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# The War on Gaza

## Palestinian Defiance and Resistance against Orchestrated Genocide and Expulsion

Tuesday, 17 October 2023

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# Timetable

12:30 - 14:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session One</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Moderator: Ibrahim Fraihat</b></p> <p><b>Tamer Qarmout:</b> The War on Gaza: Causes, Timing, and Political, Humanitarian, and Economic Repercussions</p> <p><b>Ghassan Elkahlout:</b> Israeli Aggression in Gaza and Its violations of international law and human rights</p> <p><b>Ayat Hamdan:</b> The Gaza Hellscape: Ethnic Cleansing and Displacement in the Gaza Strip</p>
14:00 - 14:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
14:15 - 15:45	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session Two</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Moderator: Aicha Elbasri</b></p> <p><b>Ahmed Qasem Hussein:</b> Asymmetric Warfare: The Resistance Military Performance in Operation Al-Aqsa Flood</p> <p><b>Tariq Dana:</b> The Fall of the Iron Wall: Israeli Military Doctrine in Crisis after Al-Aqsa Flood</p> <p><b>Khalil Jahshan:</b> The War on Gaza: Deterrence or Inching towards US Involvement?</p>

# Participants

<p><b>Ahmed Qasem Hussein</b></p>	<p>ACRPS Researcher and Editor-in-Chief of <i>Siyasat Arabiya</i> journal and <i>Istishraf</i> yearbook. He was assistant professor at the Faculty of Political Science at Damascus University and holds a doctorate in International Relations from the University of Florence. He has many published widely on IR theory. His book <i>The European Union and the Arab Region: A Realistic Portrait of Challenges</i> was published by the ACRPS in 2021. He also edited <i>Challenges to Democratic Transition and the Crisis of State-Building in Libya</i> (ACRPS, 2022); <i>The June 1967 War: Paths and Implications</i> (ACRPS, 2019); and <i>The Boycott of Israel as a Strategy: Reality and Ambitions</i> (ACRPS, 2018).</p>
<p><b>Ayat Hamdan</b></p>	<p>ACRPS Researcher and Editor-in-Chief of the <i>Ostour</i> journal. She holds a doctorate from the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies at the University of Exeter, where she worked as a teaching assistant in the Department of Political Science. She was awarded a visiting research fellowship at the Refugee Studies Centre at the University of Oxford and edited the book <i>Jerusalem: Ethnic Cleansing and Forms of Resistance</i> (ACRPS, 2023).</p>
<p><b>Tamer Qarmout</b></p>	<p>Assistant Professor and Head of the Public Administration and Public Policy Program at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies. He has served in several administrative positions at the United Nations Development Programme. His research focuses on public policy analysis and evaluation, institutional reform, foreign aid, and conflict resolution. He has significant program management experience dealing with stakeholders in planning and implementing large programs aimed at building institutional and governance capacities of public and nonprofit organizations. He sits on the Program and Research Advisory Committee (PRAC) for the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS), and he chairs its working group on “Public Administration in conflict-affected and fragile situations”.</p>
<p><b>Khalil Jahshan</b></p>	<p>Palestinian American political analyst and media commentator. He serves as Executive Director of Arab Center Washington DC. Between 2004 and 2013, he was a Lecturer in International Studies and Languages at Pepperdine University and Executive Director of Pepperdine’s Seaver College Washington DC Internship Program. Previously, Jahshan served as Executive Vice President of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) and Director of its government affairs affiliate, National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA)-ADC. He was Lecturer in Arabic at the University of Chicago Extension and at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Jahshan also served on boards of directors and advisory boards of several Middle East-oriented organizations including ANERA, MIFTAH, and Search for Common Ground. He appears regularly as a political commentator on Arab and American media outlets.</p>
<p><b>Tariq Dana</b></p>	<p>Associate Professor and Head of the Conflict and Humanitarian Studies Program at Doha Institute for Graduate Studies. He holds a doctorate in political science from Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Italy. He is a policy advisor for the Palestinian Policy Network (Al-Shabaka) and a member of the managing committee of the Political Economy Project at George Mason University. He was the Director of the Center for Development Studies at Birzeit University and a senior research fellow at Ibrahim Abu-Logoud Institute of International Studies, a researcher at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva and a visiting researcher at the School of Oriental and African Studies. His research interests include political economy, civil society, state-building and state-society relations, and settler-colonial studies with a particular focus on Palestine and the broader Arab Middle East.</p>
<p><b>Ghassan ElKahlout</b></p>	<p>Director of the Center for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies and Associate Professor at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies where he serves as Head of the MA Program in Conflict Management and Humanitarian Action. He received his PhD in Post-War Reconstruction and Development Studies from the University of York in 2001. He held positions undertaking humanitarian work in various institutions and has practical experience the United Nations, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and the Islamic Relief Organization. He was a member and leader of humanitarian emergency response teams in several countries. He published the book <i>Humanitarian Work: Reality and Challenges</i> (ACRPS, 2020) and edited <i>Forced Migration in Arab Countries</i> (ACRPS, 2022).</p>

# Moderators

<b>Ibrahim Fraihat</b>	<p>Associate Professor in International Conflict Resolution at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies. He received his PhD in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University in 2006. He previously served as senior foreign policy fellow at the Brookings Institution, and taught conflict resolution at Georgetown University and George Washington University. His latest book publications include: <i>Conflict Mediation in the Arab World</i> (Syracuse University Press, 2023), <i>Iran and Saudi Arabia: Taming a Chaotic Conflict</i> (Edinburgh University Press, 2020), <i>Unfinished Revolutions: Yemen, Libya, and Tunisia after the Arab Spring</i> (Yale University Press, 2016). His articles on Middle East Politics have been published in <i>The New York Times</i>, <i>Foreign Affairs</i>, <i>Foreign Policy</i>, <i>The Huffington Post</i>, <i>Al Jazeera</i>, and elsewhere. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from George Mason University (2014) for his achievements in conflict resolution.</p>
<b>Aicha Elbasri</b>	<p>ACRPS Researcher and Lecturer at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies. She holds a doctorate in French Literature from the l'Université de Savoie, France. She is a former staff member of the United Nations, where she held several positions in the Department of Media Affairs in New York, the United Nations Development Program in Sudan, and the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq. She worked as Official Spokesperson for the African Union and United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Darfur, and then as a regional advisor to the United Nations Population Fund for the Arab States, in Cairo. She has published a collection of peer-reviewed papers as well as <i>L'Imaginaire carcéral de Jean Genet</i> (Armatin, 1999).</p>