palestine began on October 7, 2023. Other educators, artists, and organizers aligned with this global movement beforehand as Israel's colonial-supported genocidal war on Palestinians began with the Nakba of 1948, when more than 750,000 Palestinians were expelled or forced to flee from their homeland. Palestinian scholars in our field have been particularly attentive to Israeli occupation and Palestinian resistance, because Palestine is a feminist issue. If we are concerned with the complex relationships between gender and sexuality, race, class, age, and other positionalities, we must be concerned with Palestine. If we are concerned with global capitalism, neocolonialism, and other systems of power and dominance, we must be concerned with Palestine. If we are concerned with amplifying and honoring the righteous resistance of the subjugated and oppressed, then we must be concerned with Palestine. As Rabab Abdulhadi writes in "Living Under Occupation" (2012), "Consciousness of gender inequality (or any other structural inequality or injustice) can supersede, accompany, or result from awareness of other systemic oppression. In other words, as there are many sources of oppression, there are many paths to consciousness and liberation." In addition to situating Palestine as a feminist issue, Abdulhadi, Chair of the NWSA Feminists for Justice In/For Palestine Interest Group; Huwaida Arraf; Malak Mattar; and President Heidi R. Lewis will discuss the ways we can continue working together to understand and end the occupations of Palestine, Okinawa, Kashmir, Tigray, and all other colonized lands.

***"Peace cannot be achieved through violence; it can only be
attained through understanding." - Edward Said***

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[The Palestinian Feminist Collective](#)

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