Feminists for a Free Palestine

March 9, at 2 pm ET

We, feminists, are bearing witness of the ongoing genocide in Gaza, a continuation of more than 75 years of Israeli settler-colonial violence against Palestinians. More than two decades into the “War on Terror”, we want to cut against the erasure and make connections as feminist scholar-activists between the ongoing freedom movements in Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kashmir, Iran, and beyond. From transnational feminist perspectives that interrogate US hegemonic political and theoretical frames, we want to reflect on the relationship between racism and imperialism, war and capitalism. We want to imagine a world in which Palestine is free.

About the Speakers:

Zahra Ali, Critical Studies of Iraq, Rutgers University-Newark

Sociologist, feminist, and assistant professor of sociology at Rutgers University-Newark. She is the founder of the Critical Studies of Iraq, an initiative aiming to foster, support, and develop the critical scholarship of social scientists and feminists based in Iraq. She is the author of Women and Gender in Iraq (Cambridge University Press, 2018).

Wafaa Hasan, University of Toronto-St. George

Assistant Professor in the Women and Gender Studies Institute at the University of Toronto. Her research expertise lies in formulations of anti-racist and decolonial transnational Feminist solidarity practices in the face of extractive practices. She teaches about indigenous and anti-oppressive research methods, modeled in her own on-the-ground work.

Wazhmah Osman, Temple University

Associate professor in the Klein College of Media and Communication at Temple University. Her work is rooted in feminist media ethnographies that focus on the political economy of global media industries and the regimes of representation and visual culture they produce.

Ather Zia, University of Northern Colorado

Political anthropologist, poet, short fiction writer, and a columnist. She is an Associate Professor of Anthropology and Gender Studies at the University of Northern Colorado. She is the author of Resisting Disappearances: Military Occupation and Women’s Activism in Kashmir and the founder-editor of Kashmir Lit.

Manijeh Moradian, Barnard College

Assistant professor of Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies at Barnard College, Columbia University. Her book, This Flame Within: Iranian Revolutionaries in the United States (Duke University Press, 2022) received an Honorable Mention for the MESA 2023 Nikki Keddie Book Award.

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