

**Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas Studies (AMED) Sponsored and Co-Sponsored
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2018-2020

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8/19/2020 - "Indigenous, Black and Brown Liberation – Abolition, Reparations and Resistance"

- Charlene Carruthers: "We know that police officers, law enforcement officers, in the US are trained by the state of Israel in how to come back to the US and enact terror upon black, brown and indigenous communities."

7/21/2020 - "Black Lives, Black Freedom and the Indivisibility of Justice"

- Angela Davis – "I think it's important in trying to understand this moment to recognize how central Palestine has been to the emergence of a radical abolitionist presence today... I don't think we have been as effective as we should have been and should be in cultivating support for the Palestinian resistance specifically for BDS and I think this is going to be an absolutely essential point on the agenda for an abolitionist future."

6/27/2020 - "Building Community Solidarity: Interfaith, Interethnic, and Intersectional Partners"

- Daniel Bannoura: "When we see many Christians and many Jews have weaponized the Bible against us... Christian Zionism is this belief broadly speaking that there is divine sign in the Jewish conquest of Palestine and actually the state of Israel, the establishment of the state of Israel is a fulfillment of God's promises to the Jewish people... Therefore, what happened to the Palestinians, the ethnic cleansing, the refugees and so on are basically byproducts of the fulfillment of God's promises to the Jewish people."

5/19/2020 - "Honoring Malcolm X & Elombe Brath: Black Solidarity with Palestine"

- Webinar advertisement: "Concept of Black-Palestinian Solidarities: Inspired by the Spirit of '68 and the long history of anti-racist, anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist struggles, these AMED open classrooms/roundtable discussions will launch the next phase of Teaching Palestine: Pedagogical Praxis and the Indivisibility of Justice."
- Rabab Abdulhadi: "[Reading from Statement, "An Appeal by Black Americans Against United States Support for the Zionist Government of Israel"]": " We are anti-Zionist and against the Zionist State of Israel, the outpost of American Imperialism in the Middle East. Zionism is a reactionary racist ideology that justifies the expulsion of the Palestinian people from their homes and lands, and attempts to enlist the Jewish masses of Israel and elsewhere in the service of imperialism to hold back the Middle East revolution... WE STATE that Israel, Rhodesia, and South Africa are three privileged white settler-states that came into existence by displacing indigenous peoples from their lands... We demand that all military aid or assistance of any kind to Israel must stop. Imperialism and Zionism must and will get out of the Middle East. We call

for Afro-American solidarity with the Palestinian people's struggle for national liberation and to regain all of their stolen land."

- Rabab Abdulhadi follows with: "The reason I wanted to read this statement... is because it's very significant. To us it's really, really significant that it's not only expressing solidarity but actually expresses very clear anti-imperialist, anti-Zionist, anti-capitalist agenda. It is very clear in being anti-Zionist... It brings people together, it brings people around the world together, I mean this statement is amazing... We're actually translating it because we want everybody... to read this."
- Rabab Abdulhadi: "This is part of racism and white supremacy that's part of it and I think a lot of the time the Zionist movement tries to separate and make it that white supremacy is not really part of that but it's all part of the same thing, it's part of actually superiority... Palestine I think becomes a very easy target because they introduce the question of anti-Semitism as equal to anti-Zionism - no it's not - but it becomes easy to kind of say, oh Palestine is the weakest link, we're going to target Palestine and then we'll take over everybody else and that's where the neo-liberal right-wing Zionist agenda [comes from]."
- Frances M. Beal: "The overwhelming influence of the pro-Zionist forces in terms of isolating black intellectuals on campuses who did not have tenure and therefore did not have protection from them cannot be underestimated."
- Bill Strickland: "[I]t was friends in New York and we identified the Palestinian struggle with the black struggle and you had to deal with the Jewish control of the media so that nobody knew about it and Americans didn't really know anything about Palestine 'cuz you couldn't write anything critical of Israel, the so-called democracy."

4/23/2020 - "Campus Repression & the Fight for Palestinian Liberation"

- Rabab Abdulhadi: "The fact that Israeli interrogators actually infected Palestinian prisoners while they were torturing them with the COVID-19 is quite alarming. The fact that Israeli prison authorities tell the Palestinian prisoners use your socks to protect yourself from COVID-19..."
- Rabab Abdulhadi: "I am anti-Zionist, I have no problem, I am a proud advocate, clearly."
- Rabab Abdulhadi: "We're fighting multiple levels of... [a] Zionists' corporatize[d] university alliance."

4/8/2020 - "State Repression, Pinkwashing, and Queer-Feminist Resistance"

- Advertisement: Event will "compare Israeli tactics of pinkwashing in Tokyo" and "challenge Israel's and Japan's settler-colonial epistemic violence".

9/17/2019 - "The Sabra and Shatila Massacre 37 Years Later"

- Saliem Shehadeh: "...Israeli soldiers hunt Palestinians... you see that with the number of amputees and they shoot for joints and limbs and legs and you remember the scene where there are a number of individuals in wheelchairs and with amputations and that's part of the lived reality of being hunted down by people with rifles... this infamous soldier... how many... legs were shot by his troops... that was a measure of success..."
- Hatem Bazian: "The [SFSU] university president actually acts as if he is manning a checkpoint in the West Bank and that's how he acts and that's how, now it's a she... that's how they act... The chancellor of an American university [UC Berkeley] coordinating with a representative of a foreign country against the students of his own university because they had the temerity to

express their support of the boycott, divestment, and sanctions against [Israel]. Now to say it's an absurdity is actually an insult to the whole category of absurdities."

- Rabab Abdulhadi: "And he ended up being now [an] Israeli lobbyist. Your chancellor is now [an] Israeli lobbyist."
- Rabab Abdulhadi: "Both [Israeli political] parties, whether it's the White and Blue... and Netanyahu, they both are competing who actually has killed more Palestinians..."

**9/17/2019 – Conference: "Rights and Wrongs – A Constitution and Citizenship Day Conference,"
Panel: "How the Israel-USA Connection Affects Constitutional Rights - Jewish and Arab Perspectives"**

- Brooke Lober: "Even if there are people who see the realities of the Israeli state and turn against Zionism... I think we've seen some really lovely rebellion and I don't want to underestimate that ... but the concern is that the kind of instruments that Israelization of Jewish identity in the service of Zionism has been largely successful... Part of that is the knowledge project happening under the auspices of Jewish Studies but actually other fields as well."
- Brook Lober: "I do believe... we need a counter discourse that can appeal to Jewish people in particular to Jewish young people to turn against Zionism whole hog, and that's necessary."
- Brook Lober: "Academics tend to be frightened that there's going to be a limitation on their scholarship because that's the fear about participating in the boycott... I wish that more academics and cultural workers would begin to speak up."
- Brook Lober: "The Israel project is... [one of] these kinds of fascist cultures [rising up] all over the world."
- Wassim Hage: "A benefit to buying Israeli products [is that they] have been battle tested on Palestinians. Palestinians... have been tracked down and have been executed in cold blood because [Israeli weapons] are able to identify where these people are in particular places of resistance movements... it's been happening most recently where civilians are being targeted by Israeli occupation forces, maimed, assassinated and then left for dead."
- Wassim Hage: "There's actually an organization that's coming up called Scientists for Palestine and they're actually organizing around making academics in the STEM field look at Palestinian universities as potential partners and Israeli universities as sort of adversaries and noxious to work with."
- Rabab Abdulhadi: "How could people who are Jewish, who in their name Israel is doing what it's doing, not be able to... speak up as Jews, not only as humans as historically they've done?"

**9/17/2019 – Conference: "Rights and Wrongs – A Constitution and Citizenship Day Conference,"
Panel: "Viewpoint Diversity Versus Academic Freedom"**

- Rabab Abdulhadi: "One of the worst things that relates to what we are talking about is in 2018 President Wong, past president of San Francisco State, who just stepped down July 1st...he issued a call saying Zionists are welcome on campus. I said that this was a very problematic statement. I wrote a...letter to my colleagues and I said this declaration is a declaration of war against Arabs, Muslims, Palestinians... and that President Wong should retract it and actually apologize to us as we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 1968 strike and the college of ethnic studies."

9/16/2019 – Conference “Rights and Wrongs - A Constitution and Citizenship Day Conference,” Panel: “The Palestinian Exception?”

- Lisa Rofel: “The statement that Zionists are welcome on this campus is... antisemitic... I cannot think of another country whose military is allowed on our campuses in the United States, but such is the case with Israel... they enter our campuses.”
- Lisa Rofel: “What we also need to do is insist upon our academic freedom to develop a social justice agenda, one that calls out what Israel is actually doing: ethnic cleansing and apartheid.”
- David Palumbo-Liu: “We’re told we’re denying the [self-determination] of [the Jewish] people. Right... We don’t accept money from tobacco companies at least not up front. We don’t take money from petroleum interests because there’s a very good well-established connection between funding and truth which is produced under the mandate standard. So why not the same with regards to Zionism which supports precisely the mandate that the current regime in Israel is fulfilling?”

9/11/2019 - “Colonial Geographies * Border Crossing - Kashmir*Mexico*Palestine”

- Professor Blanca Misse: called for “concretely dismantling the state [of Israel].”
- Professor Leslie Quintanilla: “What happens when certain folks aren’t supposed to be there and the land doesn’t actually want you to be there or the waters don’t actually want you to be there? And I think about [that]. I remember seeing somewhere a post around the intense heat and sunburn that Israelis have experienced (laughing as she tells this) and high cancer rates, high skin cancer rates, it’s like, yes the land doesn’t [want you], right, you don’t belong in that land, you’re too pale, go away!”

3/18/2019 - “Teaching Palestine” Conference and Study Tour in South Africa” [Organized and livestreamed by AMED]

- Ronnie Kasrils [2]: “I used to sit with the three key people in terms of trying to get South Africa, the government, to BDS those B’s [b**tches] in Tel Aviv. You know what a B is, I’m using a crude word for that. Anyway, I used to sit and... they didn’t understand anything about the zed word, that’s the problem. Who understands Zionism? You ask yourselves; we do, we study it. But you can go to people in power, you can go to so many people [who say] ‘Zionism, you know, that’s in the Bible, Zion, here’ [but] that’s the problem, because the guy up there said the guys or the Jews [audience laughter] can, that’s their land. And we know how absolutely comical this is but my goodness it really has traction.”
- Ronnie Kasrils: “Did the Lord G-d actually reserve some land for the Jews? My reading of the Bible was... The original people were the Canaanites. They didn’t disappear. They converted, they converted to Judaism... So who are the Jewish people the Israeli state [is] killing off, driving out and doing more abominable things, up to genocide, are actually? I would say the original people in Palestine, who at one stage became Jewish and then went on and on [to become other religions].”
- Ronnie Kasrils: “We need to debunk Zionism. It’s a colonial settlement project and the colonial settlement goes with extremism, racism, ultimately fascism if it’s not stopped. That’s the way they’re going with the only Jewish state.”

- Ronnie Kasrils: "So we've got to get to grips constantly exposing their [Zionist] agenda... it's what we face in the world today ...it's the greatest threat that we face in decades."
- Ronnie Kasrils: "We can't put our heads down, we can't bow our knees to US imperialism and its partner in the Middle East, Israel. We have to stand up, we have to speak out, we have to come together in organization, in movements, in discussions at all levels, and we've got the wonderful weapon of BDS."
- Rabab Abdulhadi: [During the Q & A]: "Zionist and pro-Israeli Zionists [don't] speak for all Jews. We [pro-Palestinian individuals] say no you don't own Jewishness, sorry. There are different ways of being Jewish."

11/14/2018 - "Feminism: Justice and Palestine"

- Rabab Abdulhadi: "We started this project... not to focus only on fifty years of occupation but to really be able to think about over a hundred years of Palestinian colonization and resistance... People still continue talking about only '67, but now people are catching themselves, and [making] the correction that needs to happen... [and look] at the hundred years, specifically around the hundred years of the Balfour declaration, by which the British colonial powers basically promised Palestine, which was not theirs, to the Zionist movement, which [it] is not theirs either, and to establish a colonial project on Palestine."

11/1/2018 – "Conversation between Jess Ghannam, Jamal Dajani and AMED Director Rabab Abdulhadi" [Posted on AMED Studies at SFSU Facebook page]

- Jess Ghannam: "I think you're [Abdulhadi] making a really important point for our listeners and our viewers, [about] this close relationship between Zionism and white supremacy. When you say birds of a feather, what you're really talking about is the racist foundation of the Zionist project [and] its close collaboration with the white supremacy project here. Isn't that part of the birds of the feather you're talking about?"
- Rabab Abdulhadi: "It's very much part of it and I think it's not accidental...[for Israel to] be very democratic about proposing some more apartheid."
- Rabab Abdulhadi: "...anti-Zionism does not equal anti-Semitism... there is no relationship between the two... This is what's going to be encouraging people to speak up. It will [speak] to everybody who's against fascism, against white supremacy, on any of the campuses. It's going to be very helpful to them...The administration [of San Francisco State University] has been very much... colluding with Zionism... San Francisco State is so much colluding with the Zionists..."

11/1/2018 - "11th Annual Edward Said Mural Celebration"

- Event description: "This [U.S.] administration and any that follow have no right to claim Jerusalem as the capital of an apartheid state. The US claiming that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel enables the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians... This mural represents the struggle Palestinian students experience across college campuses everywhere. It represents resisting Zionist forces on college campuses... Jerusalem is our [Palestinian] home, our city, and most of all our capital."
- Introductory speaker: "It's important to note that the Palestinian people refuse to remain silent in this normalization of constant displacement, erasure and exile by the racist, settler-colonial state."

10/10/2018 - "The Spirit of '68, A Palestine-Centered Lens-AMED Open Classroom"

- Madonna Thunderhawk (Marcos): "We know it's apartheid over there [in Israel]."
- Madonna Thunderhawk (Marcos): "As an American, I'm a citizen of the country that is paying for the genocide and the apartheid... It is more technologically advanced, it has learned from South African apartheid but it is indeed an apartheid."
- Madonna Thunderhawk (Marcos): "The Israelis are doing live training exercises in Muslim territory... the settlers come in, not unlike they did in the Ibrahimi Mosque, and they just shoot up the place. They do that and the Israeli soldiers come and then protect them on the exit of these atrocities... these are the tactile forms of apartheid."
- Madonna Thunderhawk (Marcos): "[The] racism that we experience and its execution here [in the U.S.] is transferred from fascist governments from racist governments all over the world and Israel is a hotbed for technology for abusing people... They can say hey, we sprayed these people with these chemicals and they behaved in this way. These bullets really mess people up, these walls and checkpoints work and don't work... the walls and the barricades we saw at Standing Rock, they were designed with the technology designed to imprison Palestinians. The reason why police are so deadly [in the U.S], why they're so in a panic, why they're so militarized, [is because] they train with the IDF. Every police department in the United States trains with the IDF."
- Madonna Thunderhawk (Marcos): "We're literally talking about shared racist technology the world over and a lot of that stuff is being brutalized and tested on Palestinians and... it's coming to the United States and being used on our populace... They [Israelis] practice that stuff on Palestinian children."
- Rabab Abdulhadi: "There is the question of the land that was taken over in 1948 when Israel was founded 70 years ago... We call them '48 Palestinians because that's what happened in 1948... we are not going to give up our right, we want to return, we want to return to the land of our ancestors okay. That's our right."

10/3/2018 - "Lessons and Relevance of the '68 Strike for Today"

- Rabab Abdulhadi: "Zionism is racism. We took issue with President Wong on that position [that Zionism is not racism] at the university."
- Steve Zeltzer: "I want to talk about Zionism, because Zionism has a very powerful influence... They don't want people to talk about the reality of what Zionism is. That the United States is spending billions and billions of dollars to support Israel, which has the Palestinian community in concentration camps... The control of the Zionists is massive, including in the unions. The idea that you can have a Jewish state. Since when do we support religious states in the United States?... for the question of Zionism it's okay. It's okay to have a Jewish state. That ideology permeates this country and it permeates the leadership of the unions who say they're for equality. No, they're not. When you support a Jewish state you're not for equality."

7/19/2018 - "Closing Plenary/Roundtable Discussion - Critical Questions & Future Directions for Palestine Studies" as part of "Teaching Palestine - Pedagogical Praxis and Indivisibility of Justice" [In Seville, Spain, organized by AMED and posted on the AMED Studies at SFSU Facebook page]

- Na'eem Jeenah: "I think that our understanding was that almost everyone that was here in the room from the morning supported BDS, supported academic boycott and those discussions are going on elsewhere and we wanted to focus on a particular...different strategy around this. Because clearly you can't support an initiative like teaching Palestine and not support the academic boycott so we need to at some point have a discussion about how to ...as part of teaching Palestine strengthen the academic boycott as well."
- Rabab Abdulhadi: "We do not meet in Israeli institutions. We do not meet in Israeli institutions that are supported by the state and that theorize day in and day out settler colonialism and the oppression of the people, of peoples, not just one people. We're not going to participate in that."
- Abu Hijleh: "I've been struggling to articulate with the BDS movement to actually articulate the goal. We want to end Zionism, we want to end apartheid and replace it... we have to spell it out."

4/11/2018 - "Nakba: Racism, Colonialism, Anti-Semitism & Zionism"

- David Spero: "You know and the whole thing about President Wong saying he welcomed Zionists... people from Hillel say that well Zionism is just Jewish national self-determination, that was the phrase they used. And they think to say like Zionists are not welcome is wrong. It should be part of the discourse. And Dr. Abdulhadi is quoted as saying [Zionism] is a racist, Islamophobic, settler colonialist project."
- David Spero: "Zionism is... threatening to blow up the whole world. You see how Zionism is setting the world on fire like we can see in Syria right now."
- Susan Greene: "Genocide and psychocide [against Palestinians] is ongoing."
- Rabab Abdulhadi: "The Zionist state...actually uses the Holocaust to justify the settler colonial project in Palestine."

4/11/2018 - "From 1492 to 1948: Palestine, Indigeneity & Justice"

- Aurora Levins Morales: "Zionism is a white supremacist idea. It's colonial and it's white supremacist European transplant into the Middle East... It's a way that white supremacy expresses itself within Jewish communities as well as outward."
- Rabab Abdulhadi: "Israel has needed wars because if Israel does not do wars, today even, they can't sell weapons... brutalizing and abusing and so on and it's not exceptional. This is part of what Zionism is all about. And this is a project that actually builds on exclusivism. On speaking for all Jews...Zionism is not Jewishness...it is not Jewishness and when President Wong comes up and says he stands for the values of San Francisco State I would like to know on which values you stand?... Are the values of San Francisco State values of white supremacy? Are they...of murder and killing...? If these are the values then we really need to do something about it because this is not the San Francisco State I belong to."
- Rabab Abdulhadi: "Of course mind you, that the Zionist movement uses a lot of Torah just to justify why it is building the Zionist project in Palestine, yet in the Torah it talks about figs and olives and grapes. And if this was a desert why would these things have been there if they hadn't existed in the first place 4,000 years ago? I mean people don't even think about the illogical connection right there."

4/4/2018 - "Transnational Feminist Praxis: Palestine + Indivisibility of Justice"

- Rabab Abdulhadi: "Brooke [Loper] has been the one who actually drafted the resolution, the statement [by] this program here, the [Women and Gender Studies] department at San Francisco State, that challenged President Wong's welcome to Zionists to campus. I mean this was really huge. An academic program that put a statement out on a university website about that."
- Rabab Abdulhadi: "Along with the way in which Zionism...has been presented as trying to sanitize and present it as something that is normalized, that is something that is acceptable, that is something that is okay. When we are challenging white supremacy, when we are challenging settler colonialism, when we are challenging apartheid, we challenge all the racism but this [Zionism] is one kind of racism that is sort of exempt and it becomes an exception to the rule of racism."
- Rabab Abdulhadi: "This is why the statement that came out from Women and Gender Studies academic program at San Francisco State [is important]. We're still waiting for the rest of our colleagues to come out with statements to say this [Zionism] is not okay. We actually have a problem with saying we [don't support] racist, exclusivists [Zionists] in the same way we reject white supremacy, neo-nazism, KKK, homophobia...We want people to come up and speak up [against Zionists]."